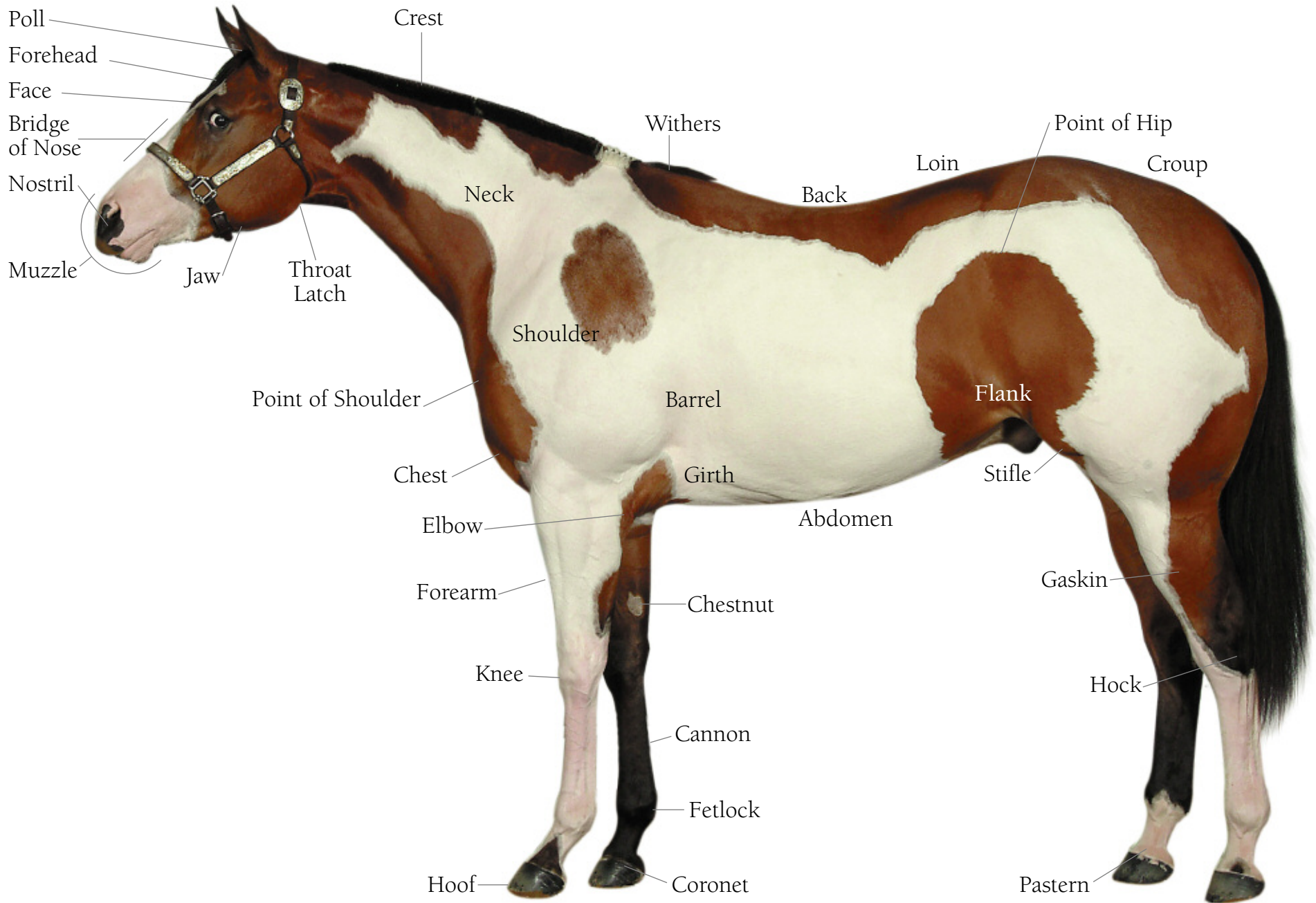




American Paint Horse Association

Parts of the Horse



Abdomen (belly)—area between the ribs and the stifle, contains the digestive system

Back—upper portion of the barrel, between the withers and the loins

Barrel—trunk of the horse

Bridge of Nose—bony portion of the face between the forehead and the muzzle

Cannon—bone that lies between the knee and the fetlock on the front leg, and the hock and the fetlock on the hind leg

Chest—front portion of the body, between the shoulders

Chestnut—horny growth located above the knees and below the hocks on the insides of the legs

Coronet—lower part of the pastern immediately above the hoof, generally described as a band

Crest—top part of the neck, from the ears to the withers; where the mane grows

Croup—upper part of the hindquarters between the loin and the tail

Elbow—projected joint above the forearm and in front of the girth

Face—part of the head from the forehead to the muzzle

Fetlock—joint where the cannon bone meets with the pastern

Flank—thin folds of skin on the sides of the horse between the abdomen and the stifle

Forearm—area between the elbow and the knee

Forehead—upper part of the face, extends down from the forelock to the top of each eye; the area between the horse's eyes

Gaskin—muscle above the hock

Girth—just behind the front leg where the girth of a saddle is situated

Hock—joint between the gaskin and the hind cannon bone

Hoof—horny growth that protects the lower limb/foot

Jaw—large rounded area under the eye

Knee—joint located between the forearm and the cannon bone

Loin—portion of the spinal column after the ribs, between the back and the croup

Neck—area between the head and the shoulder

Nostril—external opening of the nose

Muzzle—includes the nostrils, and the upper and the lower lip

Pastern—located between the fetlock and the hoof

Point of Hip—bone projecting on both sides of the hindquarters, located between the loin and the croup

Point of Shoulder—bone protruding from the shoulder, toward the chest

Poll—part of the head, at the top of the neck and between the ears

Shoulder—area below the withers and above the front leg

Stifle—joint of the hind leg located at the lower part of the flank

Throat Latch—behind the jaw where the head attaches to the neck

Withers—a bony ridge that begins at the crest of the neck and runs into the back in a gradual manner

The American Paint Horse Association is a breed registry dedicated to preserving high-quality stock type horses that have colorful coat patterns. While coat pattern is an essential characteristic of the breed, American Paint Horses must also meet strict bloodline requirements.

To be eligible for registry, one or both of the Paint's parents must be registered with the American Paint Horse Association. The other parent must be registered with the American Quarter Horse Association or the Jockey Club (Thoroughbreds).

For more information on the American Paint Horse, the association and its programs, or for a list of the regional clubs near you, contact us today.



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