

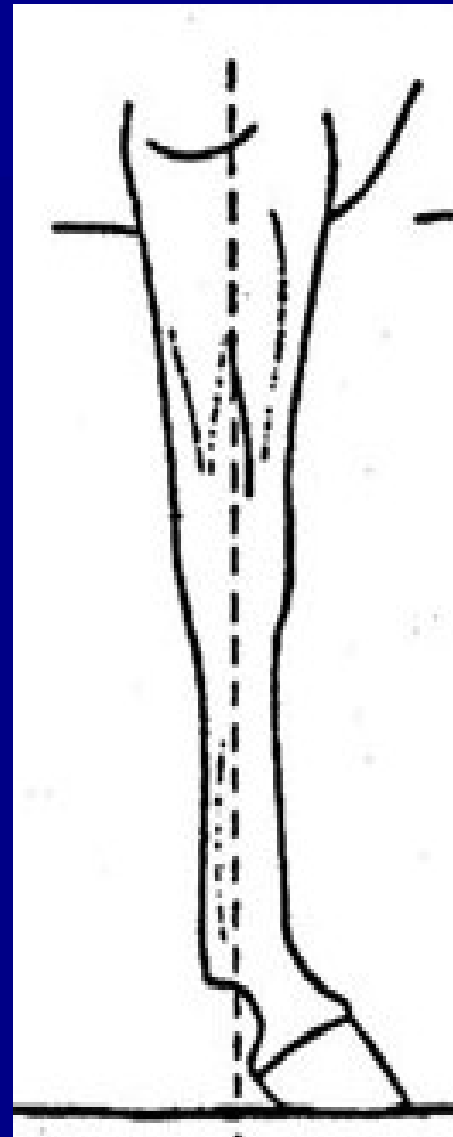
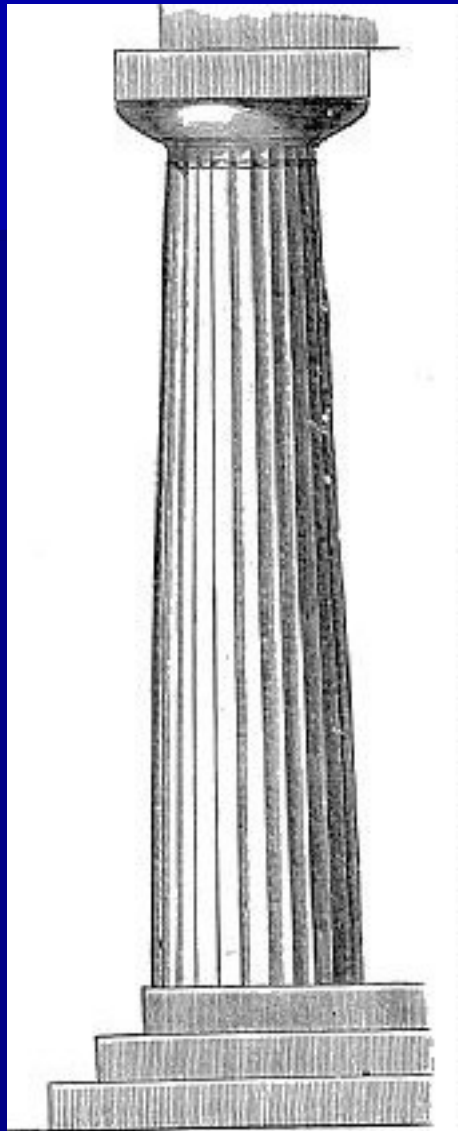
Hoof Shape

