

Teaching Youth an Equine Conformation Judging System

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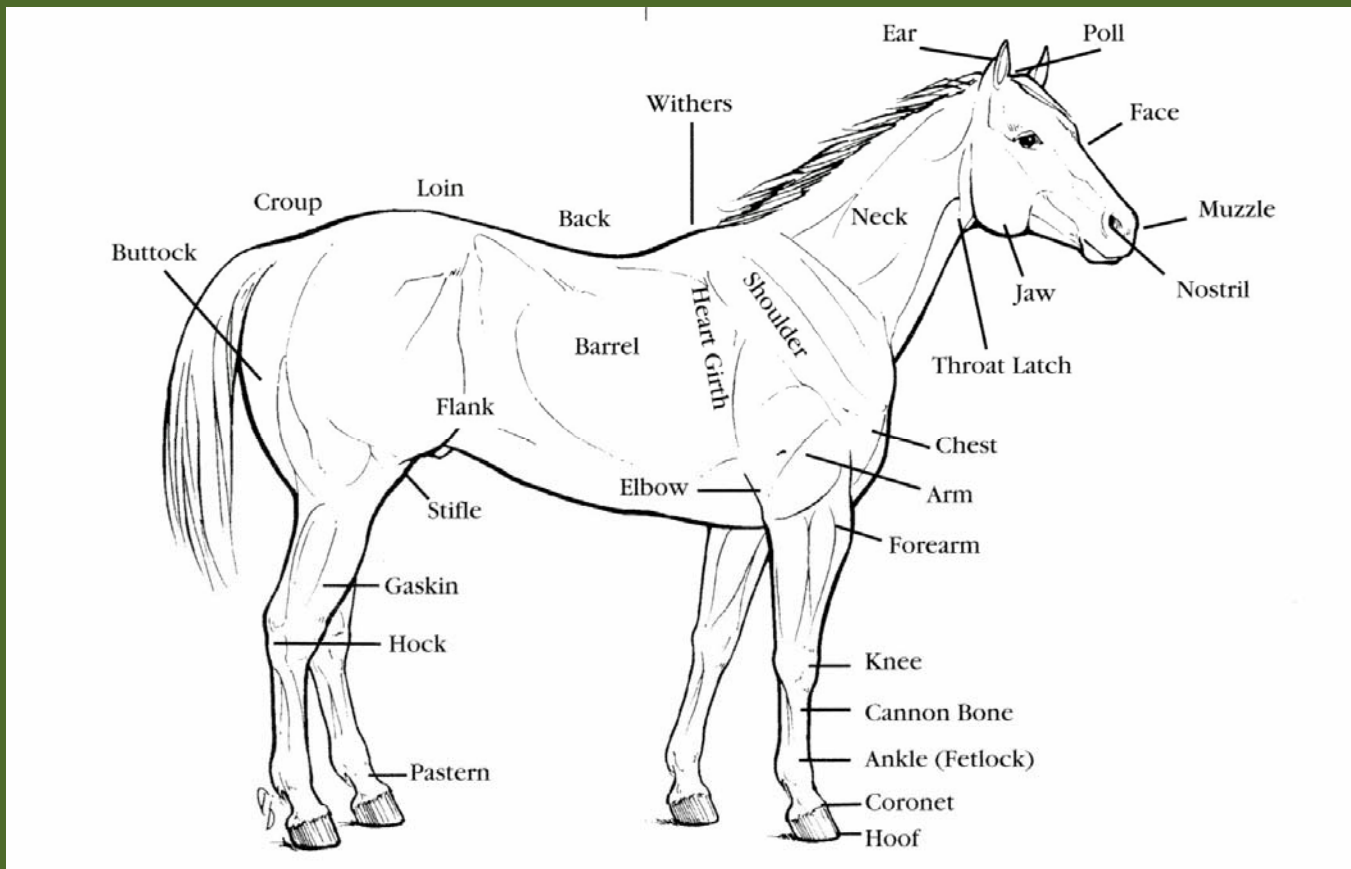
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Learn the Basics

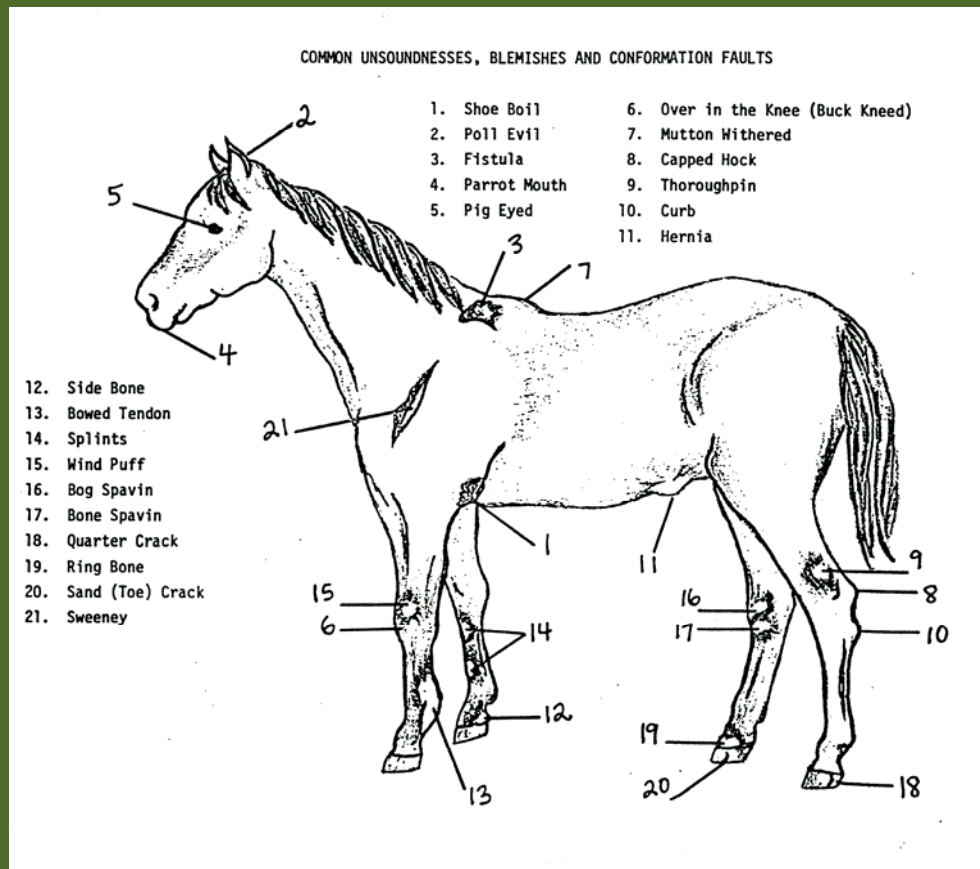
- Parts of the horse
- Unsoundnesses
- Blemishes



