



# Horse Judging

# [ Conformation Defined ]

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- The formation of something by appropriate arrangement of parts or elements : an assembling into a whole.

# [ The four considerations ]

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- Balance
- Structural Correctness
- Quality
- Muscling

# [ Balance ]

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- Level from withers to croup
- Divided into thirds
- Equal from front to rear
- Length of leg compared to depth of heart girth

# Balance



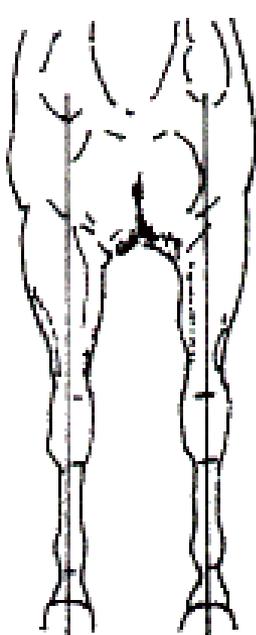
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# [ Structural Correctness ]

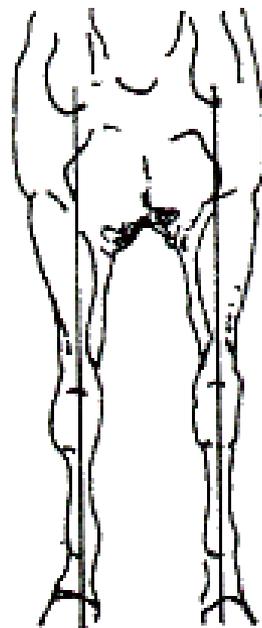
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- How the bone is put together
- Main part to look at:
  - Feet
  - Legs

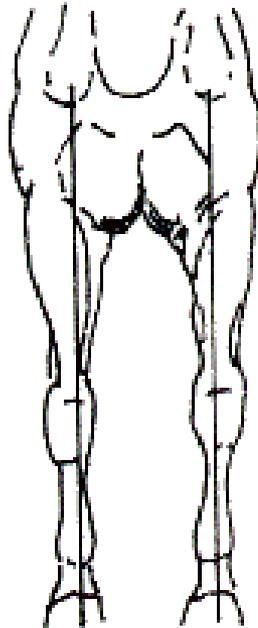
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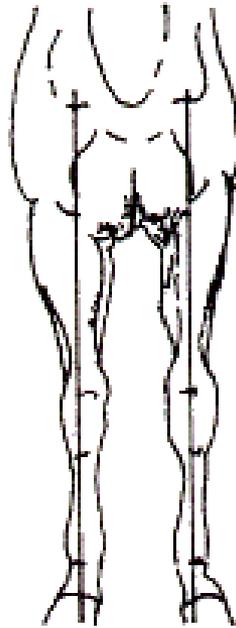
Ideal



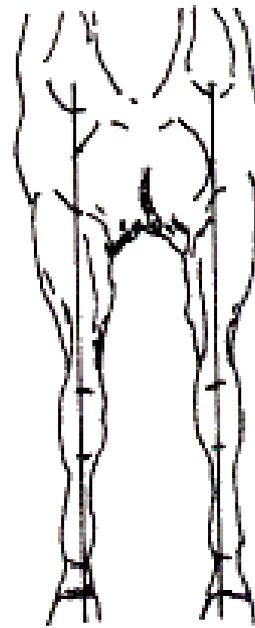
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(chest wide)



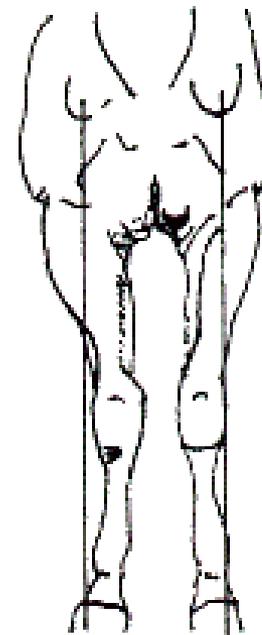
Bow-kneed



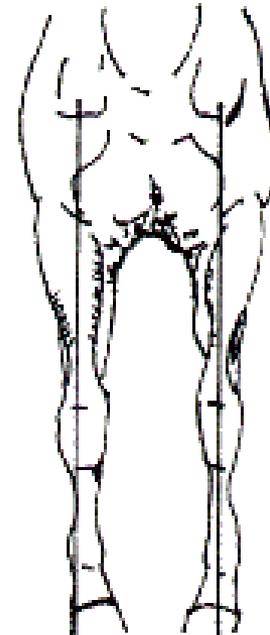
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Bench-kneed

