## What is a Standardbred horse?

- A relatively new breed –
  less than 200 years old
- Originally, the horse had to reach a certain standard time for the mile distance in order to be registered
- Average horse weighs
  1000 pounds and comes in variety of colors



## Breeding & Foaling Season:

Breeding season is limited by our governing body, the USTA (*United States Trotting Association*) to January 15 to July 1 each year

Every standardbred celebrates its birthday on January 1st

It takes a long time to make a foal.....

The mare carries the foal for an average of 345 days.

That's over 11 months!!





## Newborn foals stand within minutes and can walk and run within a few hours





## GROWING UP...

- Foals are weaned at approximately 6 months of age
- They are referred to as weanlings until the end of their foaling year
- They officially become yearlings on January 1<sup>st</sup>
- They continue to be turned out as a herd to allow them to develop social skills and to allow their bodies to grow and strengthen