Parts of the Horse



Unsoundnesses, Blemishes, & Conformation Faults



“Ideal Horse”

- Learn the ideal for each of the major breeds
 - Stock Type
 - Hunter Type
 - English Type
 - Non-Trotting



Judging Evaluation System



Side View

Judging Evaluation System

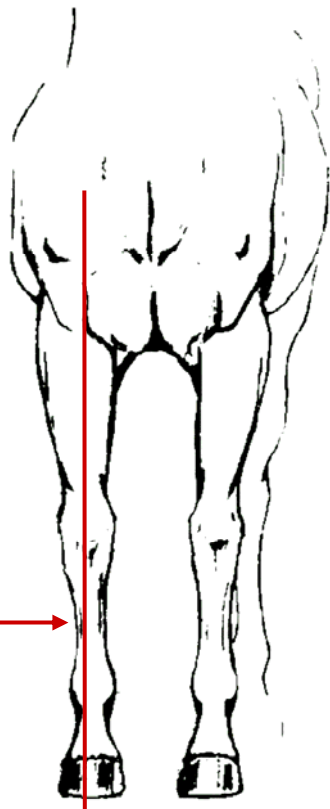


Side View

Front & Rear View of the Horse

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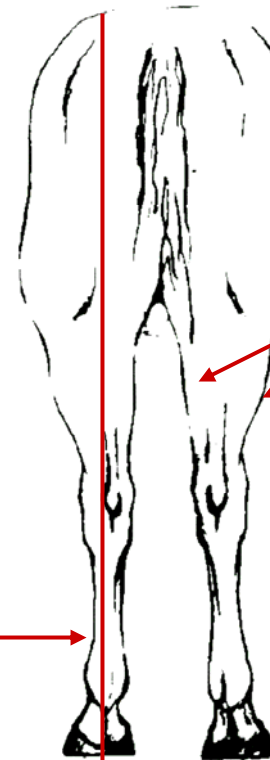


Front View

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Movement

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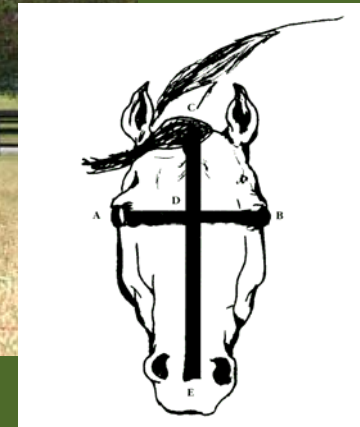


Rear View

Judging Priorities

- Breeding Classes
 - Stallions & Mares
 - Balance
 - Breed Character
 - Structural Correctness
 - Refinement
 - Muscling
- Non-Breeding Classes
 - Geldings
 - Balance
 - Structural Correctness
 - Muscling
 - Refinement
 - Breed Character

