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**VETERINARY REPORT**

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Lot: 17

Horse: Darci Brahma x Ujjayyi

Signalment: Bay 2yo gelding Left = HF conjoined Right = 101 over 9

Examined at: NZB Ready to Run – November, 2021

Vendor: Lilywhites Lodge

Requester: Ms Shannon Taylor c/- Haunui Farm

Radiographer: NZ Veterinary Associates Equine – Dr Neil Houston

Left Fore Hoof: No significant findings.  
Left Fore Fetlock: No significant findings.  
Left Fore Knee: There is moderate remodelling on the dorsoproximal border of the intermediate carpal bone. There is a 6.5 x 3mm defect on the dorsoproximal aspect of the accessory carpal bone consistent with a prior chip fracture.

Right Fore Hoof: No significant findings.  
Right Fore Fetlock: No significant findings.  
Right Fore Knee: There is spurring on the dorsoproximal border of the radiocarpal bone. There is mild remodelling on the dorsoproximal border of the intermediate carpal bone. There is a 5 x 2mm chip fracture on the dorsoproximal aspect of the accessory carpal bone.

Left Hind Fetlock: No significant findings.  
Left Hind Hock: No significant findings.  
Left Hind Stifle: No significant findings.  
Right Hind Fetlock: No significant findings.  
Right Hind Hock: No significant findings.  
Right Hind Stifle: There is a 13.5 x 5.5mm cystic like lesion in the medial femoral condyle with minimal bordering sclerosis.

Comment: Rating this horse as a low, moderate or high risk to develop lameness in one of the radiographed joints or areas I would rate this horse as a **moderate** risk. The changes in the knees are consistent with a prior episode of hyperflexion of the carpal joints. Pathology in this joint is generally forgiving and the changes don't concern me greatly with respect to its future racing career.

Medial femoral condylar bone cysts can cause a chronic hindlimb lameness in 7% of horses – 93% will not be affected by their occurrence. The difficulty is we cannot determine which horses will fall in the 7% category by viewing radiographs. There is minimal correlation between lesion size and those horses who develop a subsequent lameness. **If the horse has withstood a Ready to Run preparation without developing any lameness it suggests the lesion is unlikely to cause a problem.** Should lameness eventuate in training the placement of a lag screw through the cyst surgically appears the best treatment alternative.

Yours sincerely,



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**VIDEO ENDOSCOPY REPORT**

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Video Endoscopy: An examination of the video endoscopy performed by Dr Neil Houston of Veterinary Associates Equine on the 11/11/21 revealed the horse to be displaying Lane grade 2 laryngeal function which is considered normal. No abnormalities were detected.

Yours sincerely,



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