

thoroughbred

standardbred

quarter horse



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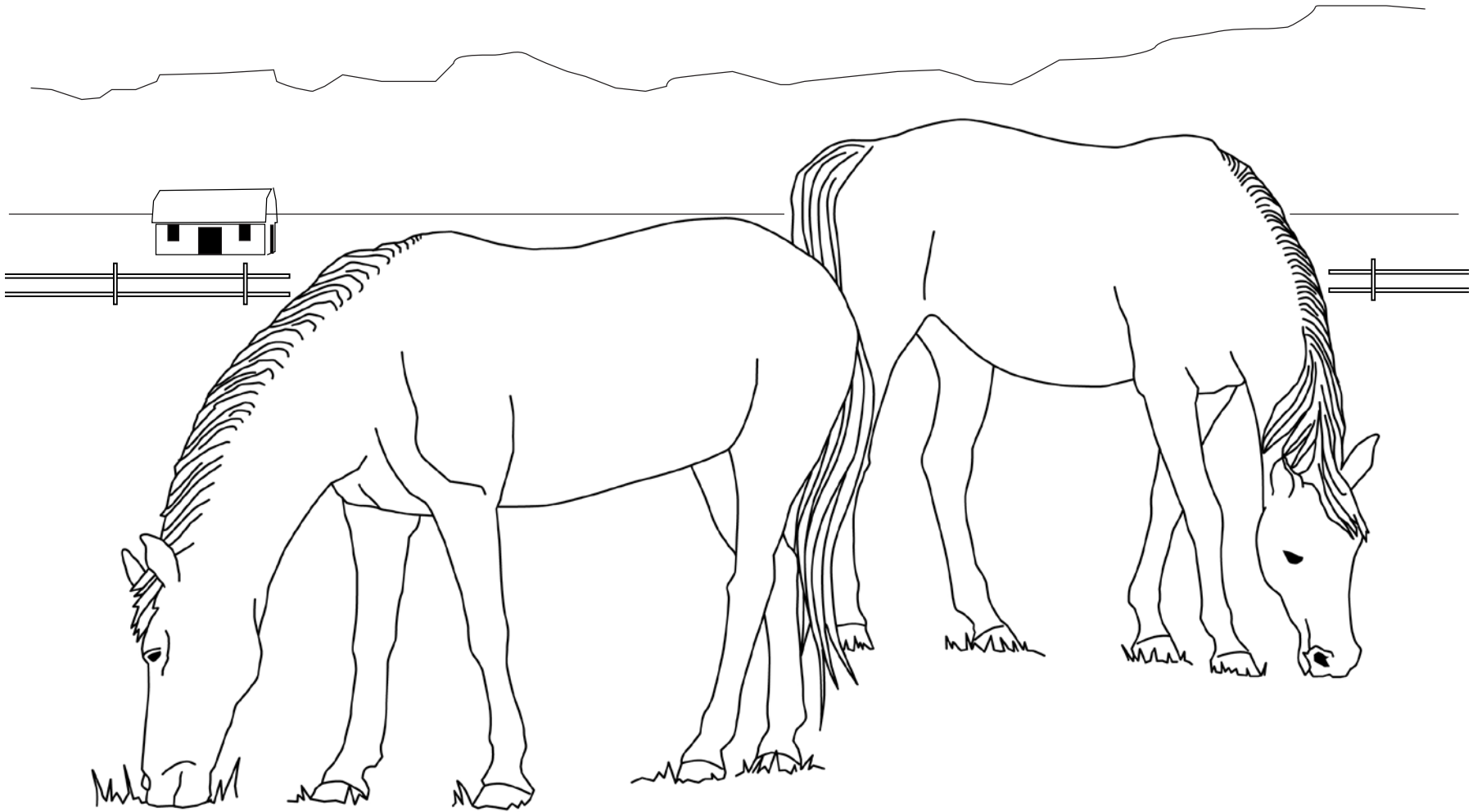
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There is one species of horse.  
Within the species are about 400 different horse breeds.

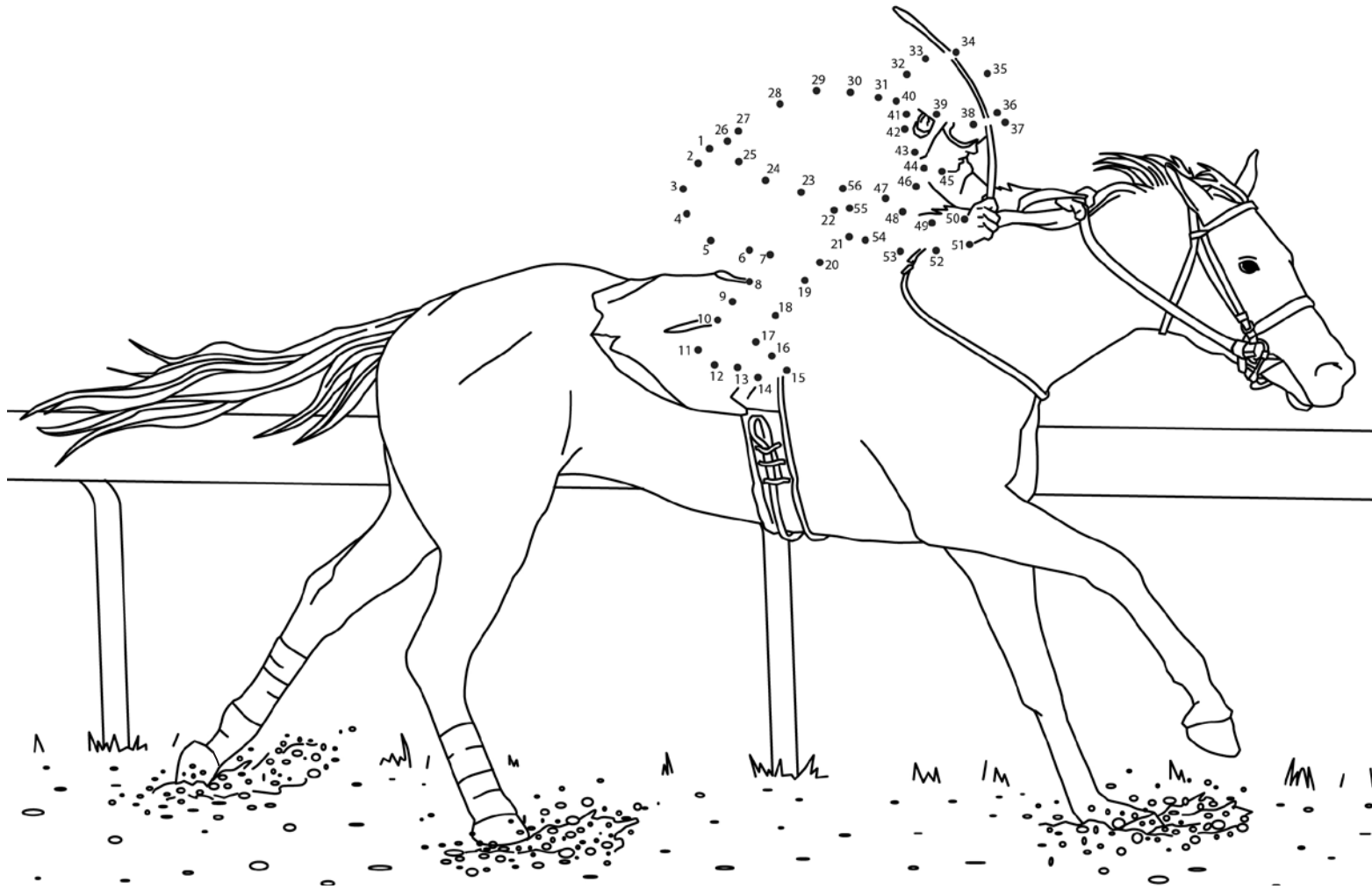


In the province of Ontario there are three racing breeds.  
The **Thoroughbred**, the **Standardbred** and the **Quarter Horse**.

