

HOW IMPORTANT IS A SKILLED FARRIER?



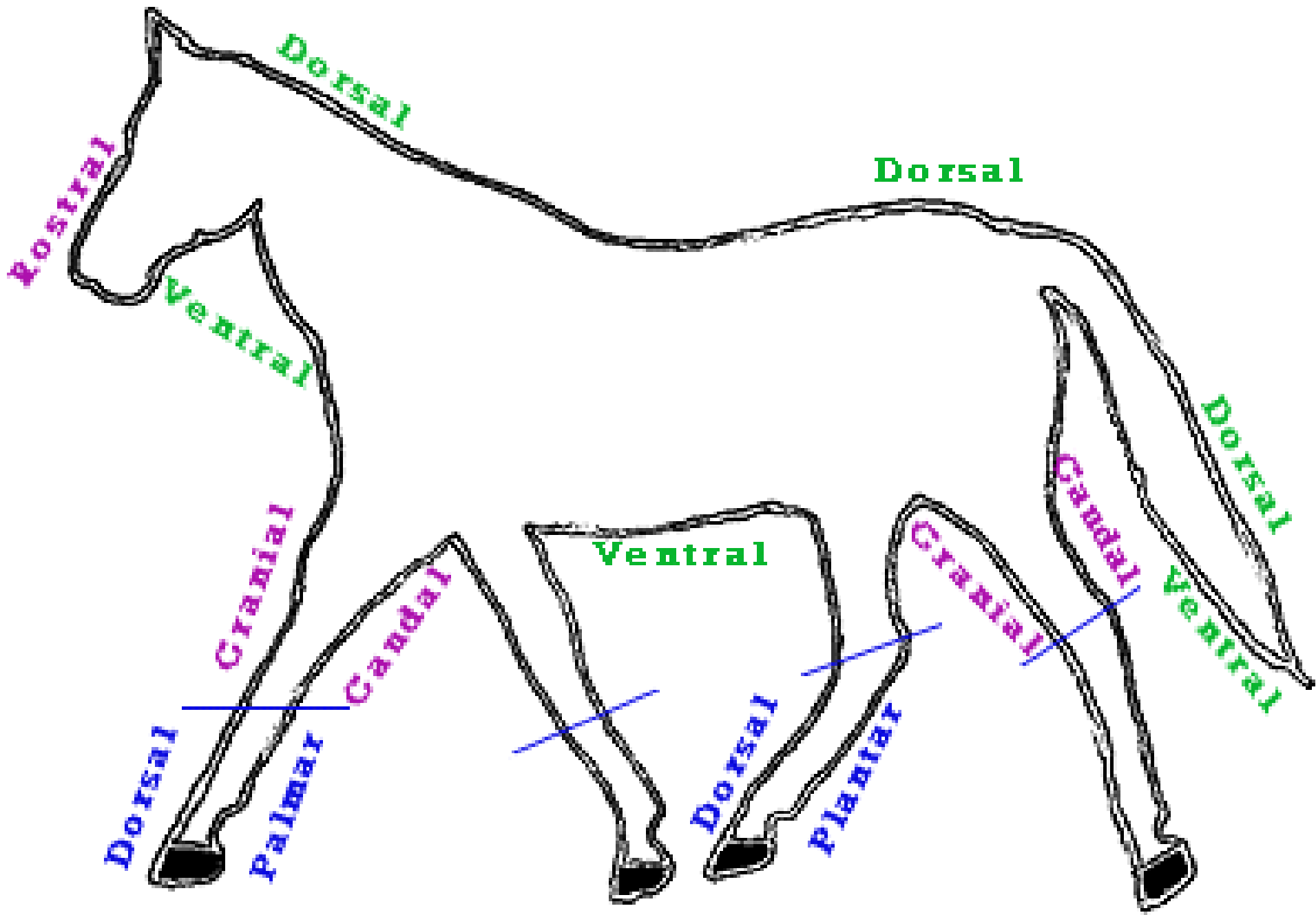


DEFINITION OF TERMS

- **Medial** -- directed toward the midline
- **Lateral** -- directed away from the midline