Head + Throatlatch = Breed Character



Neck = Balance / Breed Character

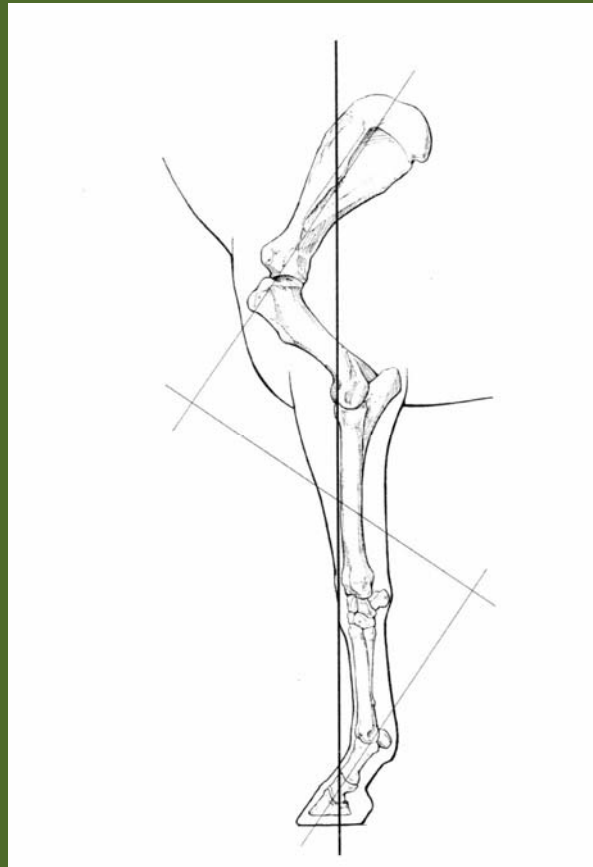


Shoulder



Front Column of Bones

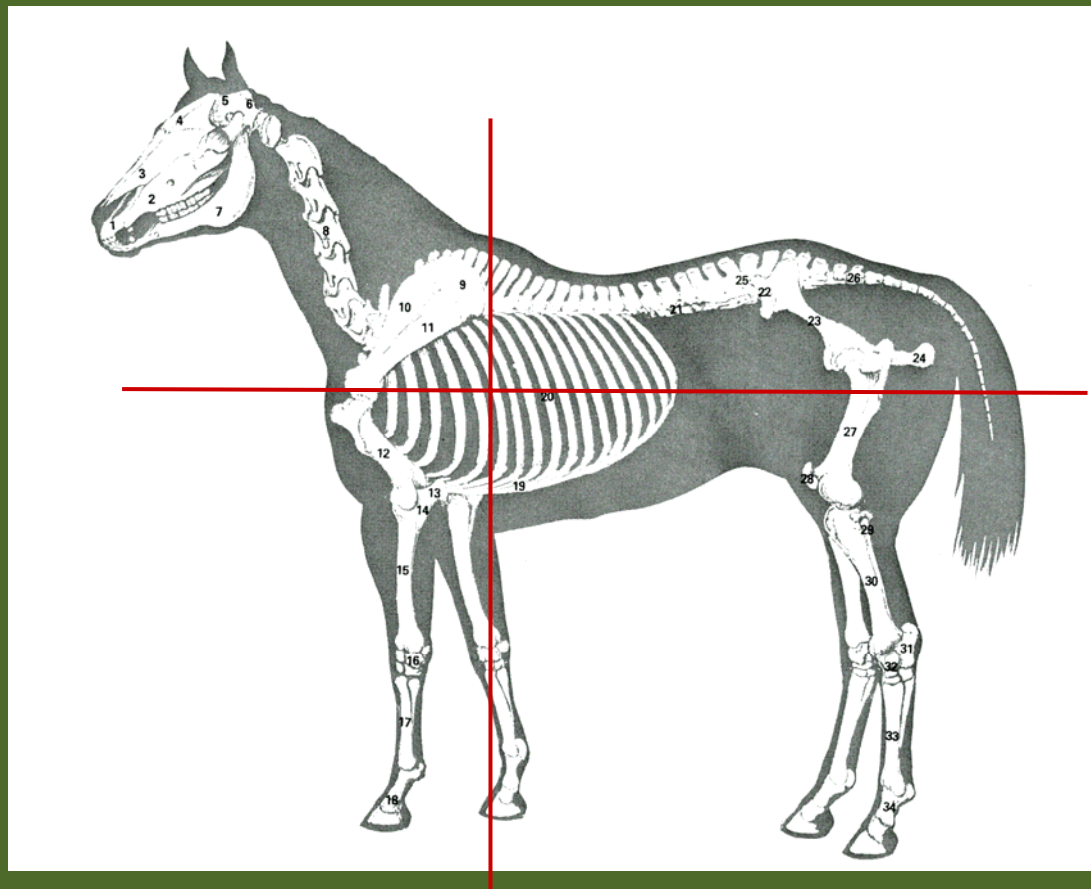
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Top Line = Balance



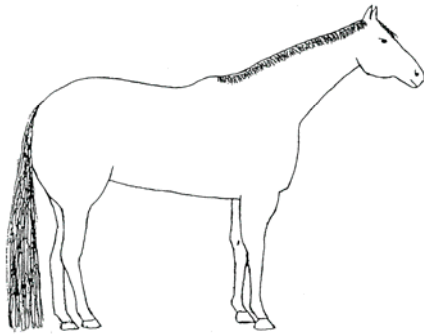
Determining the Center of Gravity



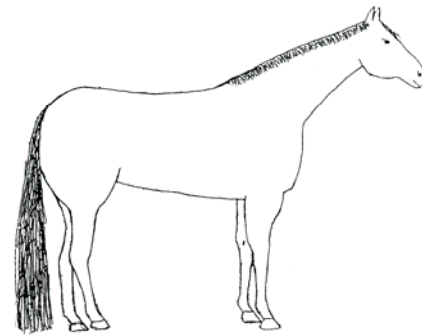
Determining Balance



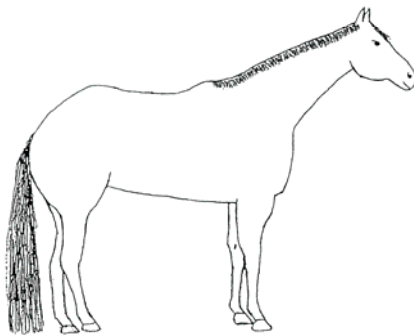
Determining Balance



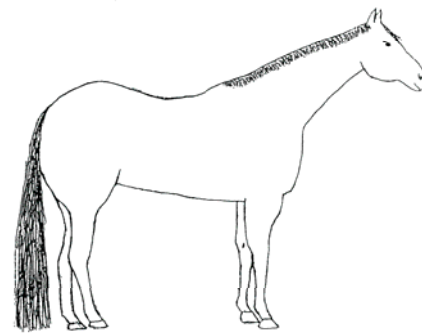
Short, Strong Back (Desirable)



Long Back (Undesirable)