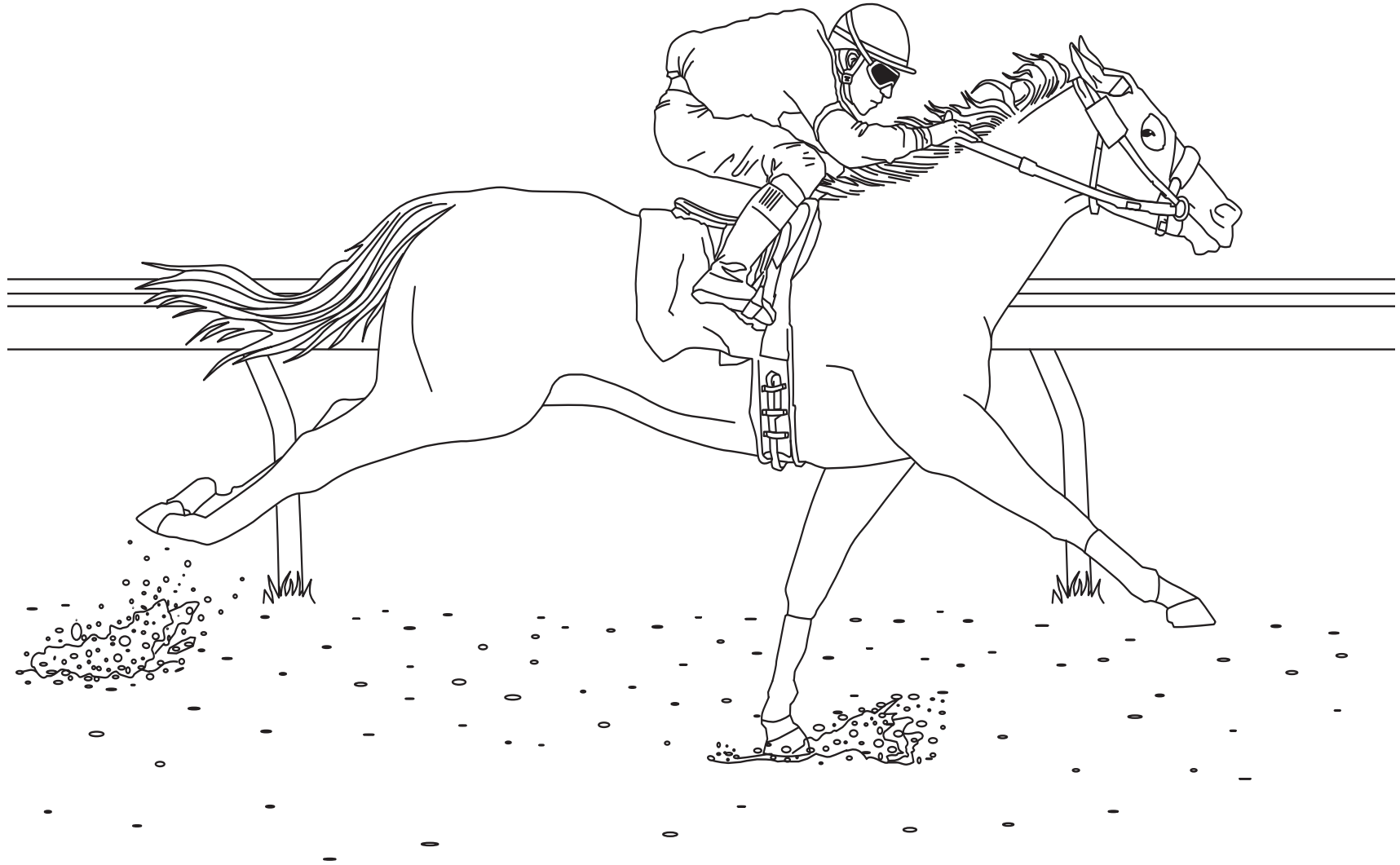
The **Thoroughbred** is a well known racing breed. Thoroughbred races vary in distances. Some races take place on grass and others are run on dirt tracks.



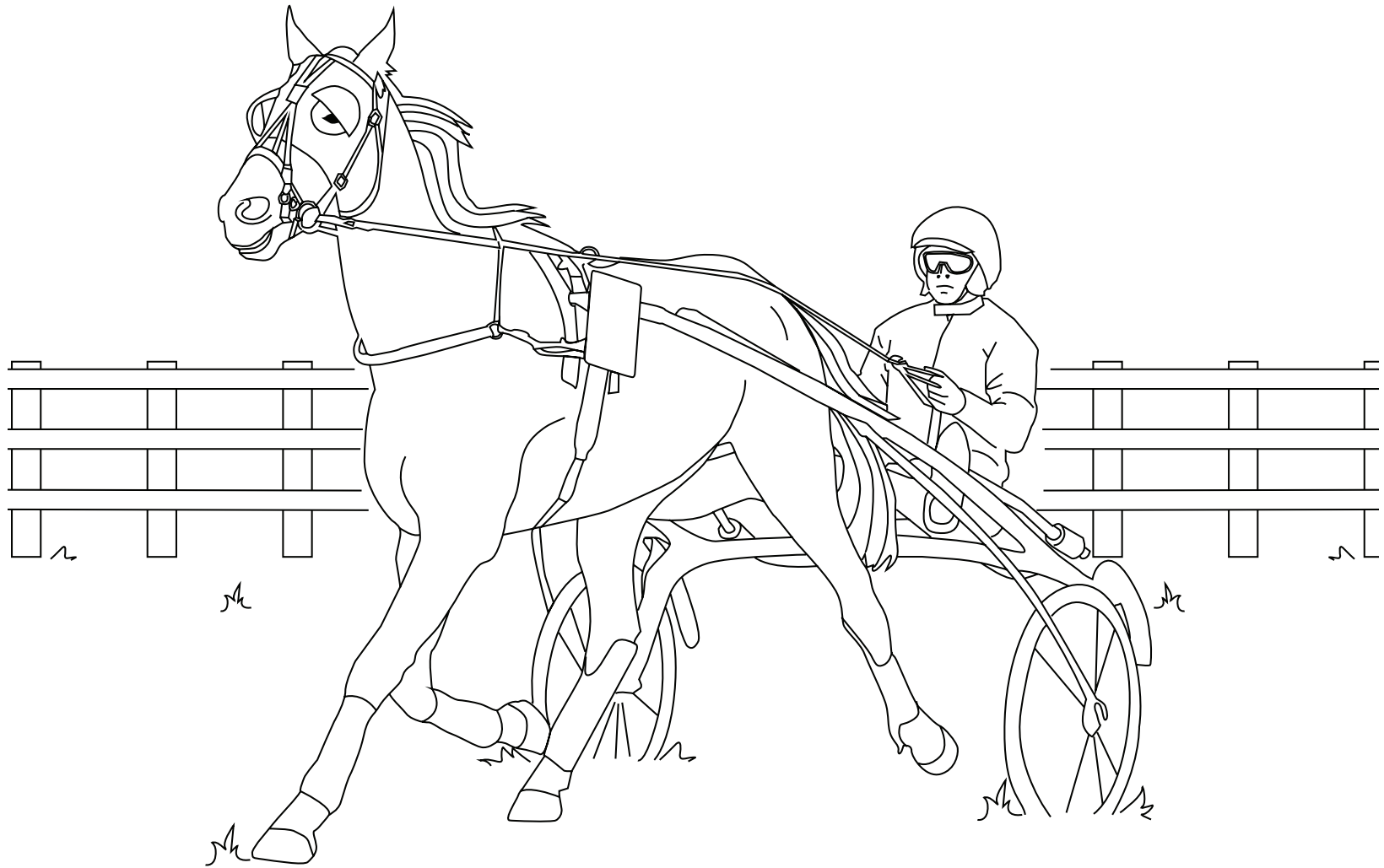
Thoroughbreds gallop very fast. The person that rides a Thoroughbred horse in a race is called a **jockey**. Jockeys are light-weight people. They ride high off the horse's back, leaning forward on short stirrups. Jockeys need to be very strong with outstanding balance.



