



Premature Foal Thrives on Brooks ration and Owner's TLC

Hi Tania

Molly was born on day 323 of the pregnancy after the mare suddenly streamed milk during the day. Molly displayed symptoms of being premature - floppy ears, peachfuzz-like fur, red tongue and eye membranes, emaciated body and lack of muscle tone. She probably weighed all of 40 pounds at birth. She was wind swept, right down on both back fetlocks, very crooked in the front legs, weak and could not raise her head to suckle. We honestly thought she was going to die.



We milked the mare and fed Molly for 6 hours before she had the strength to hold her head up to the udder. We had to keep her warm as any loss in body temperature could have been fatal.

In the picture, she is standing as upright as she could and is actually walking towards us. That is her umbilical stump dangling with loose skin below her belly.

During the pregnancy, I was feeding the mare a competitive feed along with beet pulp and bran with a mineral supplement. Although she looked to be in fairly good condition, she did not get as large as she did when carrying Reilly.

We met you and Brooks Feeds just after Molly was born. I attribute that meeting to making Molly what she is today. Thank you!



Cathy Robillard

Molly as a 2 year old

Note: Tania Laframboise is a Brooks representative from the Embrun Co-operative. Thanks to Cathy Robillard a breeder of Canadian Sport Horses from Kinburn Ontario.

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