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RE: Slow Lopin Scotch – 2 year old Quarter Horse gelding

Horse presented to Equine Medical Associates August 15, 2008. His body condition score was a 3/10 with multiple external contusions and abrasions. The muzzle and body of the mandible were grossly swollen. The retropharyngeal lymph nodes were moderately enlarged and there was a purulent nasal discharge. Lungs and trachea auscultated clear. All four legs were mildly stocked up. A complete blood count confirmed an elevated white cell count.

External examination of the right thorax revealed multiple spur marks, a penetrating skin puncture with purulent discharge, and a 30 cm x 30 cm x 5 cm irregular, painful swelling beginning about 12 cm caudal to the point of the elbow extending caudally and ventrally. An ultra sound of the area revealed a fluid filled pocket.

On the left side of the thorax, there was a 19 cm x 4-7.2 cm irregular raised hyperemic/ulcerated lesion with contracted margins.

There was significant hypertrophy of the body of the mandible with left side displaying greater evidence of calcification than the right. Oral examination revealed a healed tongue laceration and malodorous mucosal ulcerations of both bars. Palpation of the ulcerations exposed loose bone fragments on both sides. The fragment on the right side measured 5 cm x 1.2 cm x 0.2 cm. The fragment on the left side had more irregular margins that were approximately 6.6 cm x 1.2 – 2 cm x 0.2 – 1 cm. Fragments were removed.

The wounds were cleansed and topical medication was applied. The horse was sent home on antibiotics.

Sincerely,


Karen Adler, DVM