Can you connect the dots to draw the jockey riding this galloping Thoroughbred racehorse?



A **Quarter Horse** can run very fast over short distances.  
Many Quarter Horses can run a quarter of a mile (402 meters) in 21 seconds or less.

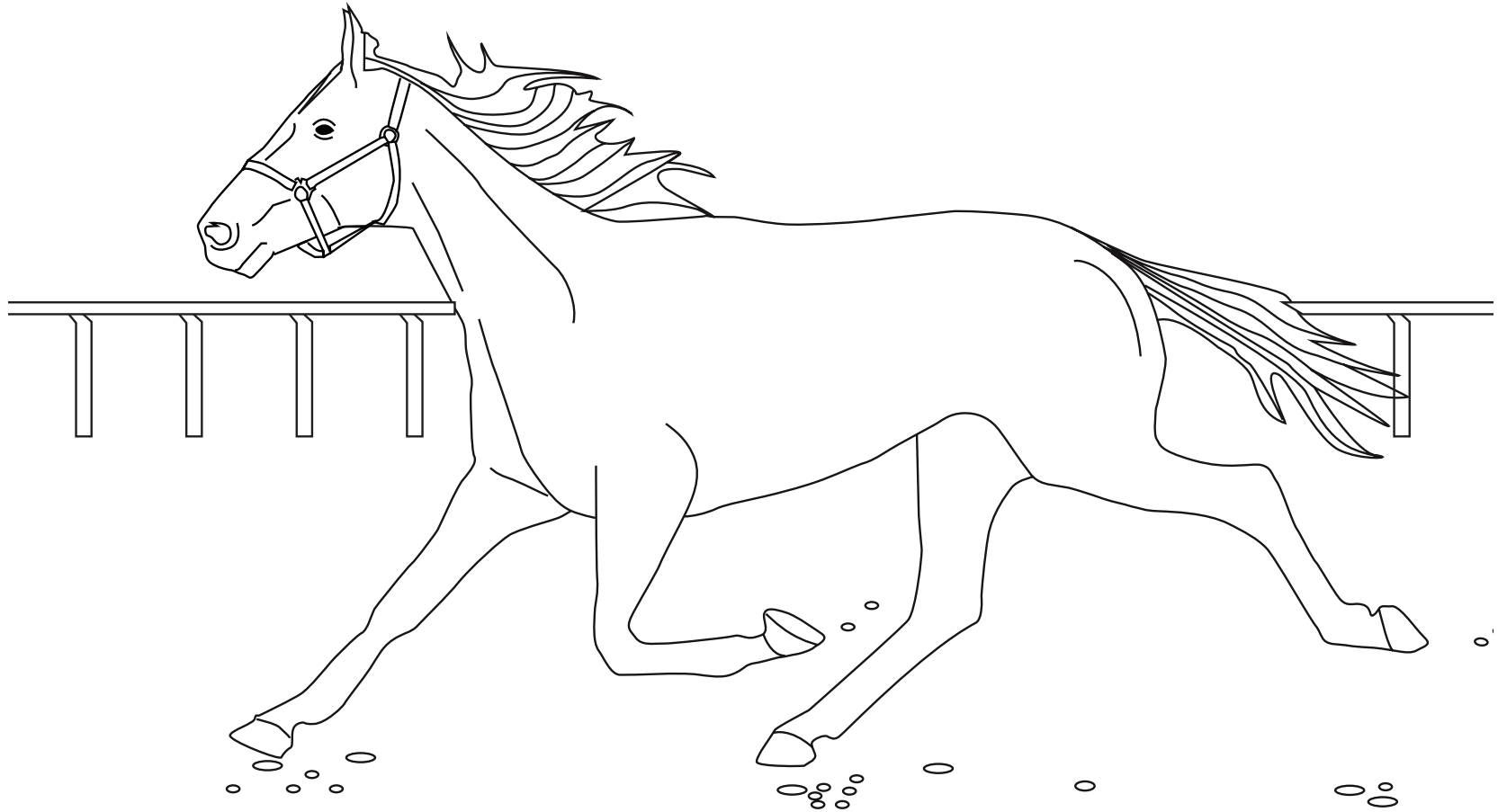


Standardbred horses race with a **sulky** behind them. The driver sits in the sulky and steers the horse during the race.

This type of racing is called **harness racing** and takes place at many racetracks in Ontario.

Harness racing is fast and exciting. Standardbreds race on an oval track. The horses either **trot** or **pace**.

