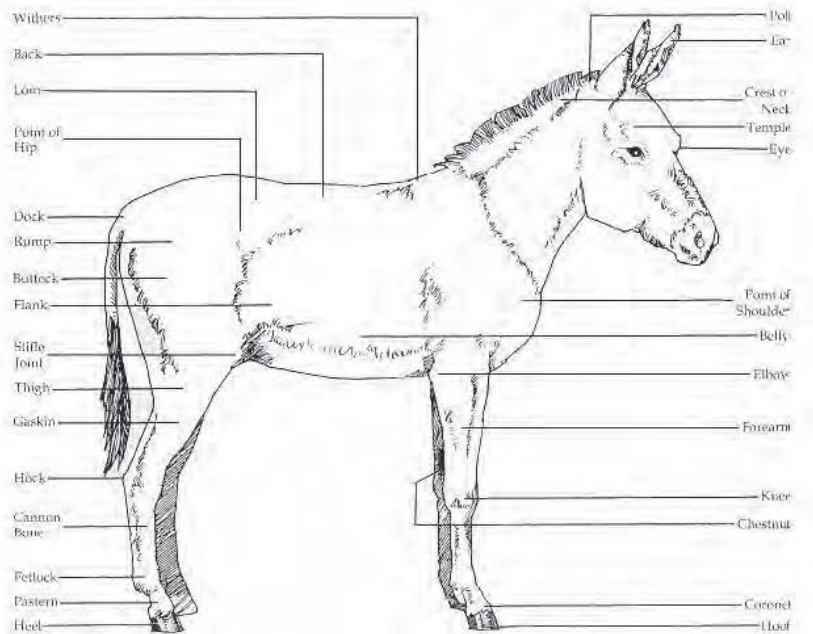




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Judging Donkey

Parts of the Donkey



Head

- Short rather than too long - in proportion with the rest of the animal
- Straight or slightly dished profile
- Eyes - large, mild expression, set low, wide apart and clear
- Nostrils - well shaped and open
- Teeth - good condition with no undershot or overshot jaws
- Jaws - generous, round and open
- Head deep through the jaws tapering to a small muzzle
- Ears - long, clean cut, set upright, carried firmly and alertly pointed
- Appearance - jennets: femininity, jacks: strength and masculinity

Neck

- Well proportioned to the rest of the animal, joined to head and shoulder correctly and smoothly
- Crest of the neck should be fairly straight, not ewe necked, not fallen to the side or excessively fat
- Neck firm, well fleshed and strong
- Mane usually short and upright, but may fall to the side as with the horse mane

Body

- Withers practically nonexistent, but if noticeable, so much the better
- Shoulder slightly sloping, although more upright than the horse
- Ribs - well sprung and girth deep
- Chest - relatively wide, not narrow
- Back - short and level or slightly dipped in the case of older animals or in foal jennets
- A long out of proportion back is undesirable
- Loin - strong, broad and firmly coupled
- Quarters - long, wide and as flat as possible - well fleshed with plenty of length between point of hip and point of buttock
- Top of Croup - rounded, not extremely sloping
- Tail - well set, not low, covered with short hair and completed by a tuft of long hair

Limbs

- Straight and true with adequate bone in proportion to the type of animal
- Knees - flat and wide, cannon bones short
- Hocks - set low, strong, clean and correct shape

Feet

- Even, good shape and well trimmed
- Hard clean, smooth elastic and tough
- Feet are generally smaller and more upright than a comparable size horse

Movement

- Level and true, willing and active.

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