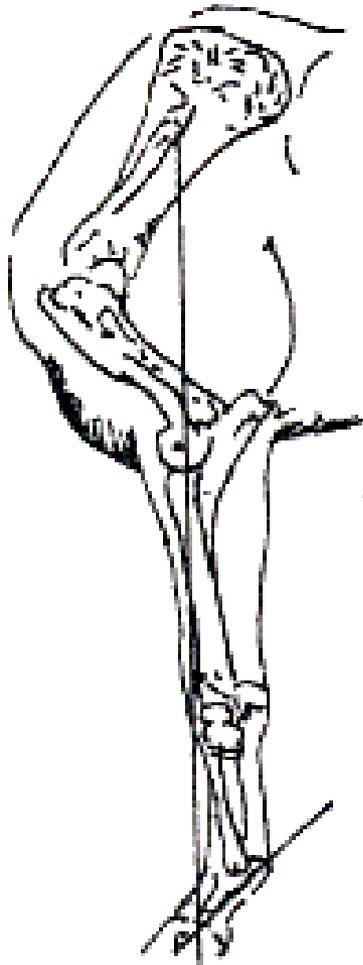


Knock-kneed

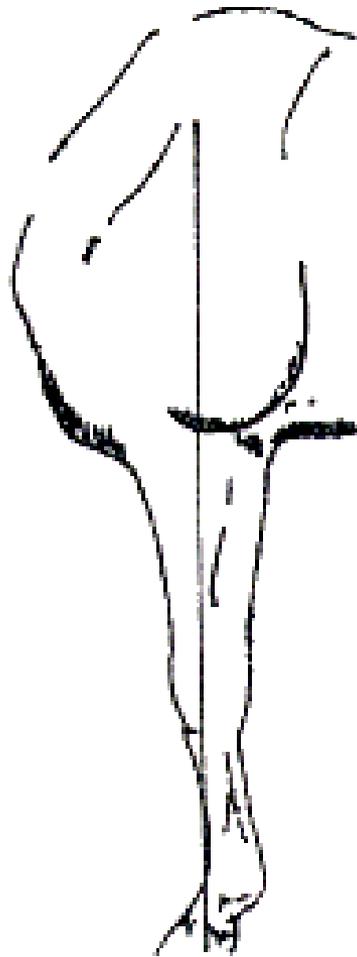


Toed-In  
(pigeon-toed)

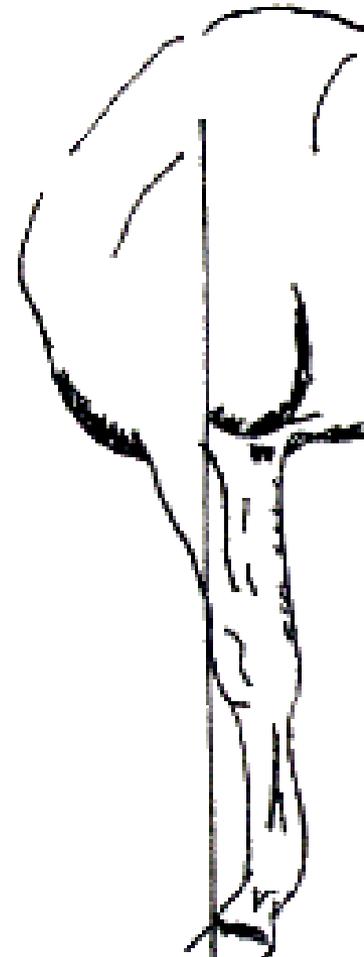
# [ Front Side ]