# I'M A PACER

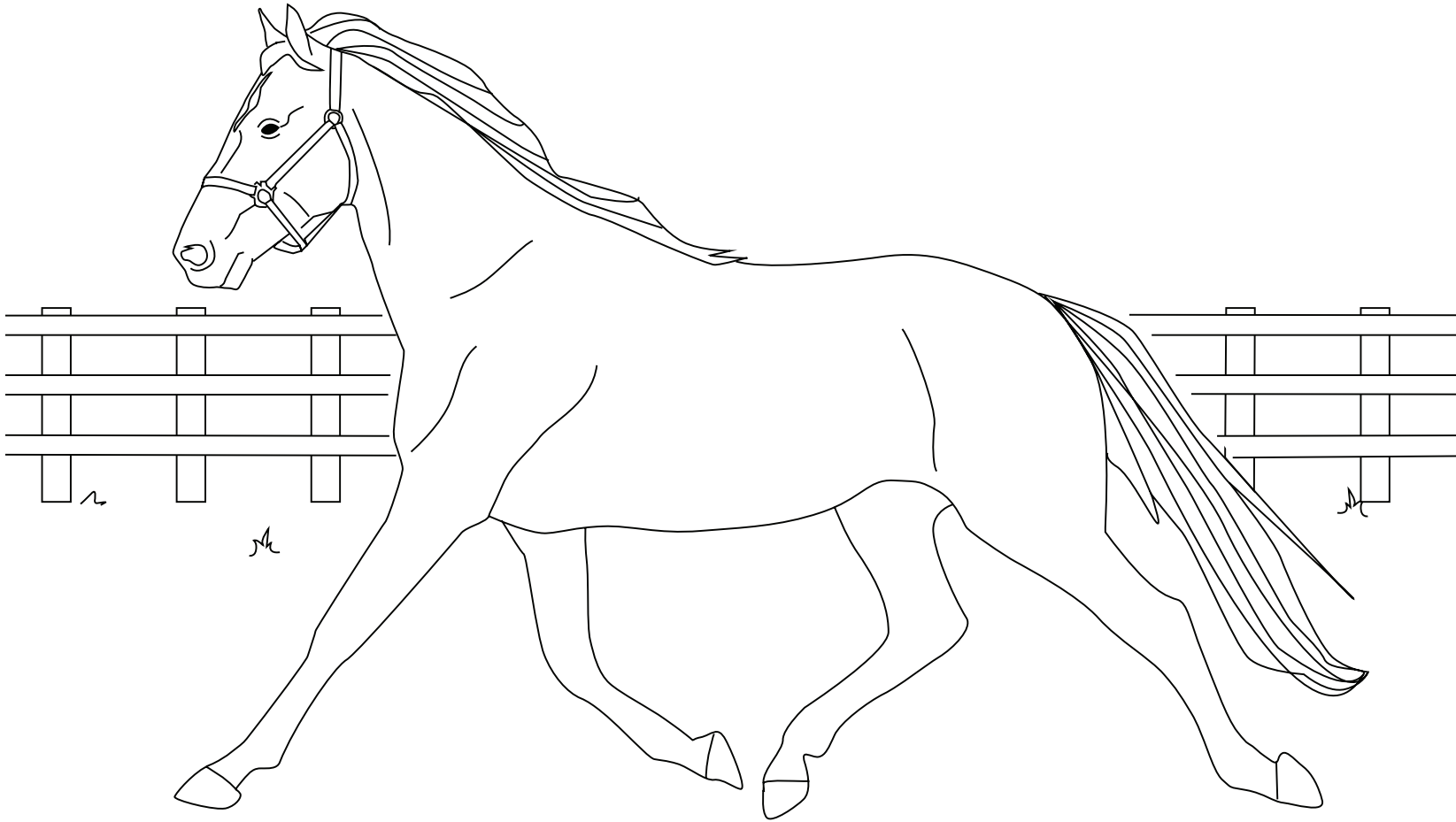


**Standardbred racehorses are either trotters or pacers.**

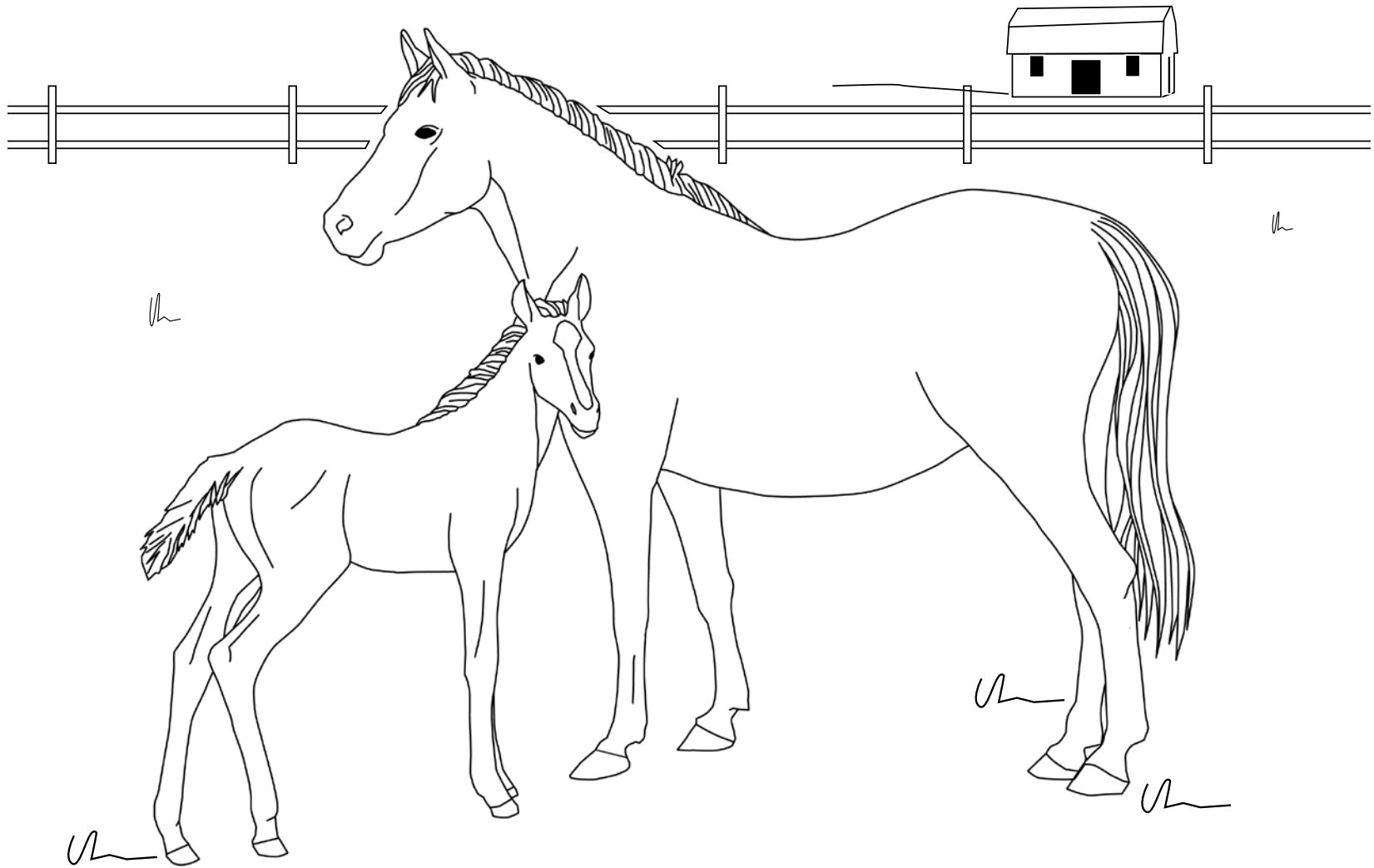
This horse is a **pacer**. When pacers race they lift **both feet on one side** at the same time, known as a **lateral gait**.



# I'M A TROTTER

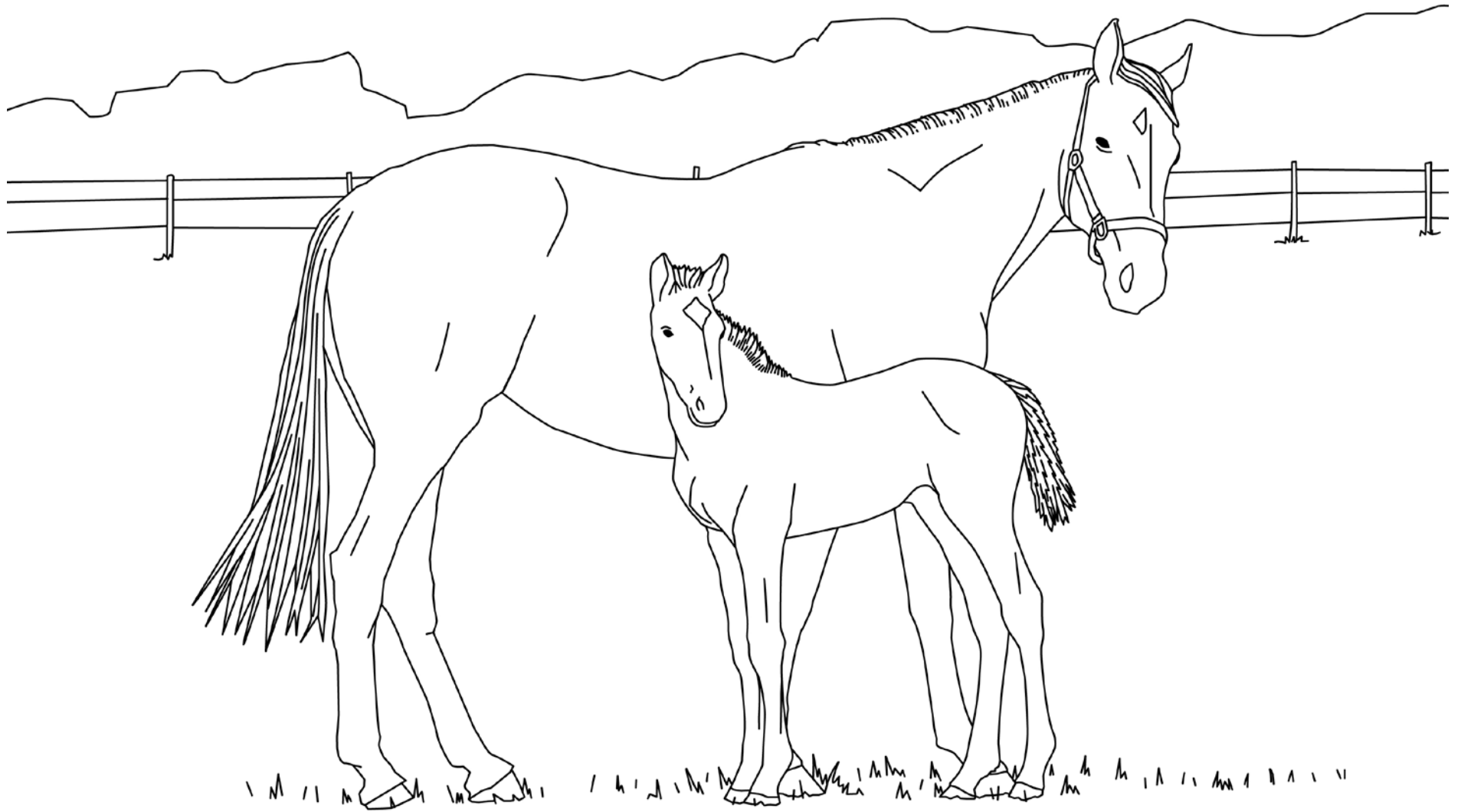


To **trot**, a Standardbred moves its **opposite front and back legs** forward at the same time.