- **Proximal** -- directed toward the body
- **Distal** -- directed away from the body

- **Dorsal** -- directed toward the leading edge
- **Palmar/Plantar** – directed toward the ground



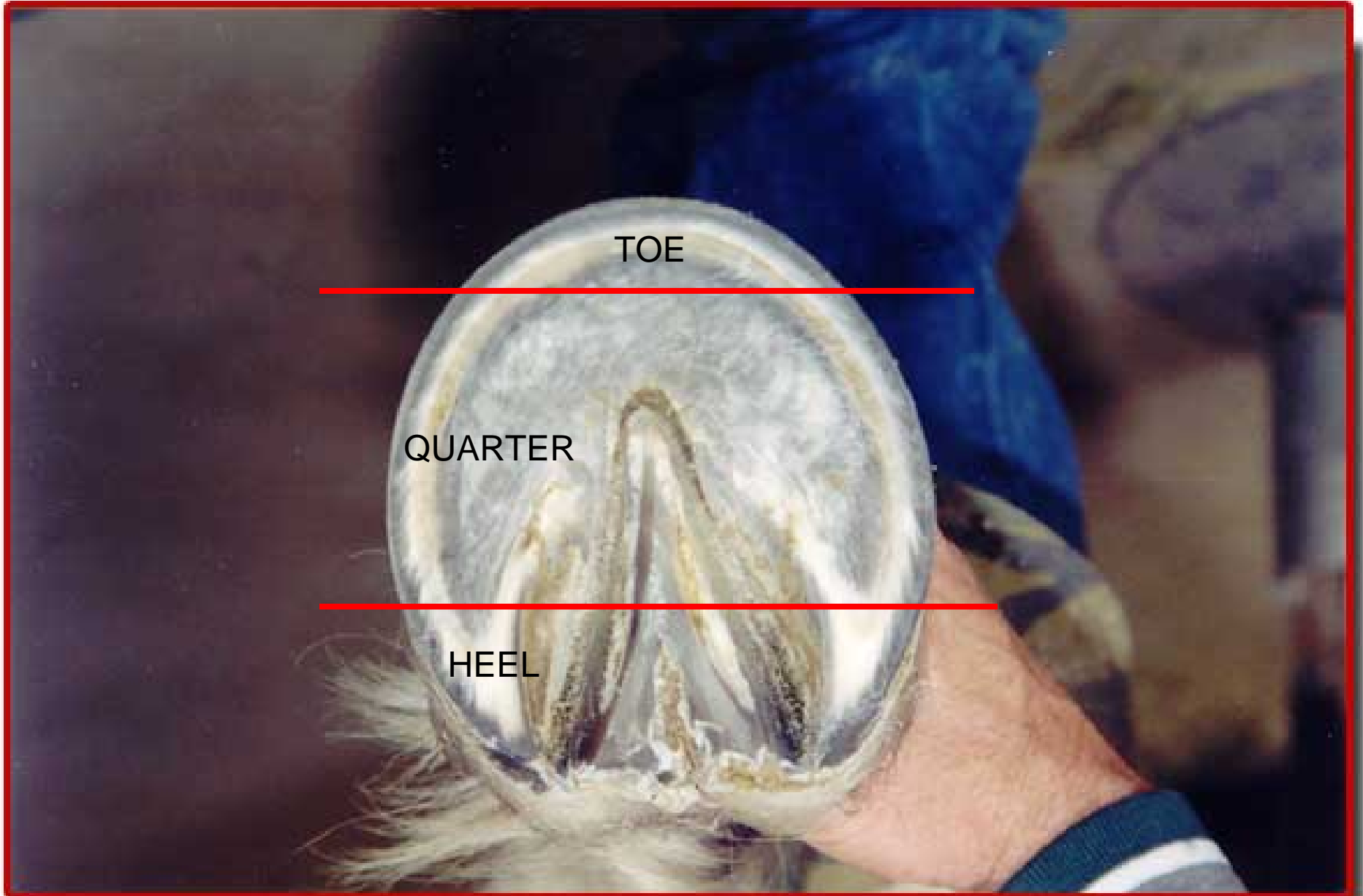
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TOE