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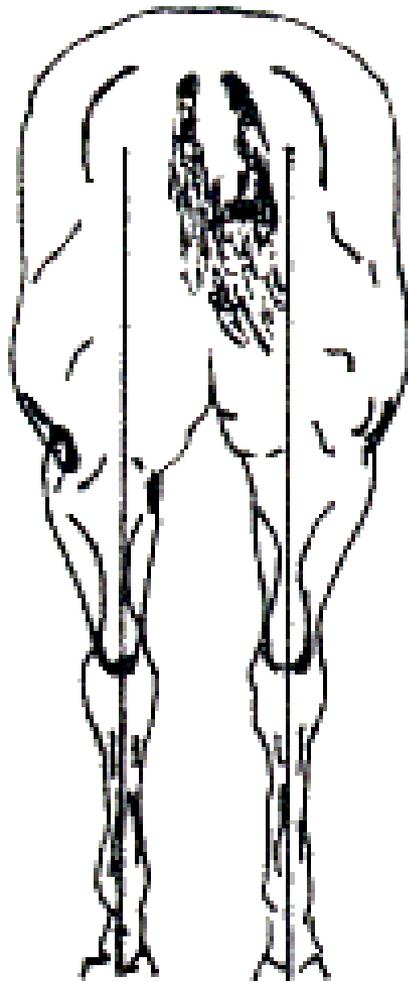


Buck-kneed

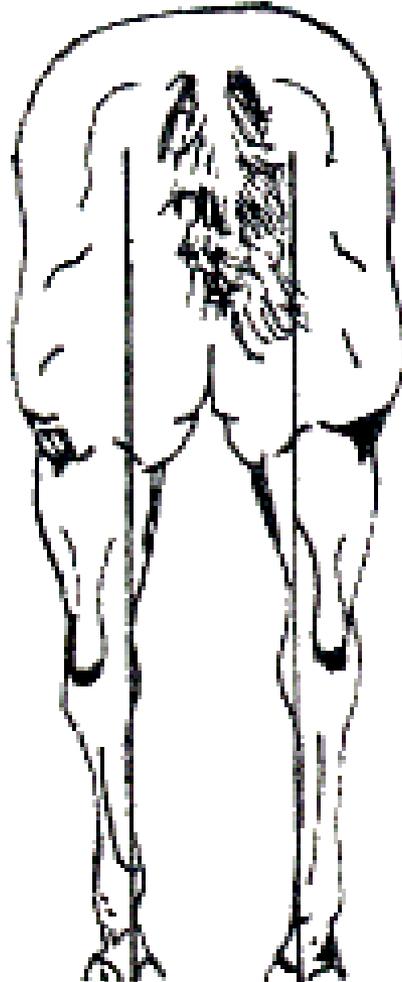


Calf-kneed

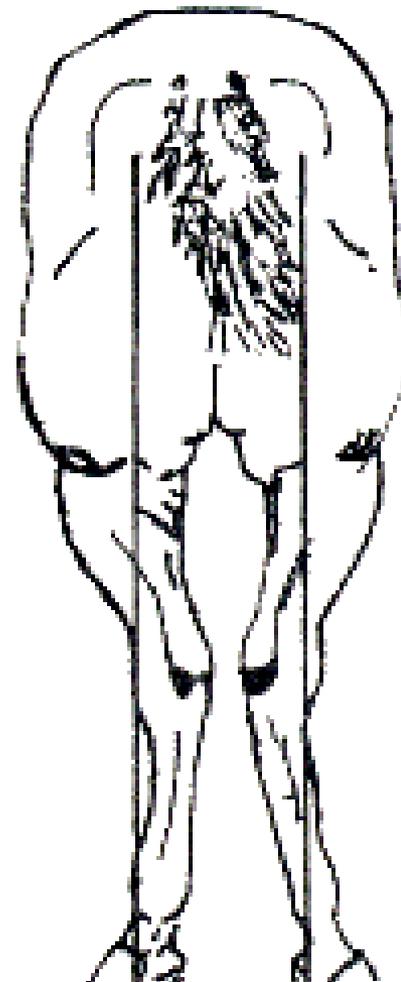
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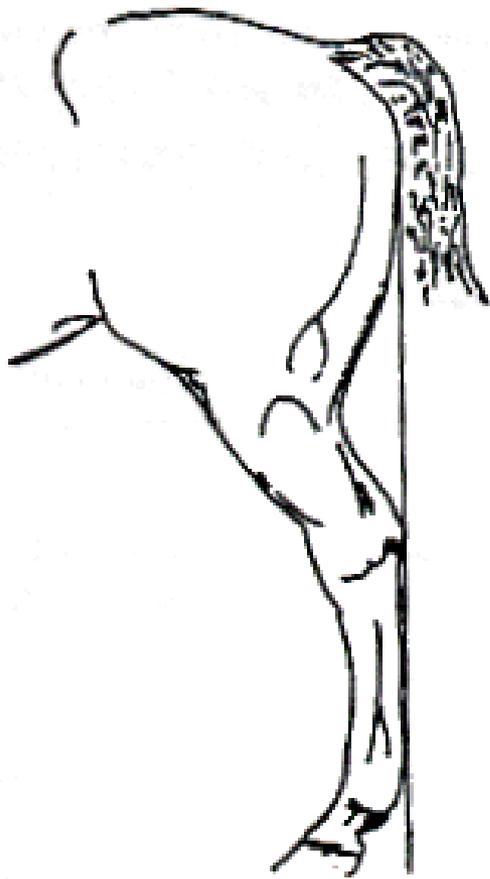