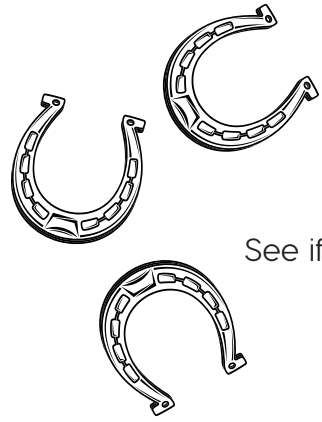
Racehorses are born on farms. A newborn horse is called a **foal**, its mom is called a **mare**.

If a foal is male, he is called a **colt**. A female foal is called a **filly**.

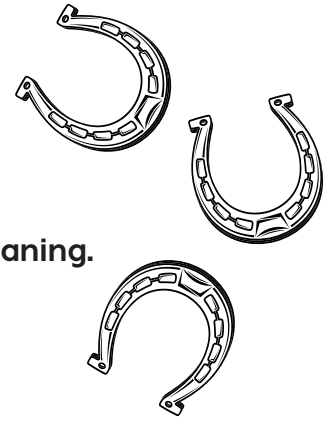


Every racehorse turns one year old on January 1st, regardless of its actual birth date.

When a foal is one year old it is called a **yearling**.



# HORSEY WORDS



There are several words unique to the horse world.

See if you can figure out what these words describe. **Draw a line between the word and its meaning.**

**foal**

male foal

**yearling**

the person who rides a racehorse

**colt**

the cart a Standardbred pulls

**jockey**

a female foal

**filly**

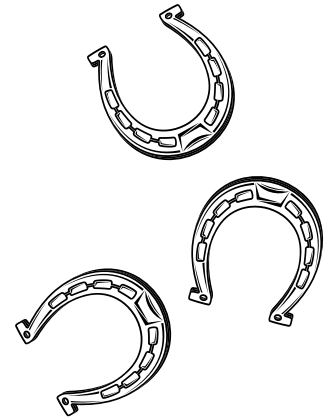
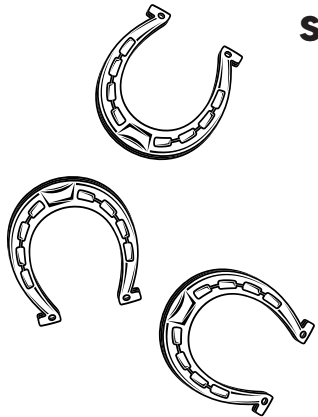
Thoroughbred, Standardbred, Quarter Horse

**breeds**

a baby horse

**sulky**

a horse that is one year old



**ANSWERS:** foal - a baby horse | yearling - a horse that is one year old  
colt - a male foal | jockey - the person who rides a racehorse | filly - a female foal  
breeds - Thoroughbred, Standardbred, Quarter Horse | sulky - the cart a Standardbred pulls

# WORD FIND

Things you would find in a barn!

B	W	O	S	E	S	R	O	H	F
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broom

hay

kittens

shovel

straw

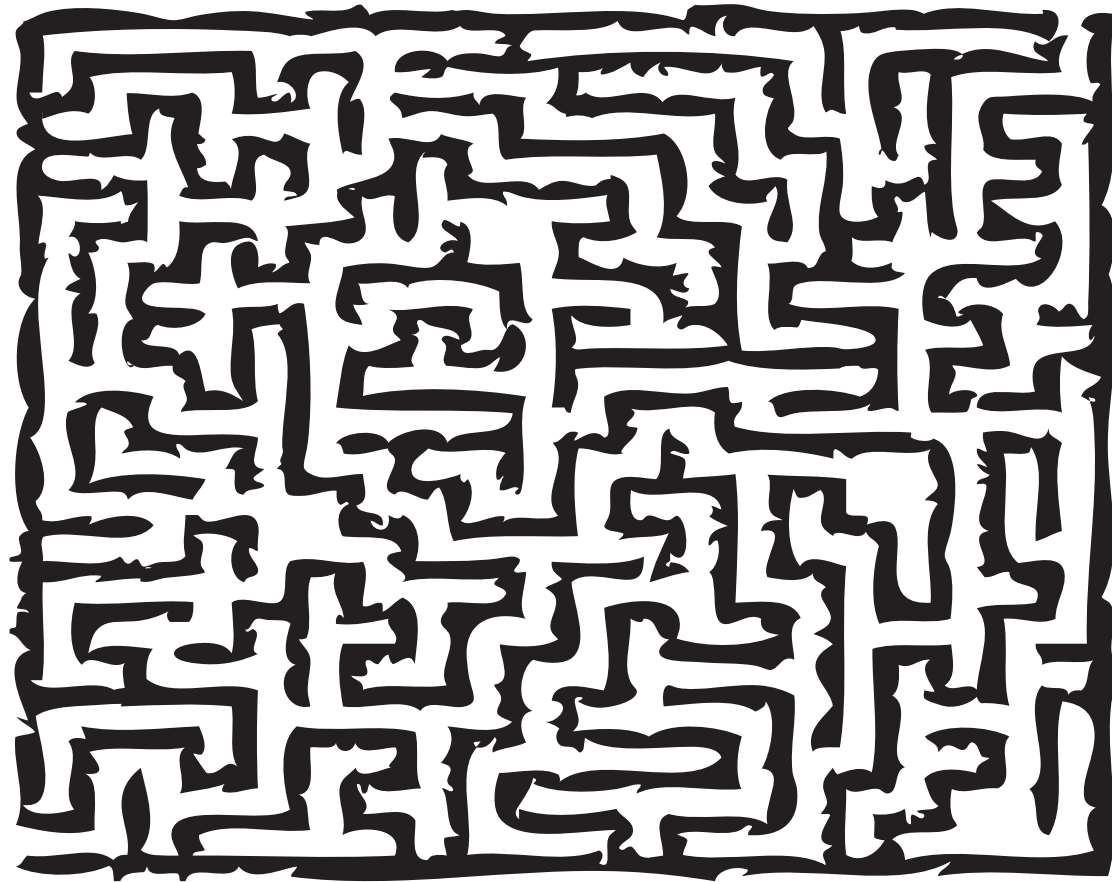
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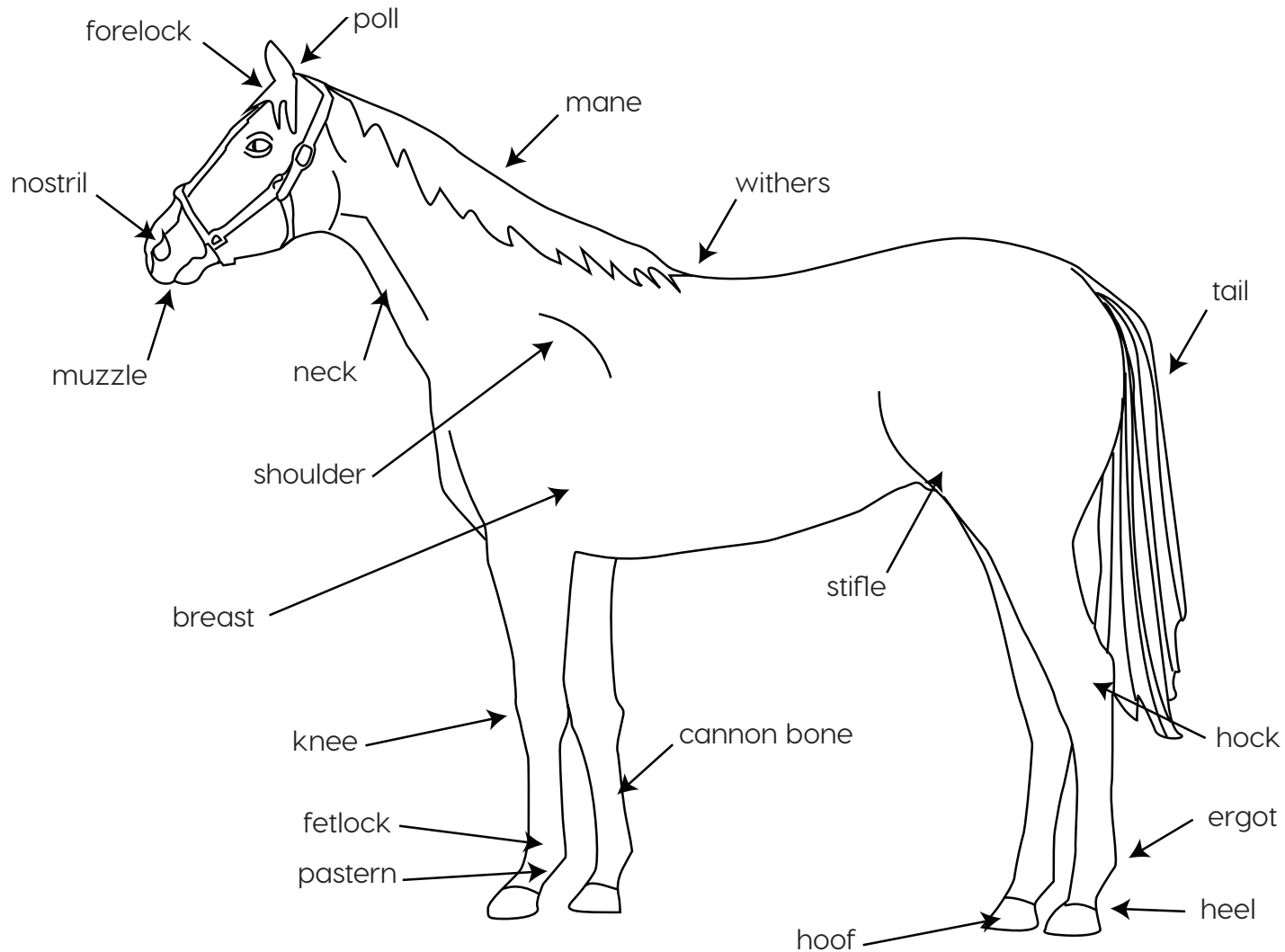
stall

