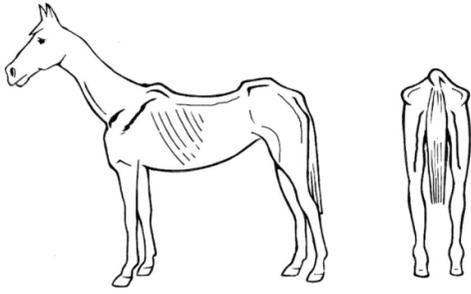
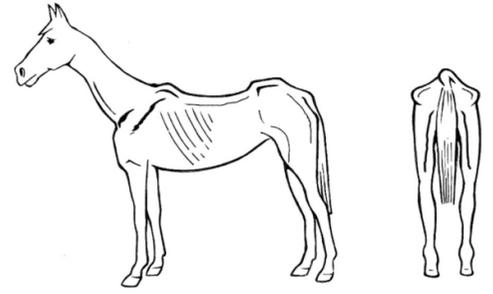


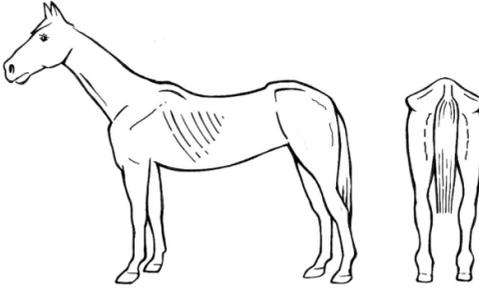
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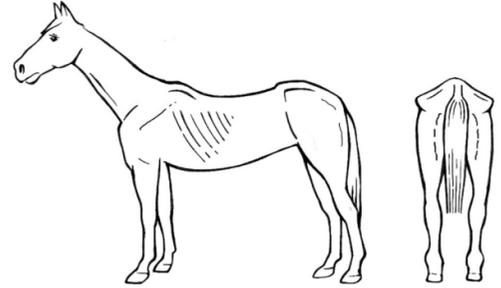
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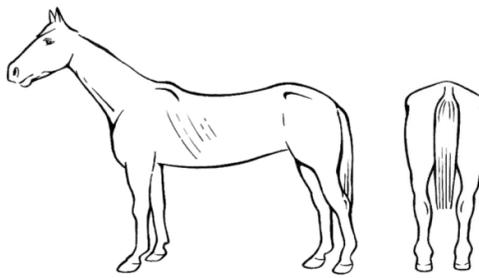
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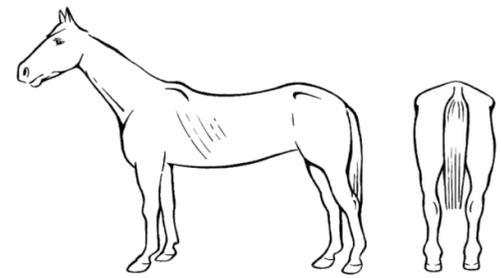
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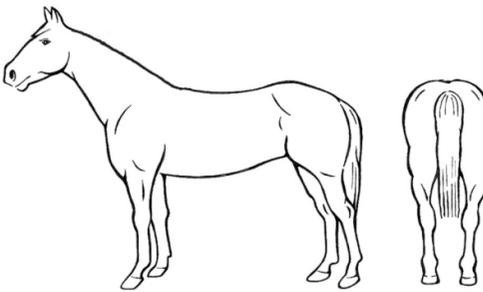
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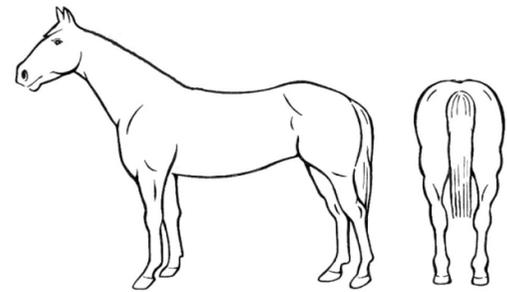
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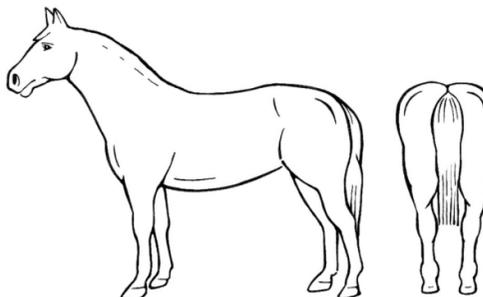
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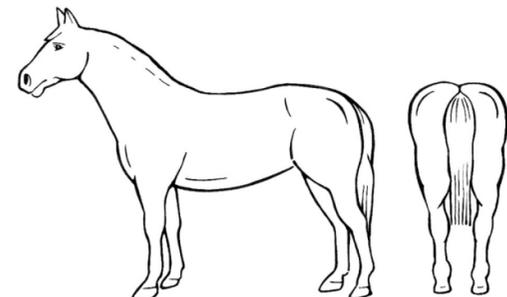
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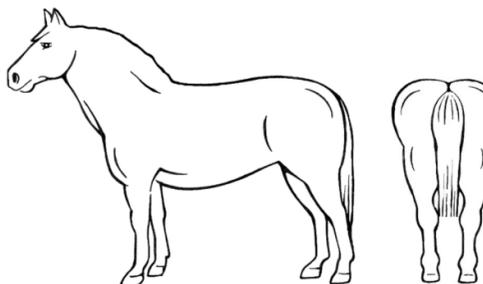
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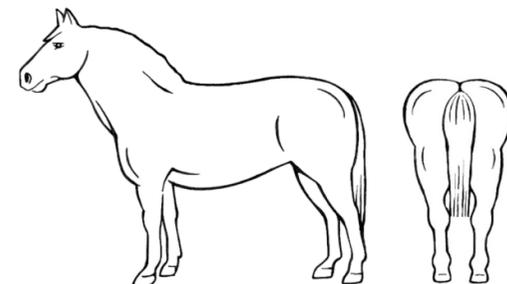
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Slight crest.
Wide and firm.

3. GOOD

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Covered by fat and rounded.
No gutter.
Pelvis easily felt.

Back and Ribs

Ribs just covered and easily felt.
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Neck

No crest (except for stallions).
Firm neck.

2. MODERATE

Pelvis

Rump flat either side of backbone.
Croup well defined, some fat.
Slight cavity under tail.

Back and Ribs

Ribs just visible.
Backbone covered but spine can be felt.

Neck

Narrow but firm.

1. POOR

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Prominent pelvis and croup.
Sunken rump but skin supple.
Deep cavity under tail.

Back and Ribs

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Prominent backbone with sunken skin on either side.

Neck

Ewe neck and slack at base.

0. VERY POOR

Pelvis

Angular, skin tight.
Very sunken rump.

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