

## High Rock Complex Roundup-Veterinary report

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**Date of observation: Oct 23, 2011**

On Oct 23, 2011 one horse required examination, and final disposition as follow:

A brown mare had a chronic injury to the left rear pastern and the fetlock area. The injury appears to be a year or so old. The left foot tilted to the right, and the hoof elongated and long, and the entire left leg atrophied to half size of the right leg. She had lameness on the left leg, and when she running she would lose her balance. She was aggressive, nervous and uncomfortable. The left rear fetlock joint was swollen to the size of a baseball. Body condition score 3-4.

**Cause:** Unknown,

**Conclusions/Recommendations:** Severity of lameness, atrophied left leg, swollen fetlock joint, and twisted left foot makes this severe condition incurable with a hopeless prognosis for recovery from the lameness. The condition would be expected to get worse with time resulting in continued pain and lameness for the rest of her life.

**Final disposition:** She was euthanized on Oct 24, 2011 to eliminate further pain and suffering, and potentially prevent further complications of the existing injury.

**Post mortem:** In post mortem inspection the Fetlock joint was enlarged and calcified around a dislocated third phalanx. The whole fetlock area was congested and cloudy. These findings confirm this was a chronic, pre-existing condition.