water tap



Help the mare and foal find their way back to the barn.

# THE HORSE'S BODY



A horse is measured in HANDS, from the withers to the ground.

One hand equals 10 centimeters or 4 inches.

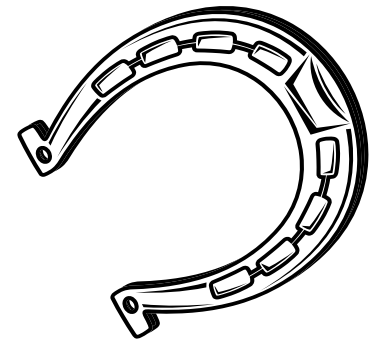
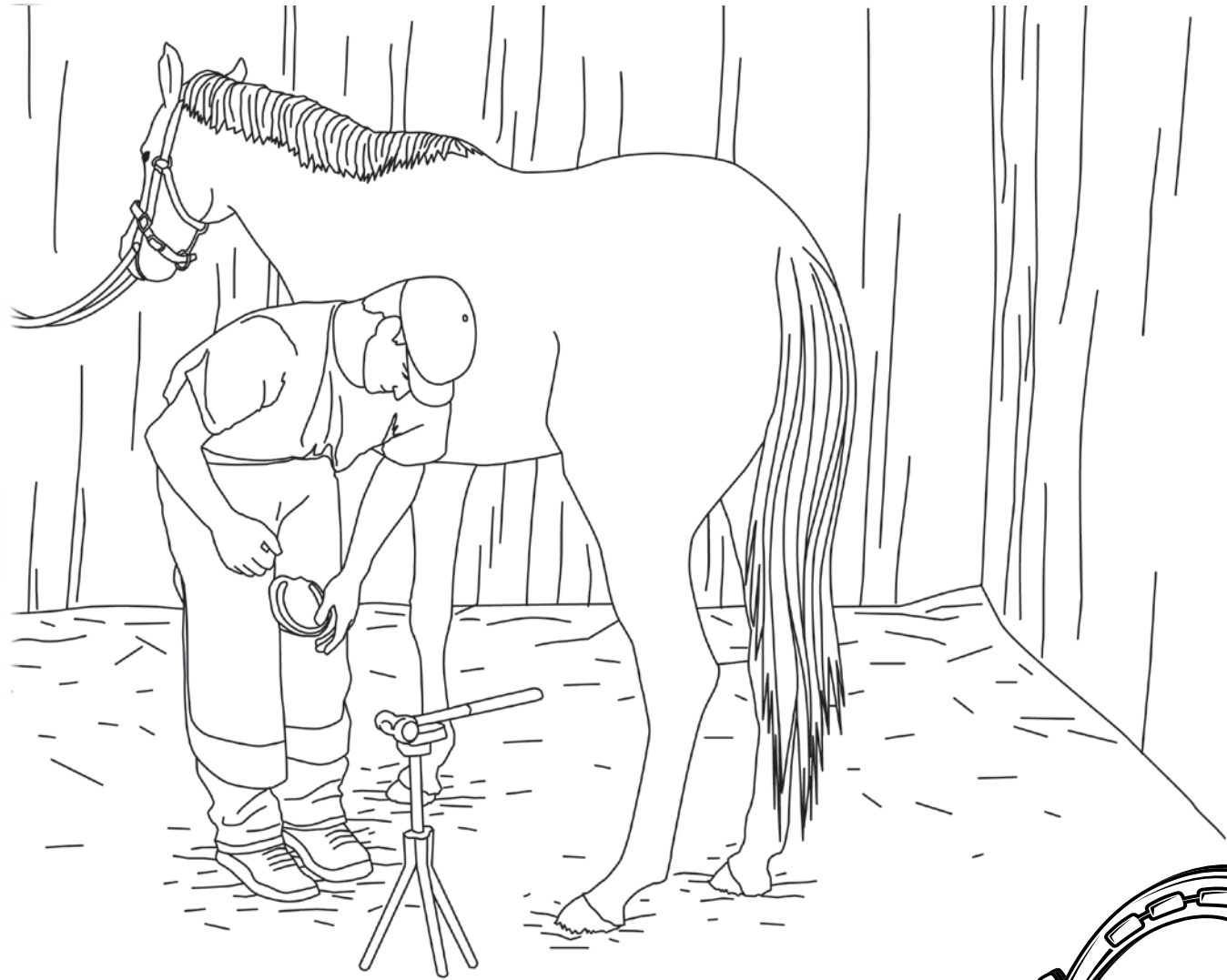
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Things you would see at a racetrack!

