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Clinical history, laboratory and necropsy findings: A 10-year-old American Miniature gelding presented for evaluation of being down and unable to rise. The horse had muscle atrophy on both fore and hind limbs, inability to rise, tachycardia, tachypnea, and dehydration. Mild gas distention of the small intestine was observed on abdominal radiographs. An intussusception of the small intestine or the ileocecal junction was suspected based on abdominal ultrasound. Due to poor prognosis, euthanasia was elected and the horse was submitted for post-mortem examination.

Necropsy Findings:

Follow-up questions: Description of necropsy findings; morphologic diagnosis; possible associated lesions.

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