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## **PLUCK OUT SIXTY DAYS WITH CANNON BONE BRUISING, COLT WILL REHAB AT TEAM VALOR'S FAIR HILL BARN**

Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf winner Pluck, who has disappointed in both of his starts this season at 3, will be turned out in a paddock for the next 60 days, as a result of bruising on both of his hind cannon bones.

The More Than Ready colt underwent a complete lameness exam this morning at Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital in Lexington, Kentucky. Dr. Larry Bramlage said "He was lame on both hind legs. He has bone bruising on each cannon bone of his hind legs. The prognosis is favorable, as they will resolve with a break in training."

Trainer Graham Motion will have Pluck vanned from Keeneland race course to Fair Hill Training Center in Upstate Maryland, where the colt will be turned out during the daytime for the next 2 months. During the second month, he will be lightly exercised on a Eurociser in Team Valor's training barn at Fair Hill.

Owners Team Valor International and The Vinery had hoped to run the colt in the French Two Thousand Guineas equivalent next month.

Team Valor CEO Barry Irwin said "We knew something had to be bugging him, because he shut down too quickly when he ran so poorly last week in the Transylvania Stakes at Keeneland. He is too much racehorse to just take himself out of the race after a couple of strides. Garrett Gomez and Graham Motion were puzzled after the race, but now we know why the colt did not want to extend himself."

