

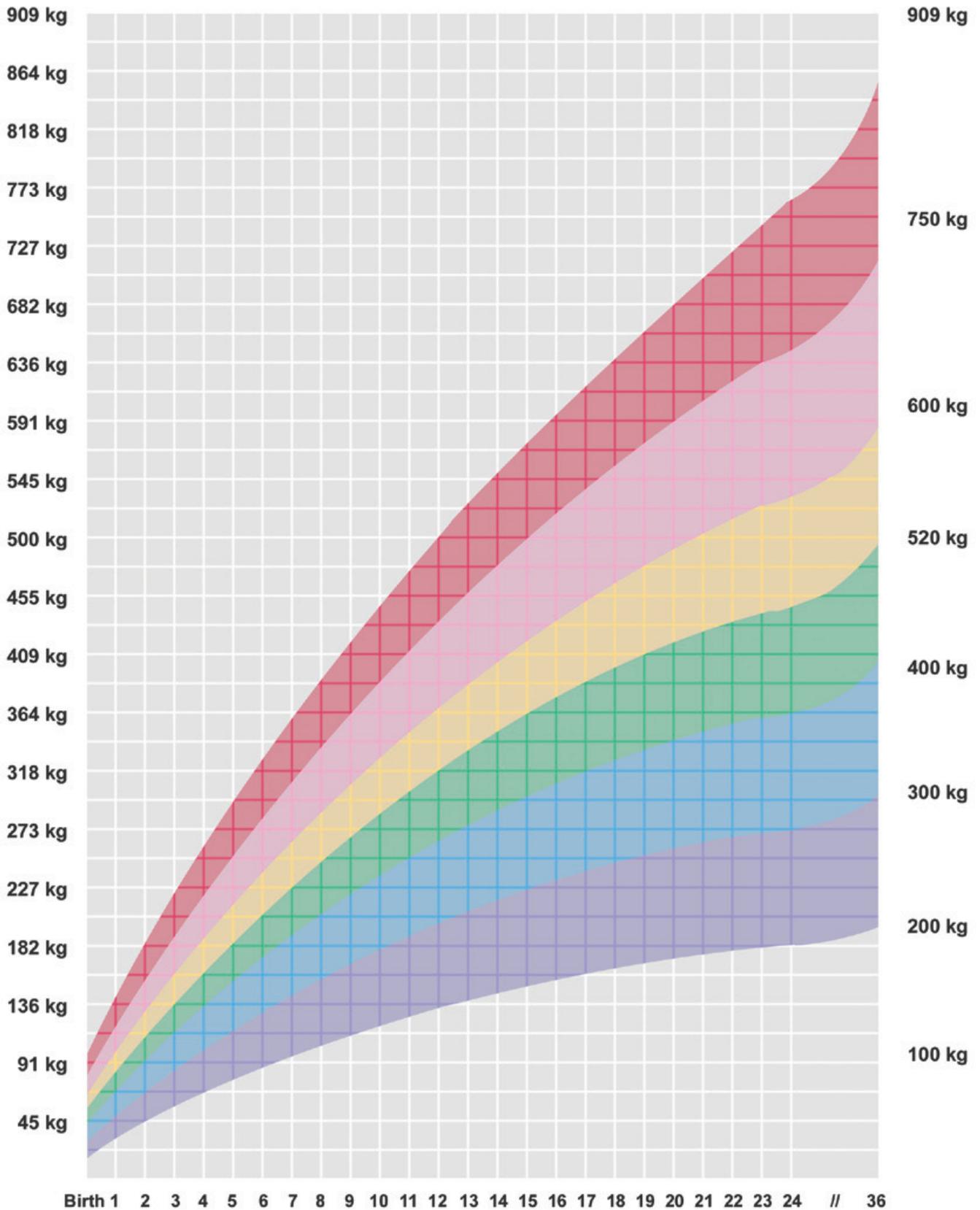
# GROWTH MONITORING CHART



Name .....

Sex ..... DOB .....

Sire ..... Dam .....



1. Determine the individual's weight, using a weigh bridge or weigh tape (available from Baileys).
2. Establish the individual's age along the bottom of the chart.
3. Mark the point where the age and bodyweight lines cross.
4. The colour band refers to the anticipated mature bodyweight (refer overleaf).

# GROWTH MONITORING CHART



Not all foals grow at the same rate as breed, sex, body condition and genetics can influence growth rate and therefore the level of nutrients required. By weighing your foal and plotting this on the Growth Monitoring Chart, the foal's growth rate can be followed from birth to 24 months. The chart is divided into 6 colour-coded areas which represent 6 different "estimated mature bodyweights". Many growth-related problems can be prevented by charting a foal's growth rate and body condition then selecting the correct feeding programme for their age and weight. This will supply all the nutrients necessary to support growth but without over or underfeeding.

## GROWTH RATES

Ideally, a foal should follow a consistent, even growth curve that corresponds to the basic line of one of the coloured segments overleaf. If a youngster is growing rapidly the curve will be very upright. In this instance, foals under three months should receive Foal Assist, those between three and six months should be introduced to Stud Balancer in place of Foal Assist, and the diet of youngsters over six months should contain Stud Balancer, or an increased level of Stud Balancer.

If the growth curve is very flat, the energy content of the foal's diet may need to be increased. Foals under three months of age should be fed Foal Creep Pellets, and those over three months should be given Stud Cubes or Stud Mix to increase the calorific content of their diet.

## To Use The Growth Monitoring Chart

Establish the weight of the youngster using either a weightape (available on request from Baileys) or weigh bridge. Plot the weight of the youngster corresponding to its age on the chart (measurements can be taken at 2 or 4 week intervals)

The coloured bands relate to anticipated mature bodyweight which can be estimated based on the actual or estimated bodyweight of the dam and/or sire. A guide to mature bodyweights for a variety of breeds and types of horses is given below.

Purple	440-660 lbs / 200-300kg	Miniatures, Shetlands
Blue	660-880 lbs / 300-400kg	Riding/Showing/Native ponies
Green	880-1100 lbs / 400-500kg	Flat Thoroughbreds, Arabs, Hacks
Yellow	1100-1320 lbs / 500-600kg	National Hunt Thoroughbreds, Cobs, Hunters
Pink	1320-1540 lbs / 600-700kg	Irish Draught, Warmbloods
Red	1540 + lbs / 700 + kg	Heavy horses

Coloured bands on the Growth Monitoring Chart correspond to the coloured columns on the feeding charts in the Baileys Complete Range and Stud Range brochures, helping you work out how much of the relevant product to feed according bodyweight and physiological status.

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