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## **Normal Sights During Foaling And Sights That Represent Abnormal Positions**

### **Normal Parturition**

1. Whitish membrane (amnion, inner placental membranes) appears and breaks
2. Bluish-white, foal containing sac appears
3. One hoof appears with sole surface pointed downward toward the mare's legs
4. A second hoof appears 3 to 4 inches behind the other in the same orientation
5. The fore legs appear both extending equal distances with each contraction
6. The nose appears cradled on top of the legs
7. The head appears
8. The shoulders appear one by one
9. The rib cage and abdomen appear – the mare may briefly rest at this stage
10. The hips appear – the mare may rest with the hind legs still in the birth canal

### **Sights of Abnormal Presentations**

1. Mare stops delivery after second stage has started
2. Foal is not progressing out of the birth canal
3. Mare becomes tired, exhausted, weak, or unstable
4. Red bag delivery – premature placental separation