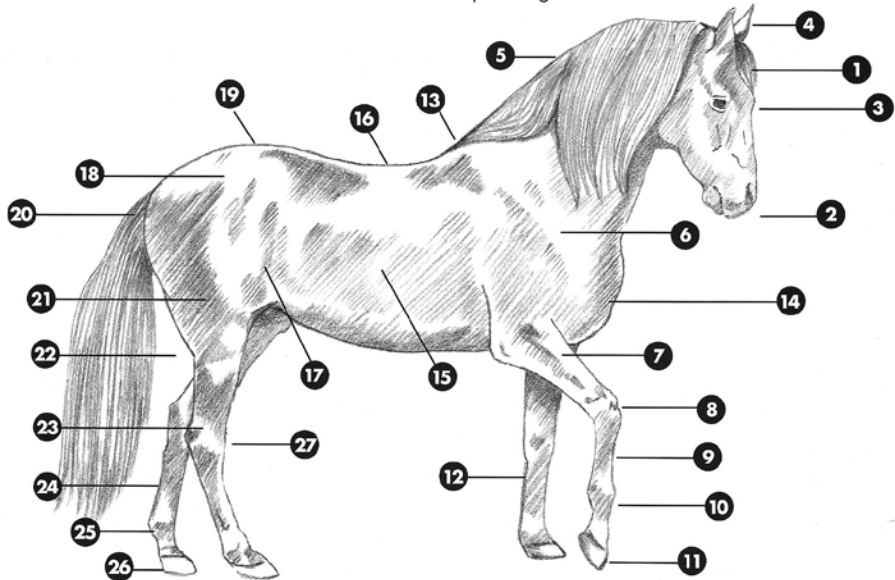


# The Paso Fino - General Appearance

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### General Appearance

**Type:** Paso Fino horse reflects its Spanish heritage through its proud carriage, grace and elegance.

**Quality:** Beauty, refinement and well proportioned conformation that conveys strength and power without extreme muscling, performing natural gait.

**Temperament:** Controlled spirit, extremely willing, responsive attitude, yet sensible and gentle at hand.

1. HEAD: refined and in good proportion to the body of the horse, with preferred profile being straight.
2. MUZZLE: lips should be firm, nostrils large and dilatable.
3. EYES: large and well spaced, very expressive and alert, should not show excessive white around edges.
4. EARS: comparatively short, set close and curved inward at tips.
5. NECK: gracefully arched, medium in length and set on at an angle to allow high carriage.
6. SHOULDERS: long, sloping, deep and muscular.
7. FOREARMS: long, broad and muscular.
8. KNEES: straight, wide and deep.
9. CANNONS: short, straight, sound and flat with tendons that are well defined.
10. PASTERNS: sloping and medium in length.
11. HOOVES: well rounded, proportionate in size and do not show excessive heel.
12. LEGS: when viewed from front, a vertical line from the point of the shoulder divide the leg and foot into lateral halves, showing a straight, strong and refined bone structure.
13. WITHERS: defined, but not pronounced and slope smoothly into back.
14. CHEST: moderate in width.
15. RIBS: well-sprung with great depth through the heart.
16. BACK: moderate in length, strong and muscled, proportionately shorter than underline. Joining to forehand and hind quarters to give horse a pleasing, proportioned appearance.
17. FLANKS: long full flank, not tucked.
18. HIPS: rounded, smooth.
19. CROUP: slightly sloping, broad loins.
20. TAIL: long, full and luxurious natural carried gracefully when horse is in motion.
21. THIGHS: strong, full, muscular but not exaggerated.
22. GASKINS: strong and muscular but not exaggerated.
23. HOCKS: strong, well defined, straight & wide.
24. CANNONS: short, straight, sound and flat with tendons that are well defined.
25. PASTERNS: Strong, sloping, medium in length.
26. HOOVES: well rounded, proportionate in size.
27. LEGS: standing slightly under in rear is acceptable, but bones are straight, strong & refined.