A Look at Form and Function

Function of the Hoof

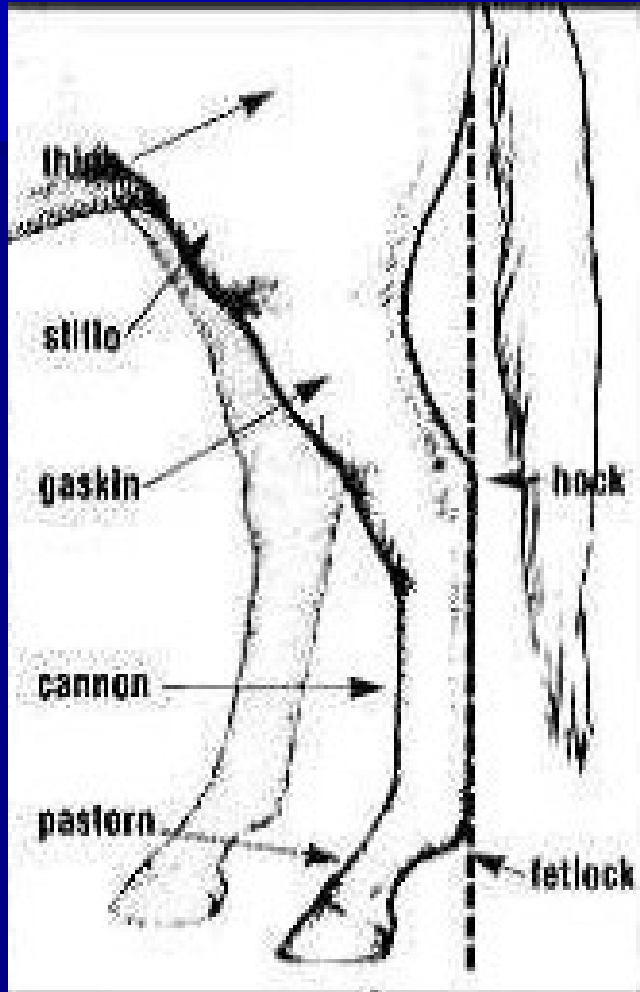
Function of the Hoof

- Front Feet : Weight bearing



Function of the Hoof

- Front Feet : Weight bearing
- Hind Feet : Propulsion



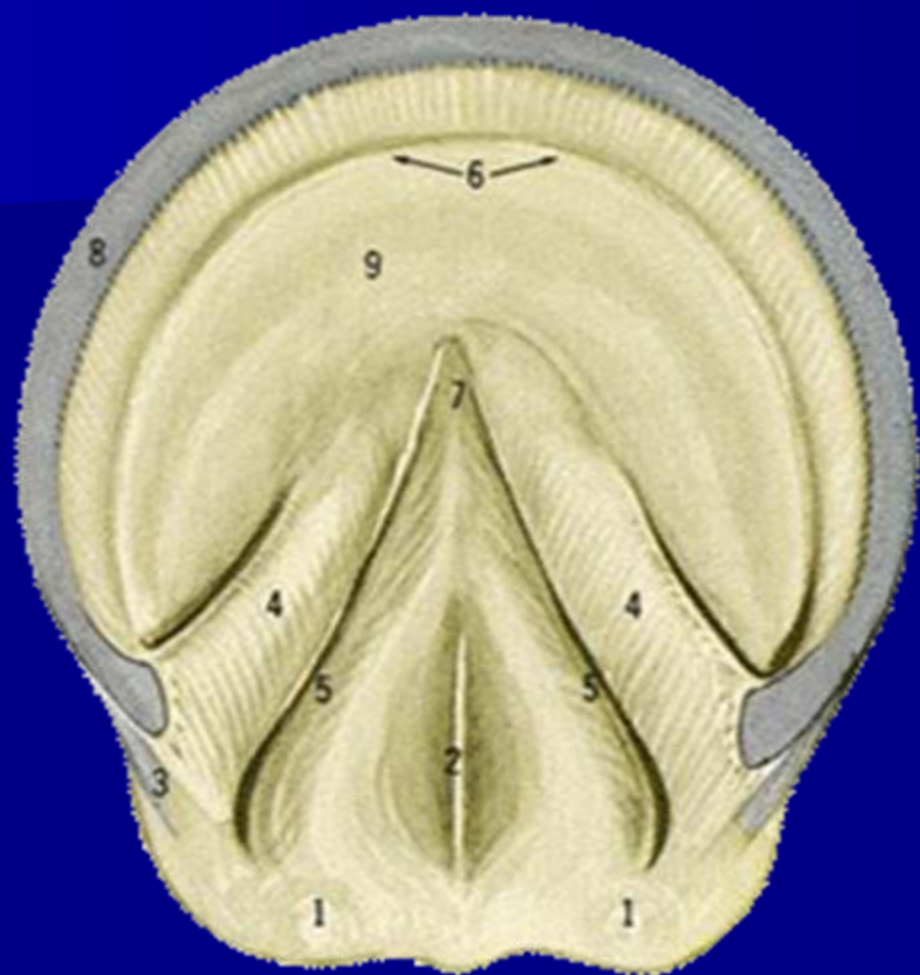
Function of the Hoof

- Front Feet : Weight bearing
- Hind Feet : Propulsion
- Coffin Bone
- Weight Bearing

Shape of the Hoof