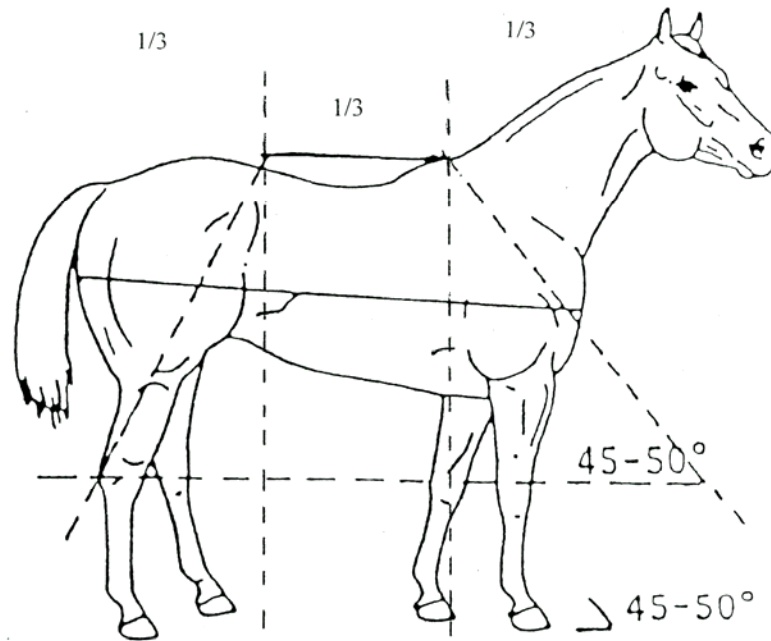


Steep Hip (Undesirable)



Low Back (Undesirable)

Balance-- Toplines



Trapezoid

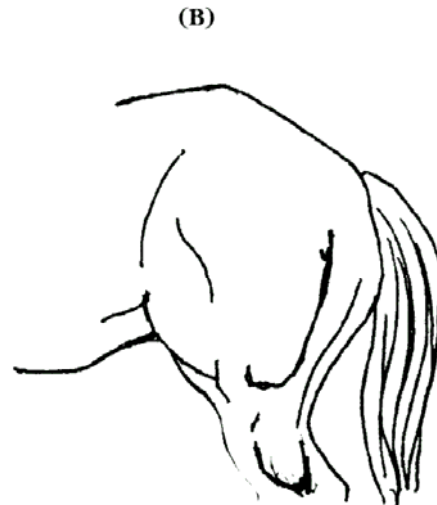
Hip + Barrel = Volume & Capacity / Frame