Bow-legged



Cow-hocked

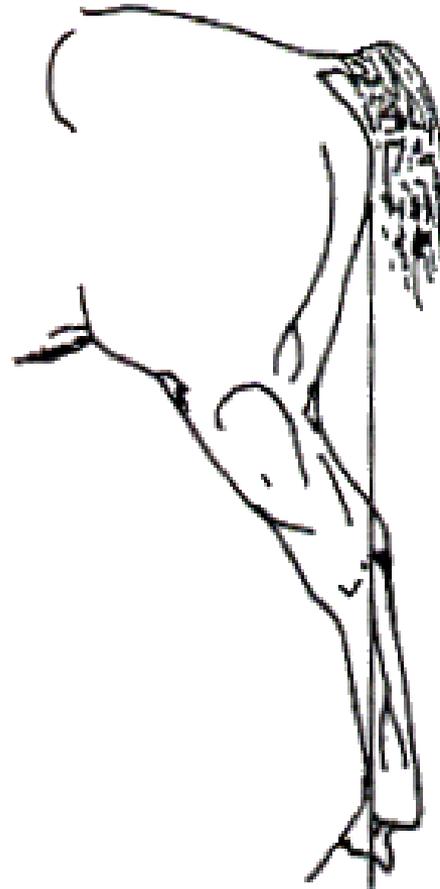
# [ Rear Side ]



Ideal



Sickle-hocked



Camped out behind



Leg too straight

# [ Quality ]

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- Part to look at
  - Head
  - Neck
- Displays breed characteristics
  - Arabian – dish face
- Displays sex characteristics
  - Mare – looks feminine
  - Stallion – look masculine



# [ Muscling ]

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- Size and Substance
- Definition and Expression
- Length of muscle

# [ Muscling Extremes ]



# [ Terms – General Appearance ]

- The greatest combination of...
- Dominated the class in terms of...
- More correctly combined...
- Combined... to a higher degree

# [ Terms – Balance ]

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- More proportionate
- More balanced
- More sloping shoulder
- Longer, more desirable hip
- More level top line
- More level from wither to croup
- Flatter over the croup

# [ Terms - Structure ]

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- Stood straighter
- Stood more structurally correct
- Straighter through the knee
- More correct angle of the hock
- Moved out straighter and more correctly at the walk (trot)

# [ Terms - Quality ]

- Higher quality
- More feminine or masculine
- More refined about the head and neck
- More prominent, larger, brighter eye
- Cleaner throatlatch
- Neck tied higher into the shoulder
- Displayed more breed character in the head and neck

# [ Terms - Muscling ]

- Greater total volume of muscling over a larger frame
- More heavily muscled
- More tone and expression of muscle
- Heavier muscled forearm
- More powerfully built through the front
- Thicker, heavier muscled stifle
- Greater length of ...