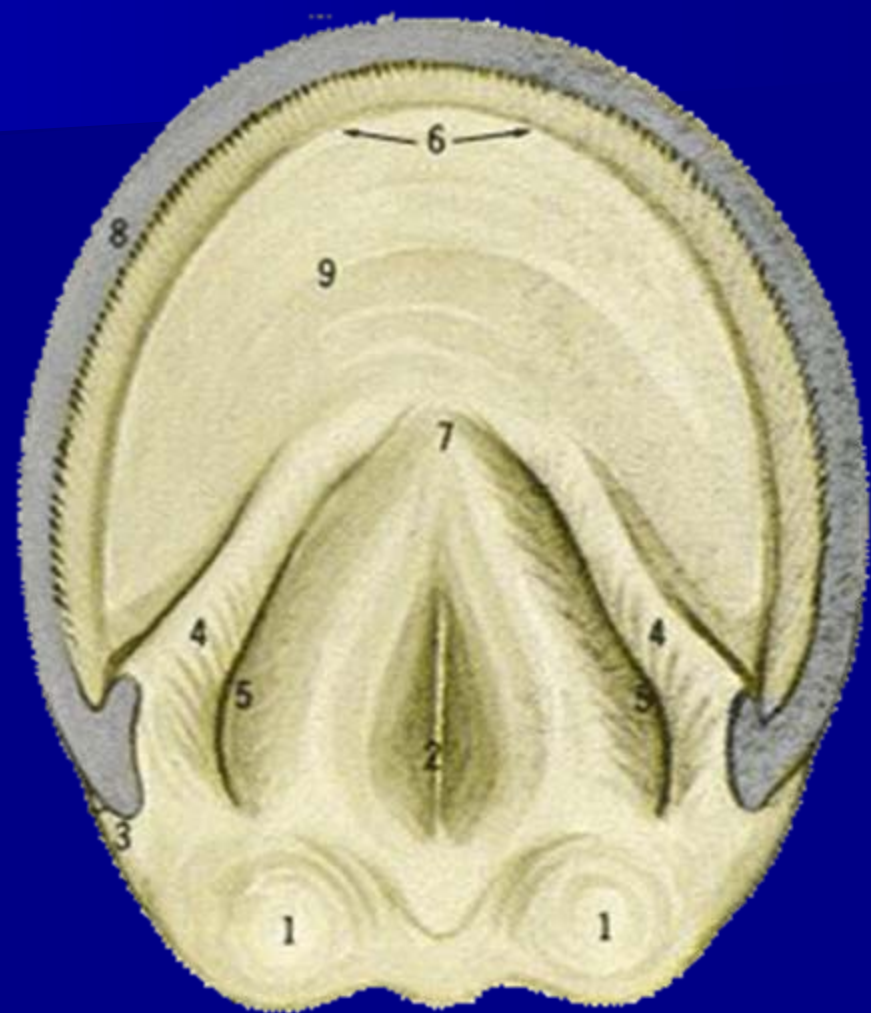
Shape of the Hoof

- Typical Front Hoof Shape



Shape of the Hoof

- Typical Front Hoof Shape
- Typical Hind Hoof Shape



Conformational Considerations

- Hooves are Plastic Structures
- Weight Bearing Effects Hoof Shape
- Bony Column Alignment Effects Weight Bearing



















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