Structure of the Hind Quarter (*Stock-Type*) Croup/Hip



Ideal



Steep



Level

Muscling = Quality & Refinement

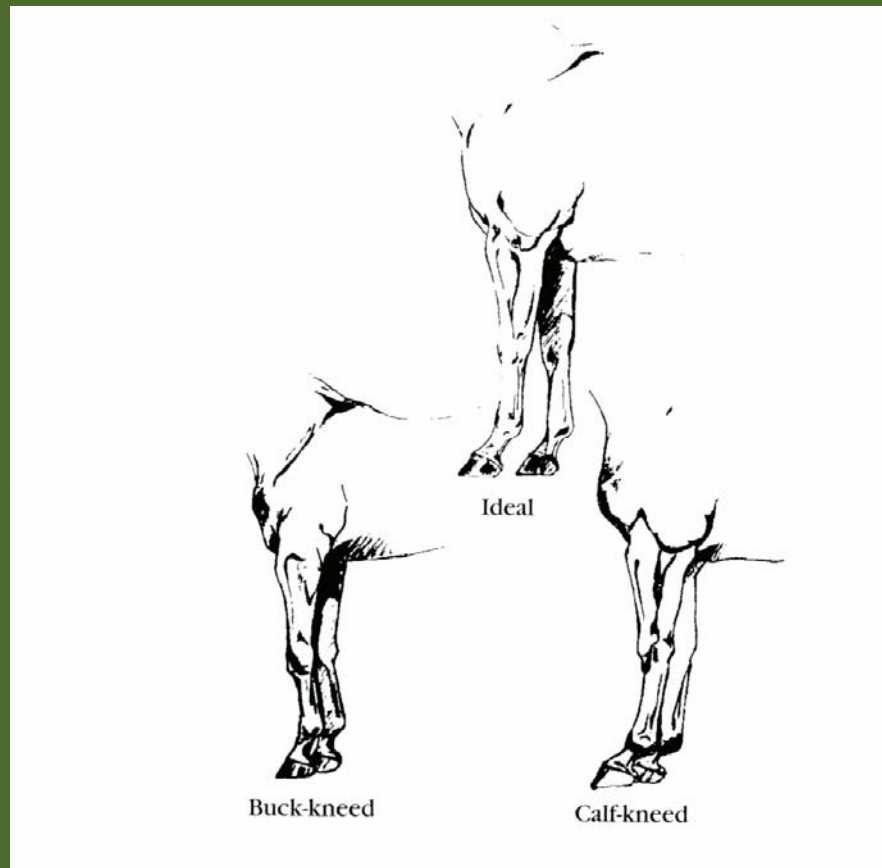


Lower Legs = Structural Correctness / Refinement



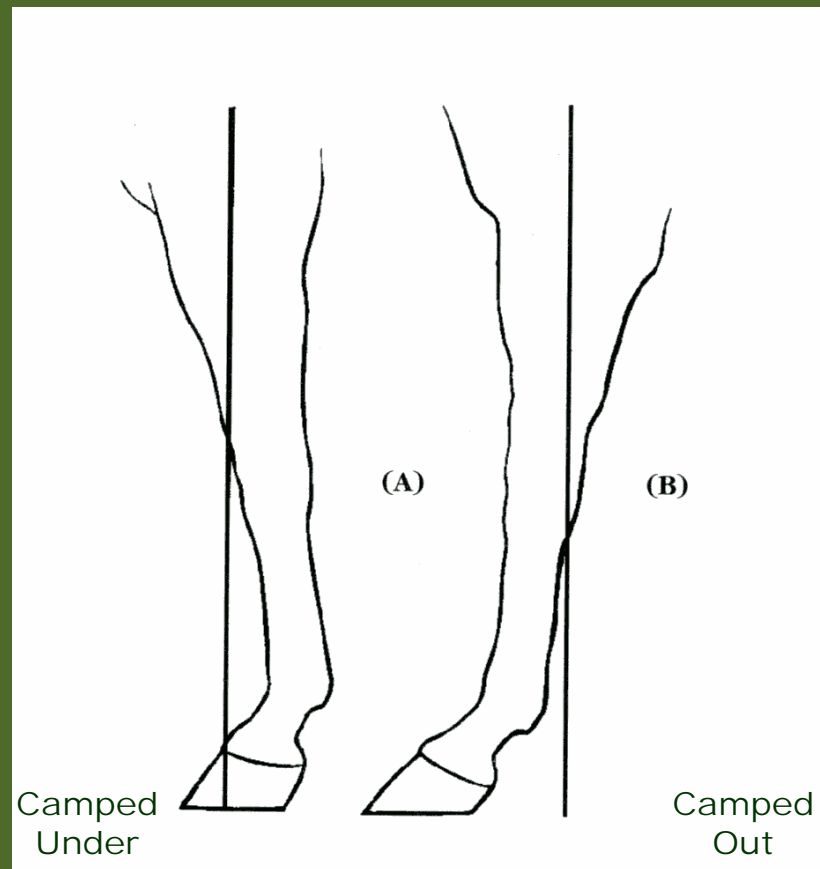
Front Legs

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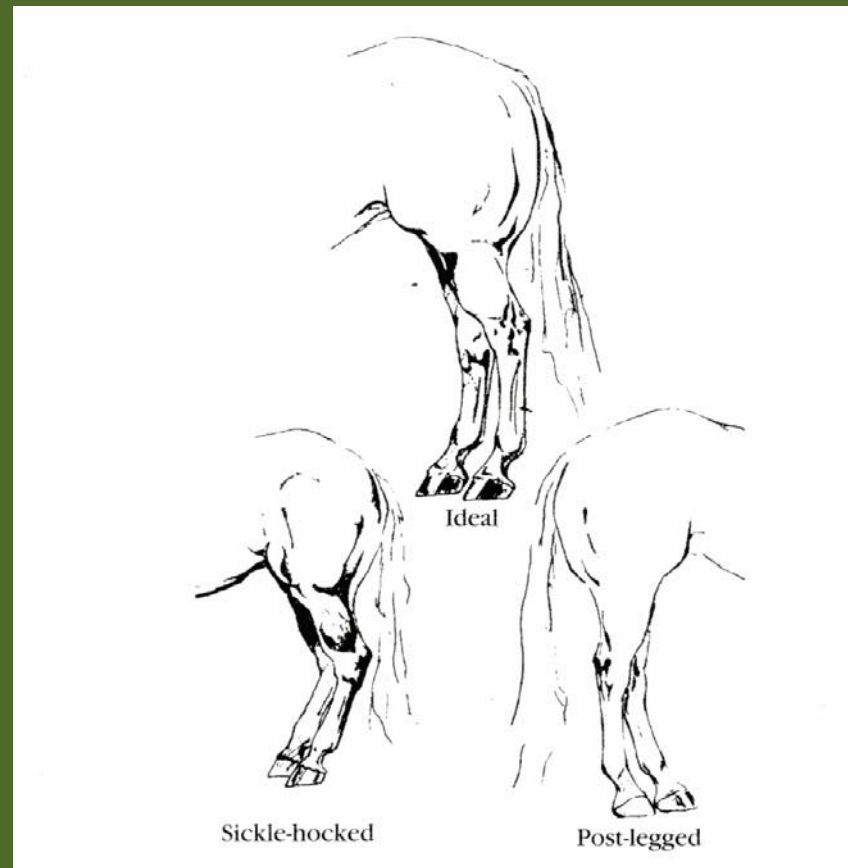
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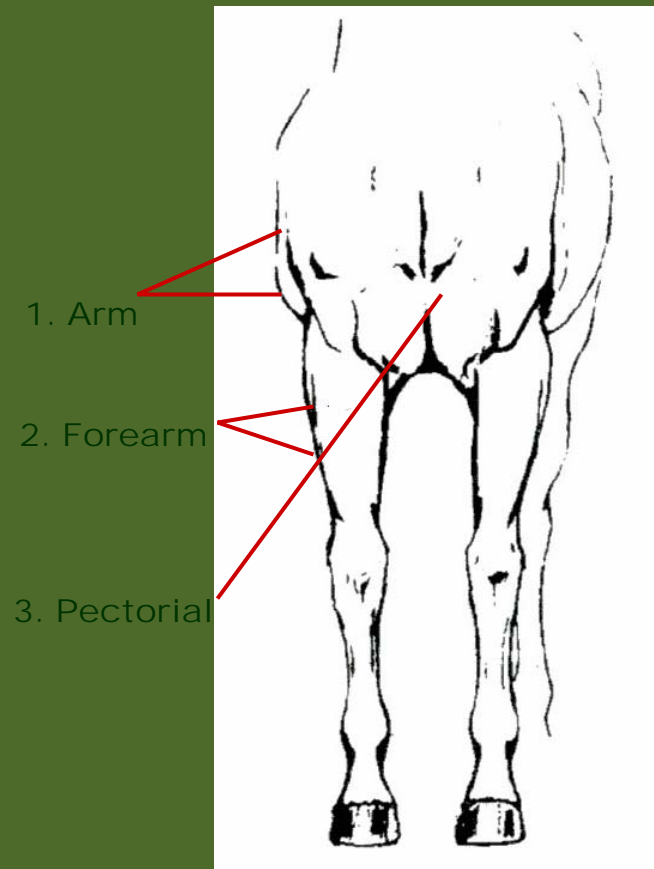


