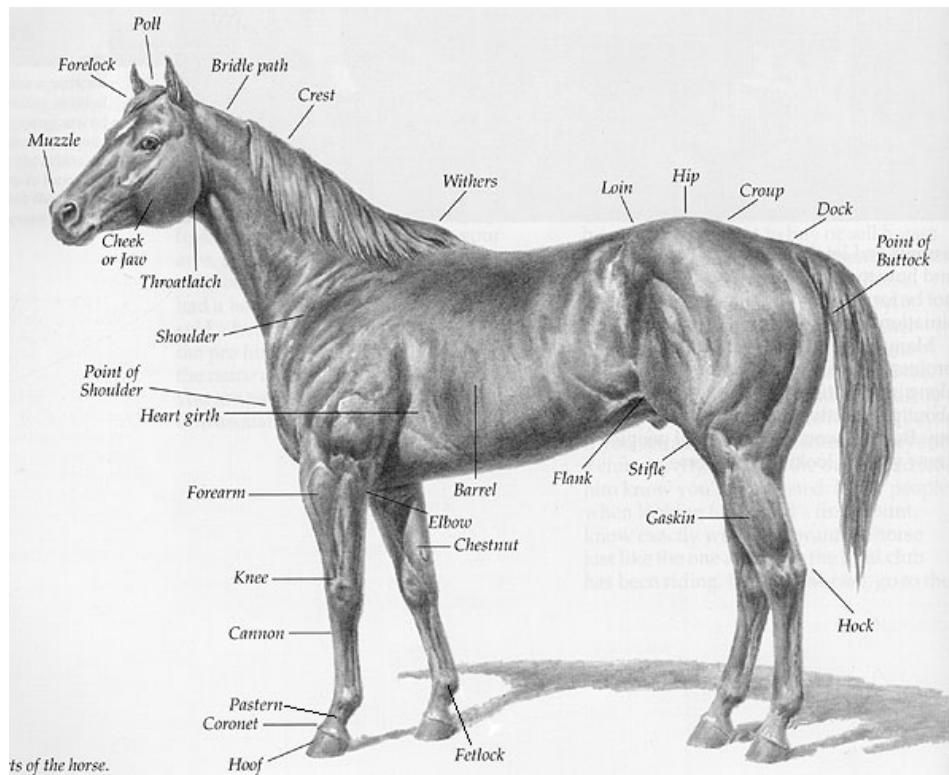


## Parts of the Horse



## Normal Physical Parameters of a horse

### **Temperature:**

Adult: 99-101.5F

Foals: 100.5-102F

Use a large animal thermometer- to be held in rectum for 2 minutes, or use digital thermometer.

### **Heart Rate:**

Adults: 36-48 Beats per minute;

Foals: 80-120 bpm.

Weanlings: 60-90bpm.

Evaluate the heart rate on the wall of the chest, just behind the left elbow using a stethoscope.

### **Respiratory Rate:**

Adults: 12-24 Breaths per minute; Foals: 32-54 bpm

### **Gastrointestinal Sounds:**

These are sounds that reflect intestinal activity. Normal fluid sounds generally manifest as silence, broken five to six times per minute by a sudden rush of rumbling fluid.

### **Feces:**

Normally 3-6 piles of manure daily.

### **Water Consumption:**

Normally 2-5 gallons per day depending on outside temperature, exercise, hay consumption, etc.

### **Mucous Membranes:**

These are normally pink and moist with capillary refill time of 1-2 seconds. To test capillary refill time, press the gum tissue with a finger and note the number of seconds for the gum to return to its original color. If you are uncertain gums are normal color compare them to that of another horse. Abnormal gums are pale-white, blue, brick red, or a purple color.