QUARTER

HEEL

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- Landmarks of the hoof

HOOF WALL

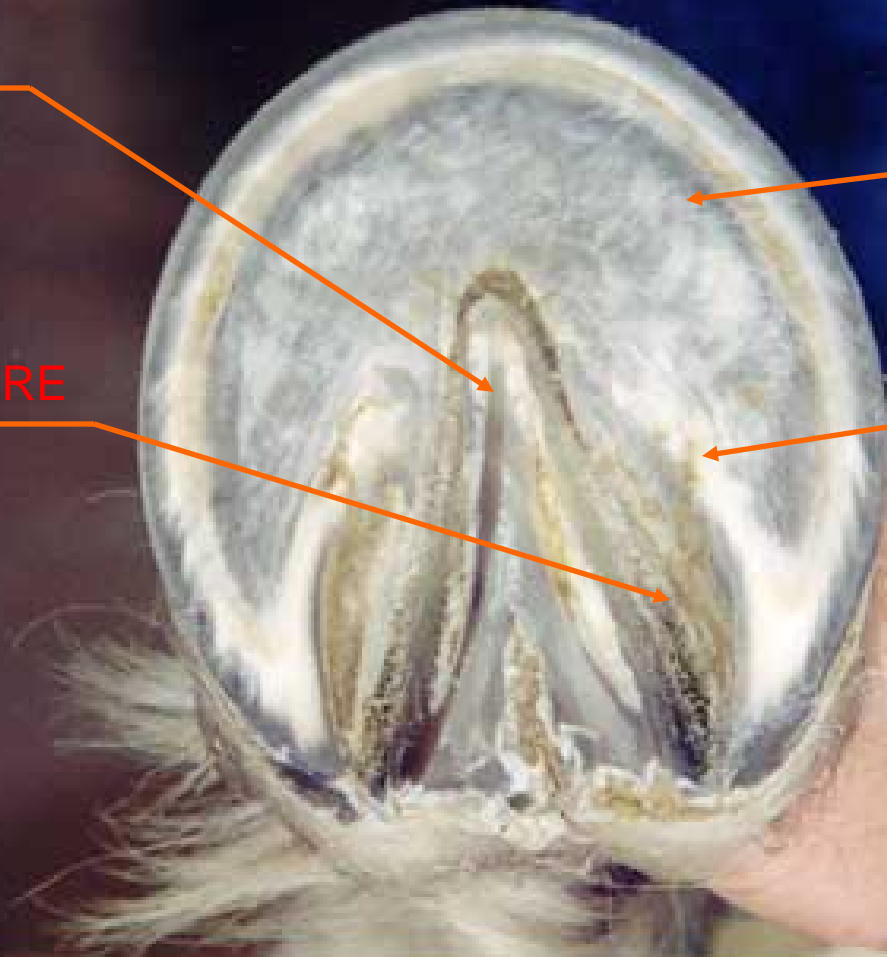
WHITE LINE

FROG

SOLE