Structure of the Hind Limb

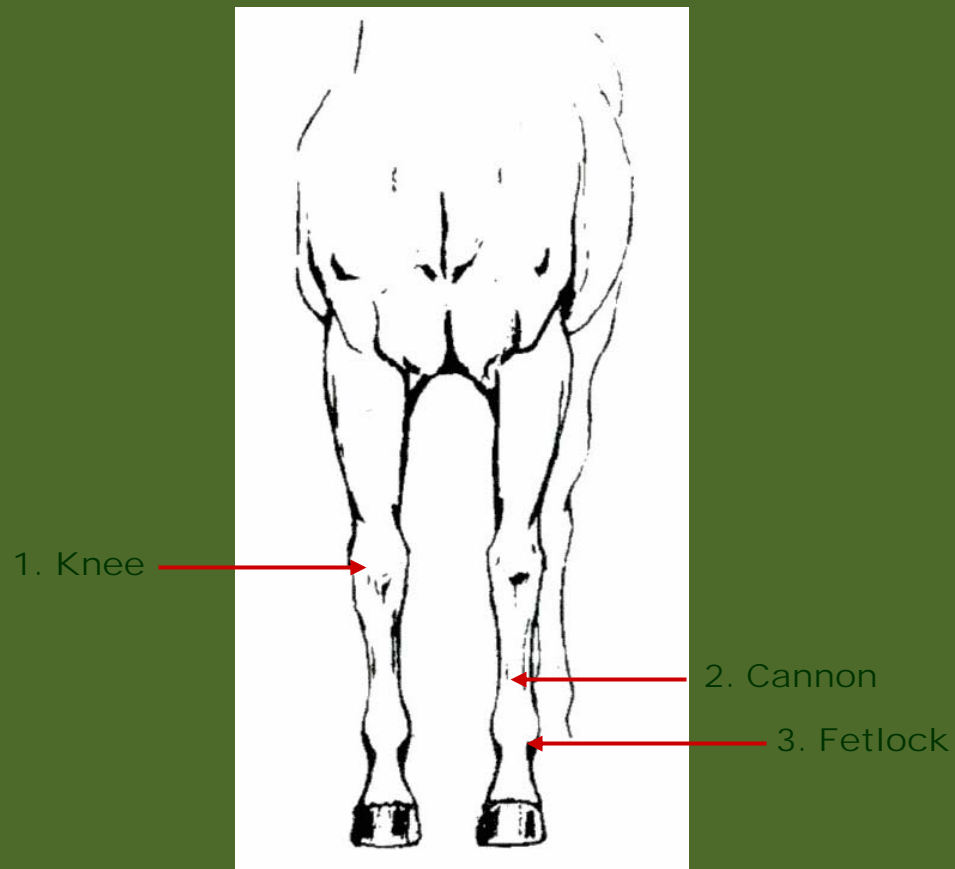
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Front View of Muscle

