**Post Op Management**

Postoperatively the horses are fed and watered at shoulder height to reduce stress on the sutures. They are administered

NSAIDs for 3 to 5 days. Horses are maintained in a box stall for 2 weeks with daily handwalking. Training often is resumed 2 to

3 days after this rest period. Assessment of postoperative success is obtained by endoscopy where the epiglottis is located more forward and dorsally, often not contacting the soft palate. Radiographs could be taken with the head in an extended position, and after surgery one should be able to observe (and measure) a forward and dorsal position of the tip of the epiglottis and larynx on the image. Success rate of 20% greater than that reported for partial sternothyroideus myectomy and tenectomy (strap muscle resection) is expected.



Postoperative view of larynx in a 3-year-old Standardbred

filly. Note that the epiglottis is elevated and not contacting the soft

palate.