COMISSURE

BARS



THE BRIDGE



HOOF PREPARATION

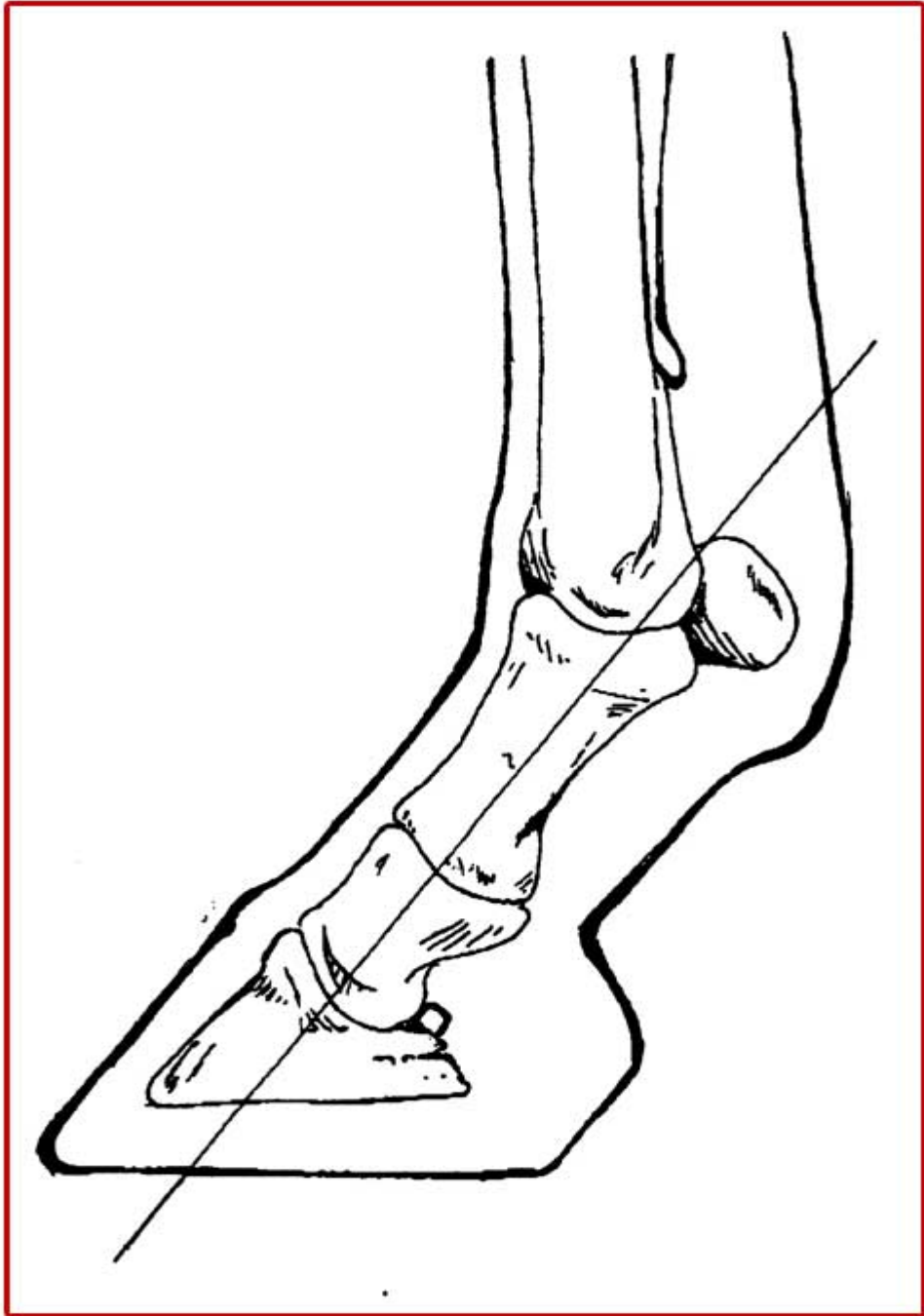
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INITIAL EVALUATION