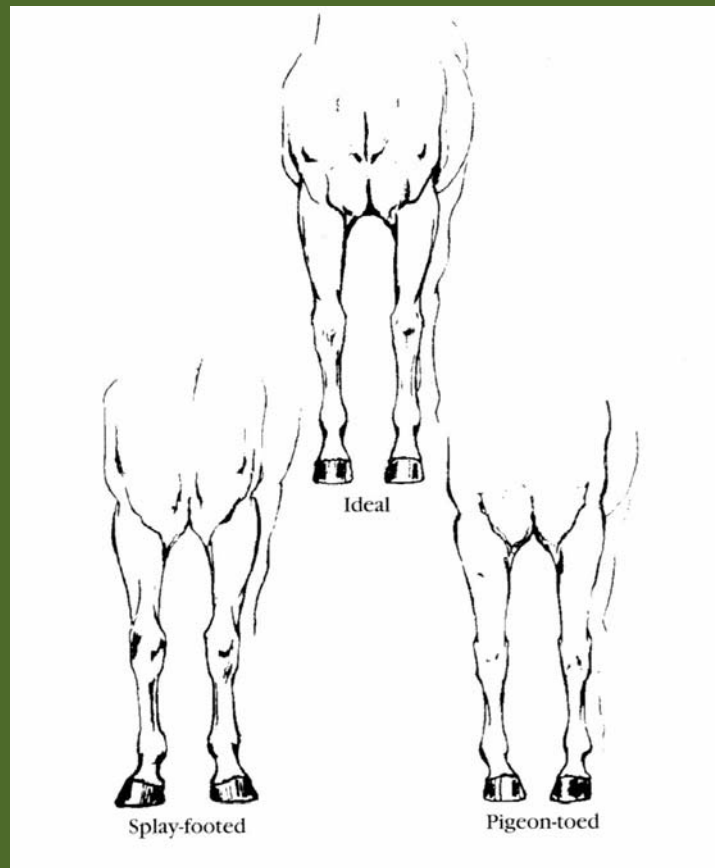


Front View of Structural Correctness

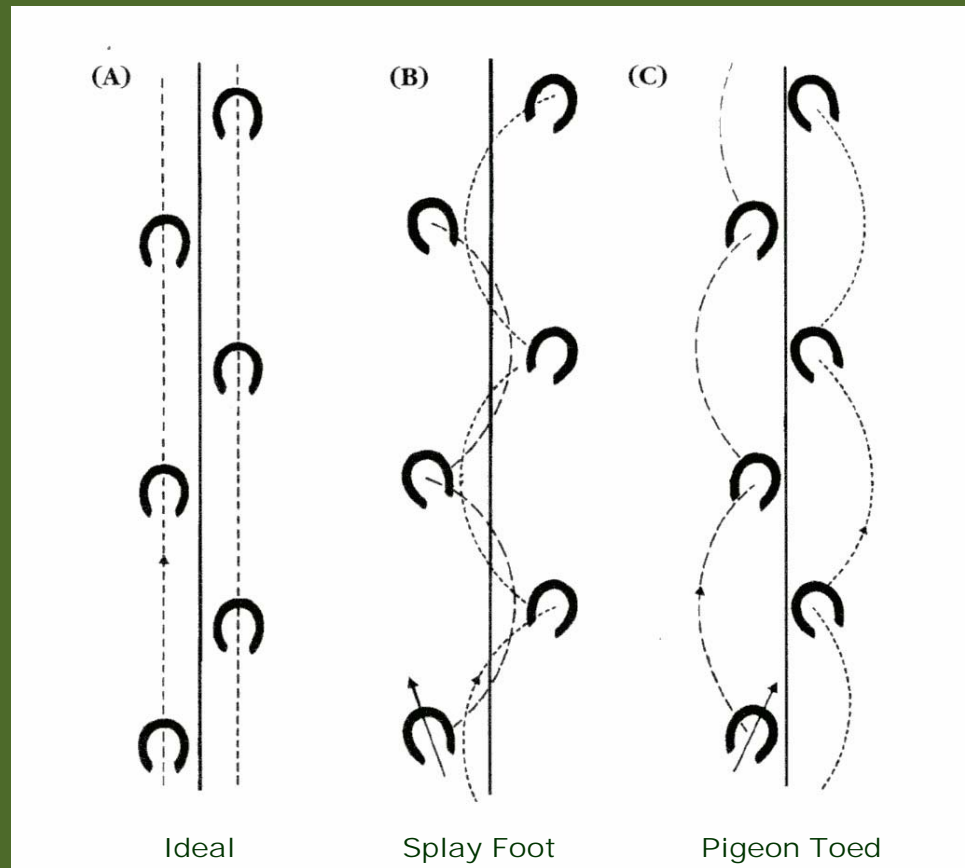


Structural Correctness

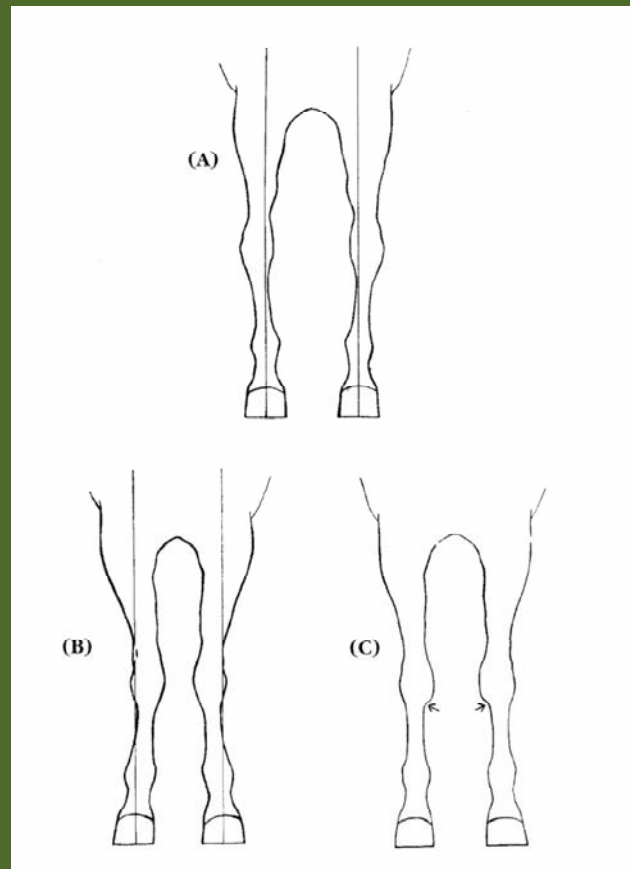
Front View



Foot Fall Patterns

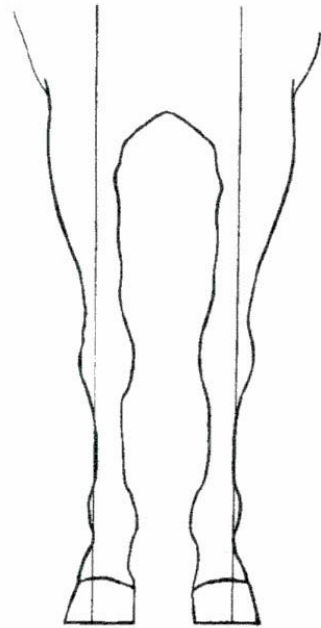


Front Leg Structural Faults

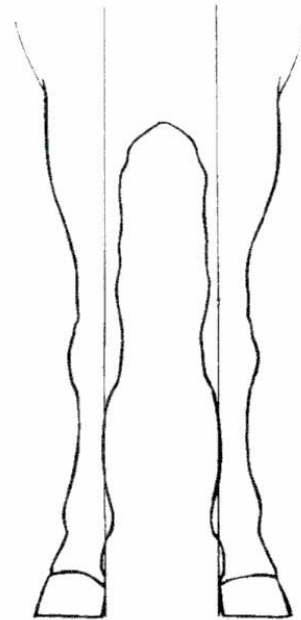


- (A) Bow-legged
- (B) Knocked-Kneed
- (C) Bench-Kneed

Views of the Front Leg

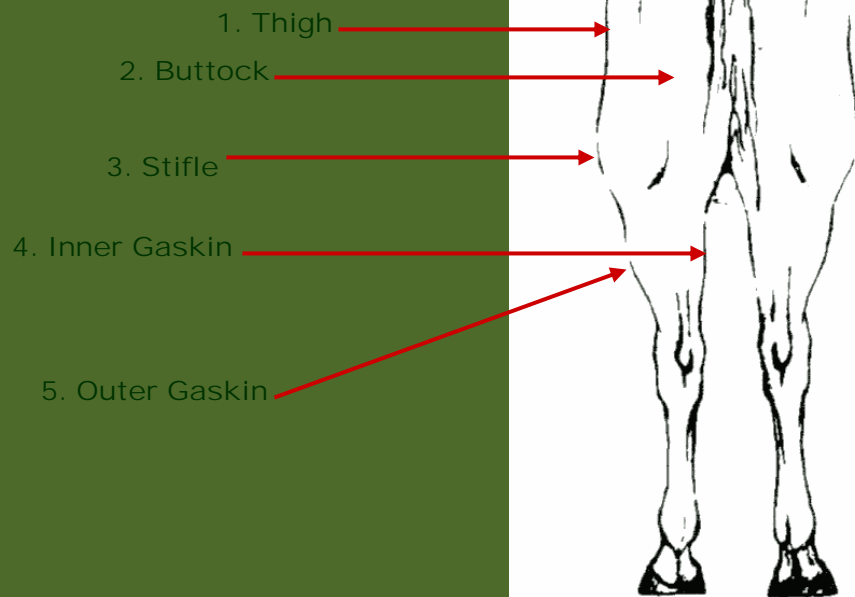


Front leg view:
