

Veterinary Necropsy Report

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Location/Event: Owyhee Wild Horse Gather

Exam Date: 11/28/2012

Animal ID: 2.5 year Palomino Female

History: Deceased 11/28/2012. Palomino mare found dead in mare pen at holding on morning of Wednesday, 11/28/2012. Mare was captured on Tuesday, 11/27, one day prior to death. Death occurred between 5:00 pm on 11/27 and 6:30 am on 11/28. Necropsy was agreed upon following consultation w/COR, Melanie Mirati.

Examination: Necropsy witnessed by COR, Melanie Mirati.

Necropsy examination performed on a 2.5 year old Palomino mare, found dead in mare pen at holding location. Mare was found in left lateral recumbency towards the center of the pen Wednesday morning. Mare was then removed and relocated to burial site for further necropsy examination.

Upon gross examination, the mare appeared normal with the exception of her poor body condition. The mare had a BCS of 2.5 and was in lactation. Post-mortem examination of the thoracic cavity revealed a mild cranioventral pneumonia and cardiomegaly. Blood tinged fluid was also present within the thorax. Examination of the abdominal cavity revealed low to normal amounts of partially digested grass hay within the stomach and digestive tract. No other abnormalities were noted.

Diagnosis/Differentials: The exact cause of death remains unknown, with cardiomegaly being the most significant finding in this case.

Conclusion(s)/Recommendation(s):

None related to this necropsy due to the unknown cause of death. The preexisting cardiomegaly may have contributed to the mare's death.