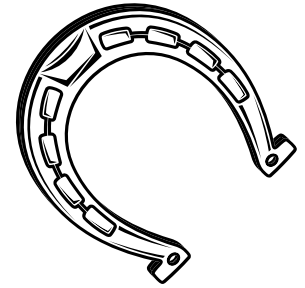
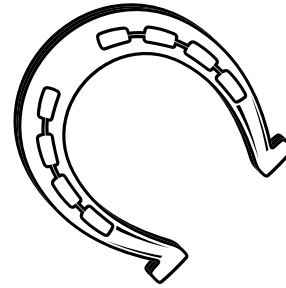
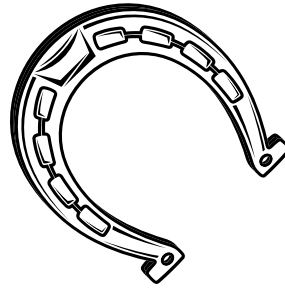
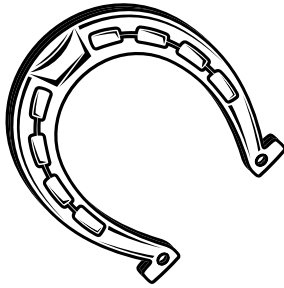
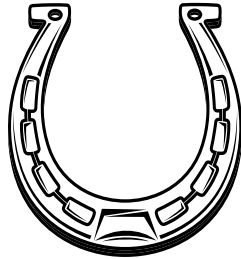
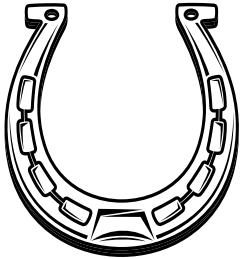
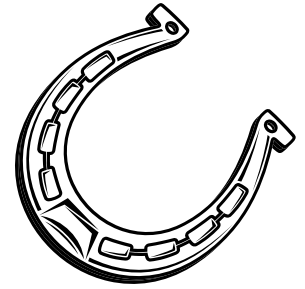
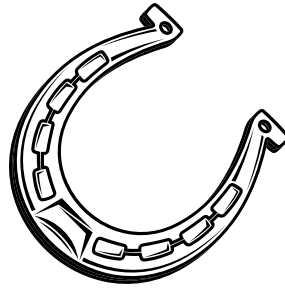
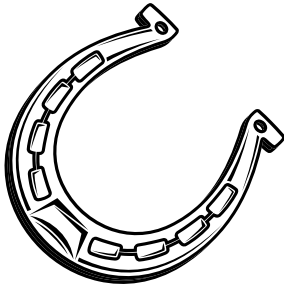
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drivers  
fans  
finish line  
food  
grandstand  
grooms  
horses  
hot dogs  
owners  
paddock  
photographer  
pop  
programs  
sulky  
track  
tractors  
trainers  
toteboard  
winners circle  
veterinarian





Horses need **horseshoes** before they can race.  
A farrier or blacksmith comes to the farm to shoe the horses.  
The metal shoes protect the horse's hooves.



Horseshoes protect a horse's hooves from damage.

**Find the horseshoe that is different.**

# MATCH TRACK TO TOWN

Match the Ontario racetrack with its city or town.

Many racetracks have names that make it hard to tell where they are located.

**See if you can match these racetracks with their city or town.**

## TRACK NAME

Ajax Downs  
Clinton Raceway  
Dresden Raceway  
Flamboro Downs  
Fort Erie Racetrack  
Grand River Raceway  
Georgian Downs  
Hanover Raceway  
Hiawatha Horse Park  
Kawartha Downs  
Leamington Raceway  
Woodbine Mohawk Park  
Rideau Carleton Raceway  
The Raceway at Western Fair District  
Woodbine Racetrack

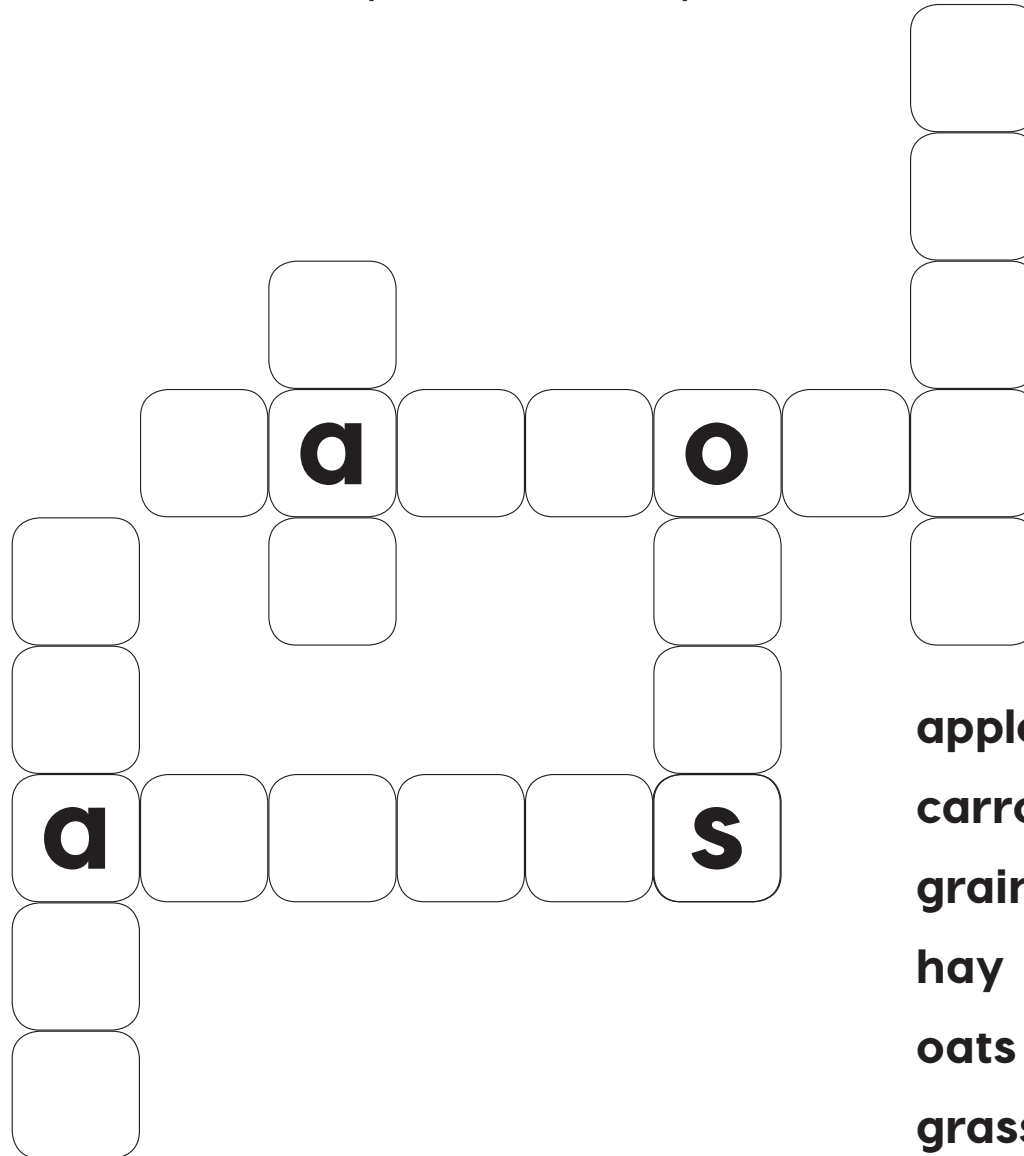
## City/Town

Fort Erie  
Campbellville  
Leamington  
Innisfil  
Dundas  
Ajax  
Elora  
Peterborough  
Toronto  
Sarnia  
Ottawa  
Hanover  
London  
Clinton  
Dresden

**ANSWERS:** Ajax Downs - Ajax | Clinton Raceway - Clinton | Dresden Raceway - Dresden  
Flamboro Downs - Dundas | Fort Erie Racetrack - Fort Erie | Grand River Raceway - Elora  
Georgian Downs - Innisfil | Hanover Raceway - Hanover | Hiawatha Horse Park - Sarnia  
Kawartha Downs - Peterborough | Leamington Raceway - Leamington  
Woodbine Mohawk Park - Campbellville | Rideau Carleton Raceway - Ottawa  
The Raceway at Western Fair District - London | Woodbine Racetrack - Toronto

# WHAT DO HORSES EAT?

Complete the crossword puzzle.



