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Date: 30/12/2016

Mr A Alexander
274 Kenneys Road
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Dear Archie,

Il Mannaro presented to the Ballarat Veterinary clinic for an acute progressive bout of colic. He was un-responsive to sedation and pain relief and on rectal exam there was a large tight band coursing across the abdomen which is concerning for a displaced portion of bowel. Surgery was recommended.

On exploration of the abdomen it was noted that there was moderate gas in the large intestine and mildly displaced. The small intestine however was markedly gas distended and there was a small intestinal torsion (twist in the small intestine). This was reduced and all the gas decompressed from the bowel. The abdomen was flushed with sterile fluid prior to closure. The incision was closed in multiple layers and his recovery from the anesthetic was good.

Il Mannaro has continued to respond well to the post operative management and is now being discharged with the following instructions. Overall the prognosis to return to athletic career is great. Potential complications that may arise include recurrences of the colic symptoms – usually due to adhesion formation, and incisional complications. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any concerns in the post operative period.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Sarah N Gray BVSc Diplomate ACVS (Specialist in Equine Surgery)
(Veterinary Practitioners Registration Board of Victoria Registration No: 8137)

DISCHARGE INSTRUCTIONS

Medications:

Bute:

- Please give 5ml butin paste (1gram) orally twice daily for the next 5 days
 - Monday 2nd January 2017 – Friday 6th January
- Give 5ml butin paste (1 gram) once daily for 5days
 - Saturday 7th January – Wednesday 11th January 2017



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Incision and wound care:

- Sutures do not require removal.
- Belly bandage: This has been replaced on the day of discharge and can be removed in 3 days time (Wednesday 4th January) – no further bandage needs to be applied.
- The incision should be cleaned with an alcohol swab twice daily for 5 days (until Sunday 8th January)

Rest and rehabilitation:

- Stall confinement- no exercise: 4 weeks
 - Until 25th January 2017
- Small yard confinement – no exercise: 4 weeks
 - Until end of February
- Paddock turn out – no exercise: 4 weeks
 - Until end March

Eating / Dietary requirements:

- Minimal hay for initial days post discharge.
- ¼ wet feeds 3x per day for 2 days + 2 hand full grass hay at each feed
 - Monday 2nd & Tuesday 3rd
- ½ wet feeds 2 x per day for 3 days 2 hand full grass hay at each feed
 - Wednesday 4th – Friday 6th Jan
- ¾ wet feeds 2 x per day for 4 days + ½ flake grass hay at each feed.
 - Saturday 7th January – Monday 9th
- Regular feed can resume at this time.
- Fresh grass is encouraged via hand walks and grass picks daily from the day of discharge.
- Please monitor feed and fluid intake as well manure.
- Please schedule a recheck evaluation of the incision prior