**After Tie- Forward Surgery**

A journal article entitled, *“Surgical advancement of the larynx (laryngeal tie- forward) as a treatment for dorsal displacement of the soft palate in horses: a prospective study 2001-2004,”* included follow- up via telephone communication with trainers, owners and/ or referring veterinarians. In addition, performance index and earnings were determined using race records.

The study revealed that of 98 horses for which follow- up was available, the performance of 87% was classified as improved, 12% as unchanged and 2% as worse. In 20 horses in which the diagnosis had been confirmed by treadmill videoendoscopy, 80% had a significantly increased performance index and earnings (P = 0.007). For the entire population, there was a significant improvement in performance index and earnings after surgery (82%) (P = 0.0001).

Client Communication: On occasion, the horse may be noted to make a louder respiratory noise at exercise than that noticed prior to surgery, this should resolve with increased fitness levels.