- Frog
- Bars
- Sole
- White line

DORSOPALMAR BALANCE

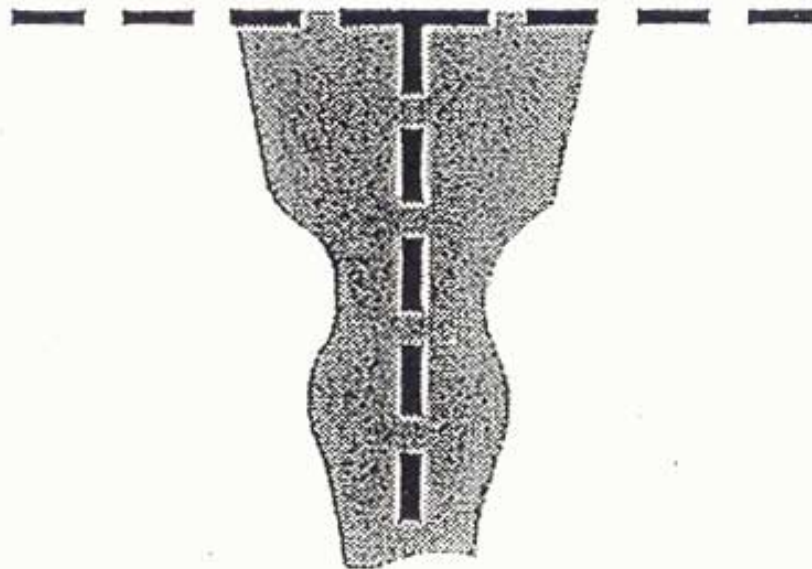
- Phalangeal alignment
- Dorsal wall preparation



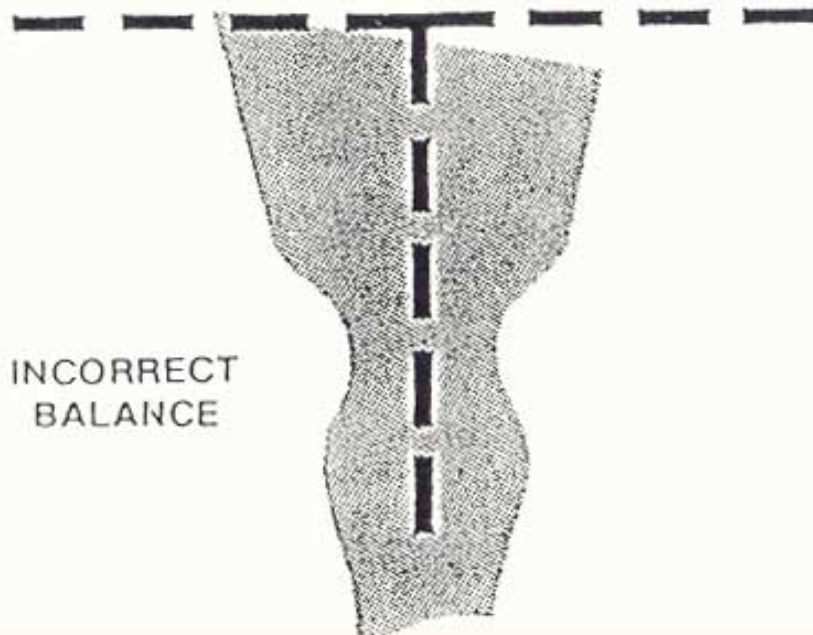
MEDIAL/LATERAL BALANCE

- Different theories
- AFA definition
 - The horse stands in the middle of the hoof, and the ground surface of the hoof wall is trimmed perpendicular to the center line.

CORRECT BALANCE



INCORRECT
BALANCE



SHOE SELECTION/FIT

- Covers the foot
- Has appropriate expansion
- Is appropriate for the discipline
- Is safely prepared
- Nails safely





DEFINING A SKILLED FARRIER

1. Does the work pass?
2. Is the farrier prepared?
3. Is your horse comfortable?
4. Is the farrier a professional?
5. Can the farrier communicate with you?
6. Is the farrier continuing education?

RESOURCES FOR FINDING A FARRIER

- www.nofootnohorse.org
- Local associations
- Your veterinarian
- Your friends/fellow horse owners
- A referral from another farrier
- Farrier supply retailer

KEEPING A FARRIER

- 5 needs for a good job
 - Covered work area
 - Clean, dry (horse and facility)
 - Well lit (with access to power)
 - Level ground
 - Well behaved horse
- Promptness
- Good attitude / communication
- Follow recommendations

A TEAM SPORT

- Trainer/Rider
- Owner
- Veterinarian
- Alternative therapist
- Farrier