**apples**

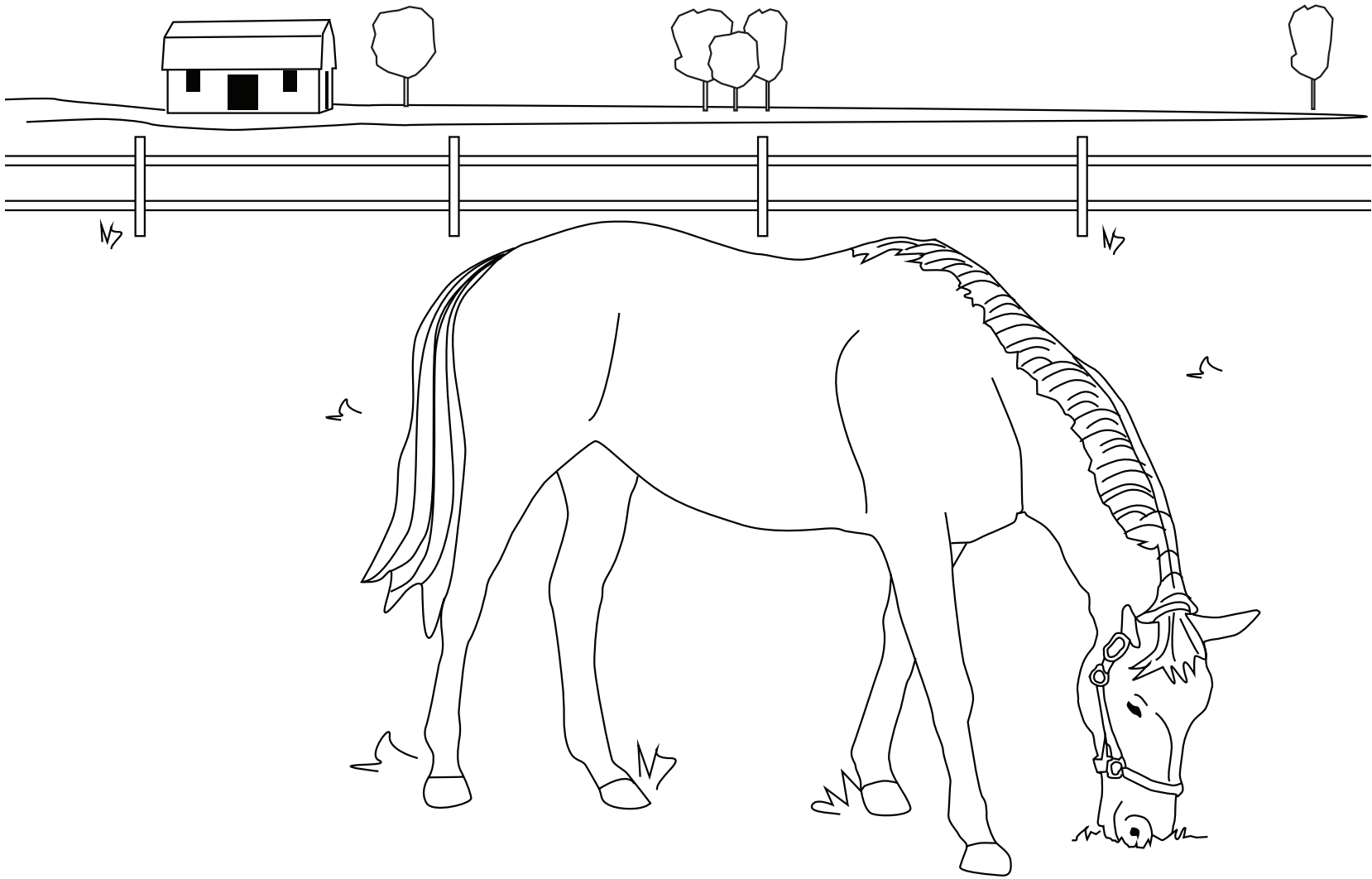
**carrots**

**grain**

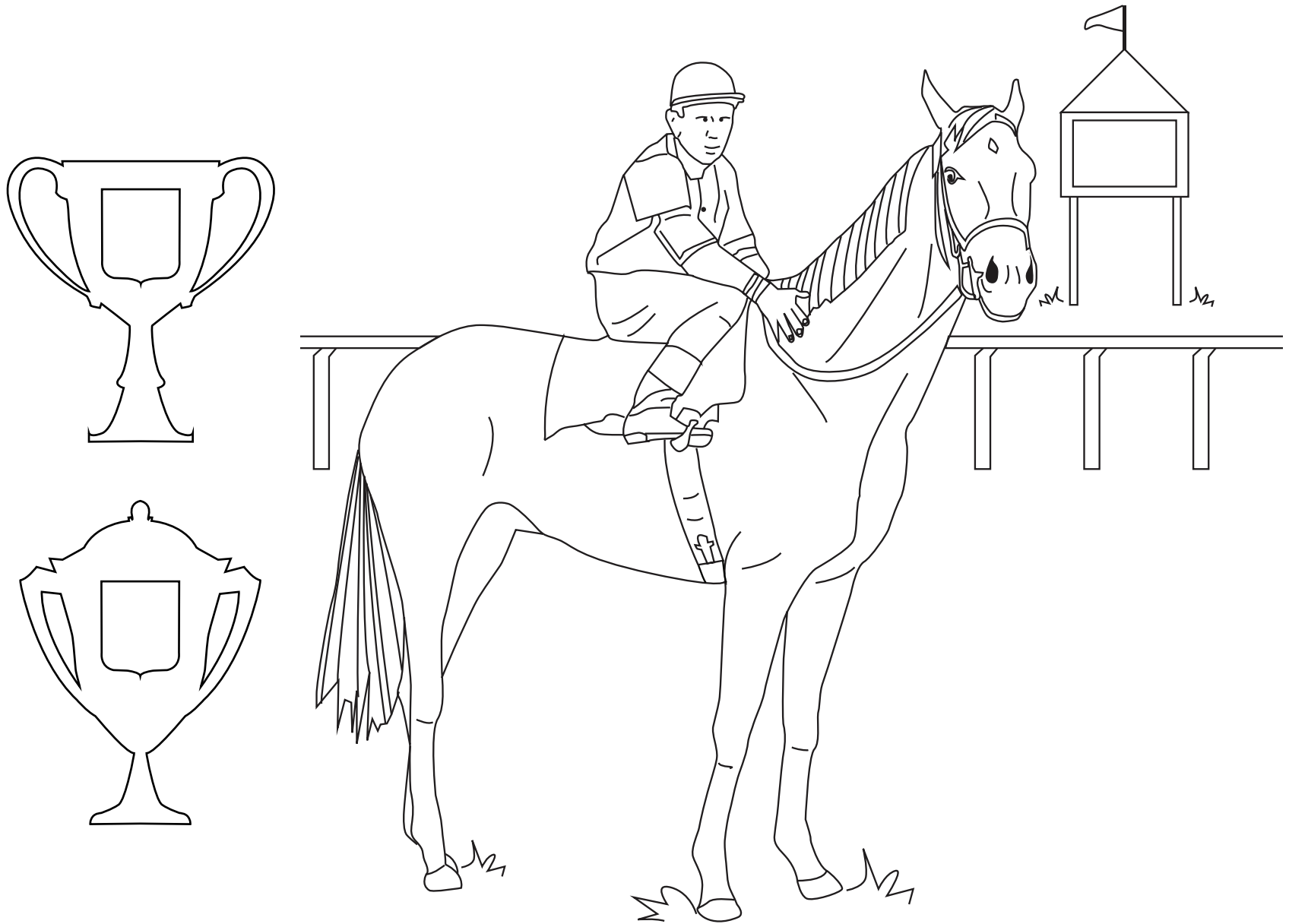
**hay**

**oats**

**grass**



Horses eat hay, oats, grain and grass.  
They also like apples and carrots.



When horses win important races their owners receive special **trophies** in the **winner's circle**.

The winner's circle is usually located in front of the grandstand at the racetrack.

# FACE MARKINGS

Face markings are white areas on a horse's face and head.  
Racehorses often have white markings on their heads and legs.  
It helps to distinguish one horse from another.



**STAR**  
small diamond  
shaped white marking  
on forehead



**SNIP**  
small white marking  
near the nostrils



**STRIP**  
narrow white marking  
running down  
the front of the face



**BLAZE**  
wide white marking  
extending from the  
forehead to the nostrils

