



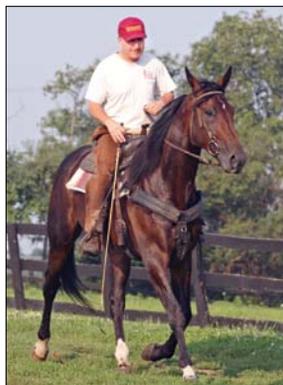
Standardbred Style

Learn more about the versatility of the breed and opportunities for you and your Standardbred

ARE YOU interested in acquiring a Standardbred that has either finished racing or did not have an on-track career? Have you recently purchased a Standardbred and are now wondering what activities Standardbreds are best suited for off the track? The U.S. Trotting Association is here to help answer all your questions about the Standardbred breed.

While training to become a racehorse, the majority of Standardbreds become extremely comfortable being handled, wearing equipment, loading in a trailer and traveling, standing for the veterinarian, and having their

>2008 Hambletonian winner Deweycheatumnhowe was ridden by trainer Ray Schnittker while racing to career earnings of more than \$3.15 million.



feet trimmed and shod by a farrier. Because of this handling, most Standardbreds take the transition from driving horse to riding horse very easily. Some racehorses are even ridden during their racing career for a change of pace.

Identifying your Standardbred

IF YOU have acquired a Standardbred and want to know more about its pedigree and racing career, visit <http://pathway.ustrotting.com/search/index.cfm> to search for information on your horse. If you are having difficulty identifying your horse, call the USTA office where a representative will be happy to assist you. Please have as much information about your horse as you can, including color, white markings, approximate age, gender and as many characters of their lip tattoo or neck freeze brand (at right) as possible. The more information you provide about your horse, the easier it will be to identify it. For more information about Standardbreds, finding a Standardbred and uses for Standardbreds off the track, visit <http://standardbreds.ustrotting.com>.



What can you do with your Standardbred?

THE USTA promotes the Standardbred horse in all traditional and non-traditional roles. Standardbred Pleasure Horse Organizations (SPHOs) in various states work with the USTA to promote the breed as pleasure riding and driving horses.

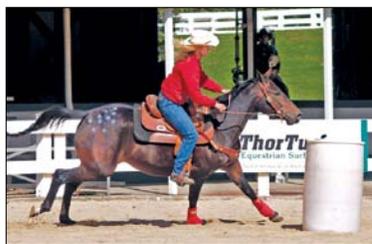
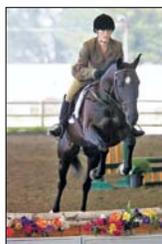
From endurance riding, show jumping and dressage to combined driving events, Standardbreds excel at most any test. The USTA currently sponsors breed awards with the United States Dressage Federation, the American Endurance Ride Conference, the Lorenzo Driving Competition in New York, the Roadster Classic in Kentucky and the SPHO-National Standardbred Show in New Jersey. Encouraging different uses for Standardbreds is important to the USTA, and if you have suggestions for other disciplines for which

the USTA should sponsor a breed award, please let us know.

Standardbred education

THE HARNESS HORSE YOUTH FOUNDATION (HHYF) coordinates summer educational programs, including Harness Racing Youth League camps for 11 to 14 year olds. The multi-day format of HHYF allows

>The versatile Standardbred in action (from left): dressage, show jumping, barrel racing and pleasure driving.



young people to actively participate in caring for racehorses and driving them, too! In addition, HHYF also offers literature, assistance and guidance for programs designed to get kids of all ages (and adults, too) excited about harness racing. HHYF also has up-to-date information regarding equine- and racing-related scholarships. Visit www.hhyf.org for schedules and details.

Each spring the USTA hosts the Standardbred Driving School in Delaware, Ohio. This three-day intensive course introduces newcomers to the sport of harness racing, further educates those that are currently involved, and even allows you to take the USTA driver and/or trainer test. Participants must be at least 16 years old.



▲The USTA Driving School offers hands-on experience to those who want to better understand harness racing.

The USTA hosts various new owner/fan education seminars and co-sponsors educational booths at equine events across the country. Information about these events is posted at owners.ustrotting.com, or call **1.877.800.USTA (8782)** to find a seminar near you.

USTA Youth Program

ANYONE under the age of 18 can receive a FREE USTA membership! Started in 2004, this program allows youth to become active participants in the industry; with a youth membership you can own, race, breed and register your Standardbred. Youth members receive a free subscription to *Youth Beats*, a quarterly magazine. The USTA also co-sponsors the Marie Hill Youth Writing Contest for kids 16 years of age and under. For more information on the USTA's youth program, visit <http://members.ustrotting.com/youth.cfm>.



The USTA works with state and regional 4-H clubs and the National FFA Organization to promote youth involvement and educational opportunities throughout the equine industry.



Help spread the word.

WE NEED your help to spread the word about Standardbreds and all their great attributes! If you are able to speak to your local horsemen's club, your child's school on career day, a 4-H or FFA meeting, your Lions or Kiwanis club, or anywhere else, the USTA will be happy to provide you with literature to help spread the word. Call **1.877.800.USTA (8782)** for more information!



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