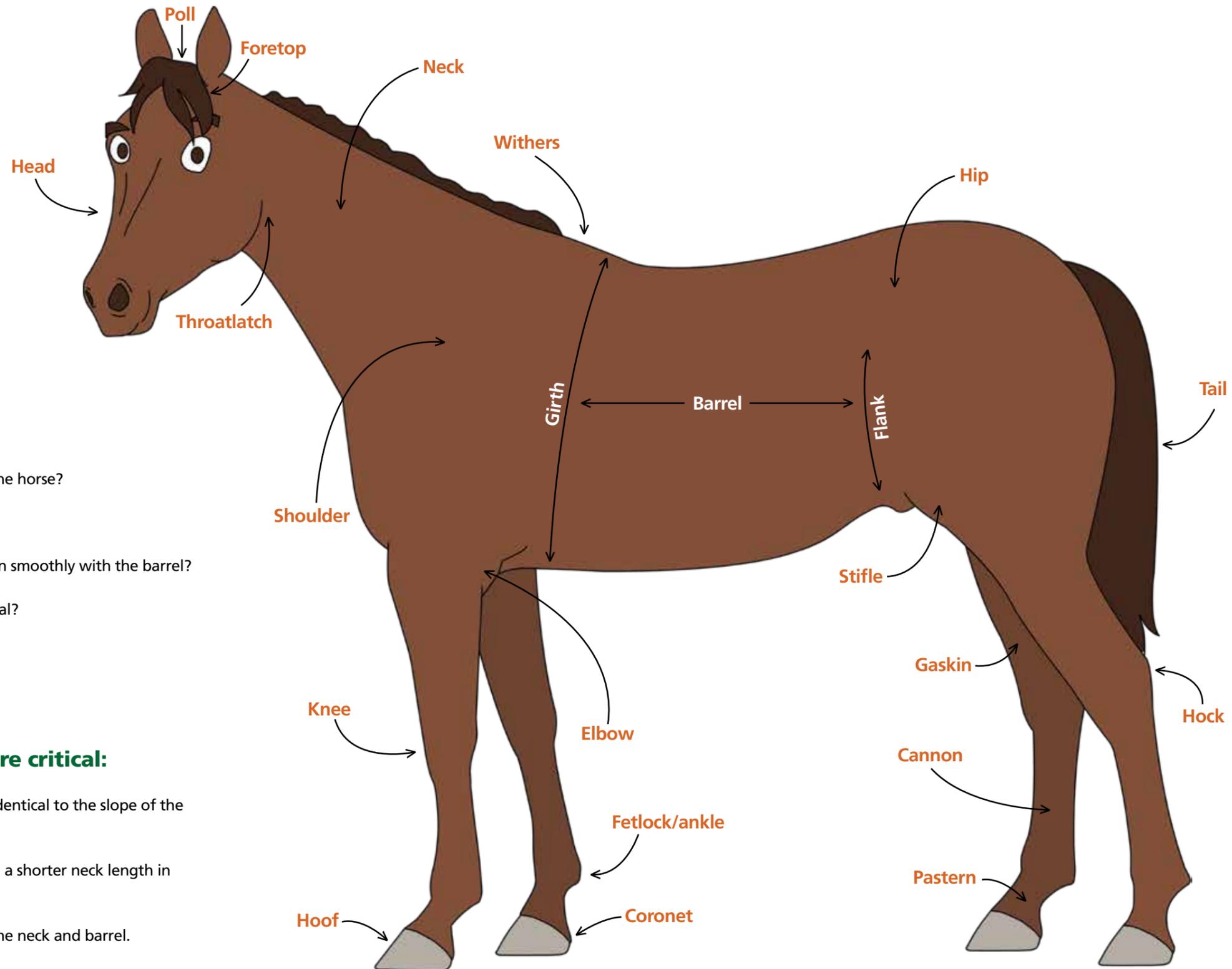


Side Conformation of the Standardbred



Points to consider:

- Does the head fit in with the rest of the horse?
- Is the neck proportional to the body?
- Do the fore and hind quarters blend in smoothly with the barrel?
- Do all the parts seem to be symmetrical?
- Does he fit together?

Proportion and balance are critical:

- The slope of the shoulder should be identical to the slope of the pastern and hoof (45-52 degrees).
- Pacers tend to be more compact, with a shorter neck length in conjunction with a shorter barrel.
- Trotters should have more length in the neck and barrel.

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