



United States  
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Agriculture

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Animal and Plant  
Health Inspection  
Service

To: Whom It May Concern

Veterinary Services

Re: "Korea Sun" microchip #410097800016746

New York Animal  
Import Center

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On 27 March, 2010, at approximately 0930, we were releasing from quarantine three 2-year-old thoroughbred colts imported from Korea by the Alex Nichols Agency. In addition to myself, three NYAIC Animal Caretakers, 2 representatives from Nichols Agency, and a representative of the shipping company from Korea (b)(6) were present.

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The collection of horses from the barn and walk to the release barn was without incident. Upon arrival at the release barn I positively identified each horse for release at the same time the Nichols representative took pictures of the horses.

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The first horse was reluctant to load and before he became overly agitated it was decided to try a different horse first. The Alex Nichols driver took "Korea Sun" from our caretaker and proceeded to adjust the lead shank. When the horse balked at moving forward the driver pulled down on the lead shank very hard. This caused "Korea Sun" to rear into the air becoming completely vertical before falling over onto his back and head.

The horse immediately began bleeding profusely from the right ear and nares and convulsing. The other horses were taken to a nearby barn and the area around the convulsing horse was cleared of obstacles and people.

I collected equipment and began treating the horse for shock and head trauma. The convulsions resolved markedly and the vital signs became better with treatment. The horse was transferred via sled out of the building and onto softer ground. The neurologic status was grave with dilated and fixed pupils among other clinical signs of compromised brain function.

A private Equine practitioner from Pine Bush Equine arrived soon thereafter and continued treatment. Neurologic function did not improve with continued treatment and time and the owner gave consent for euthanasia.

To summarize, on 27-March-2010, a 2 year old Equine named "Korea Sun", microchip #410097800016746, reared and fell over backwards onto his head. He suffered a catastrophic head injury with subsequent neurologic deficits. Due to a very poor prognosis he was humanely euthanized and cremated.



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If any further information is needed please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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