Base-narrow

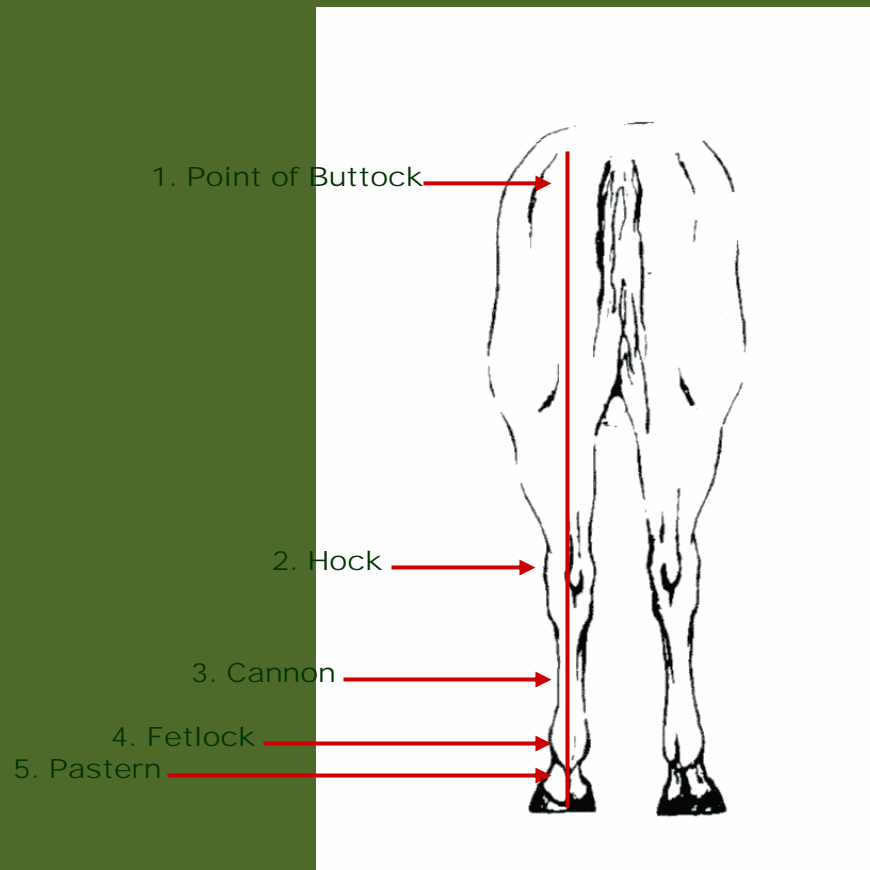


Front leg view:
Base-wide

Rear View Muscling

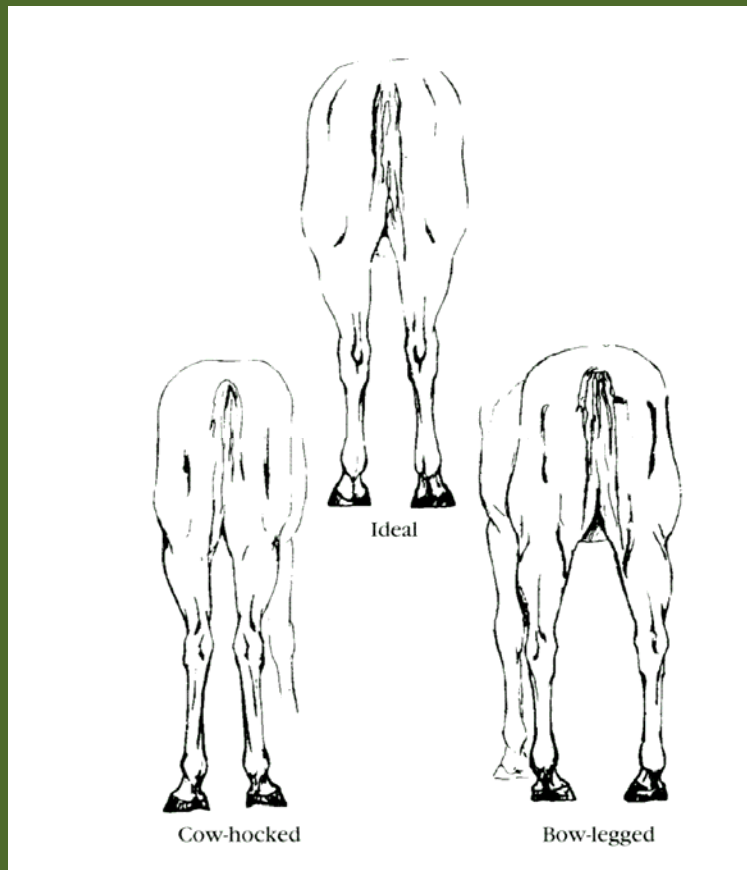


Rear View of Structural Correctness



Structure of the Hind Limb

viewed from the rear



Movement



Front/Rear View = Trueness of Stride

Side View = Length of Stride, Animation, etc.

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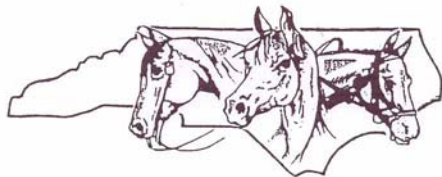
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