

The Modern Day Horse

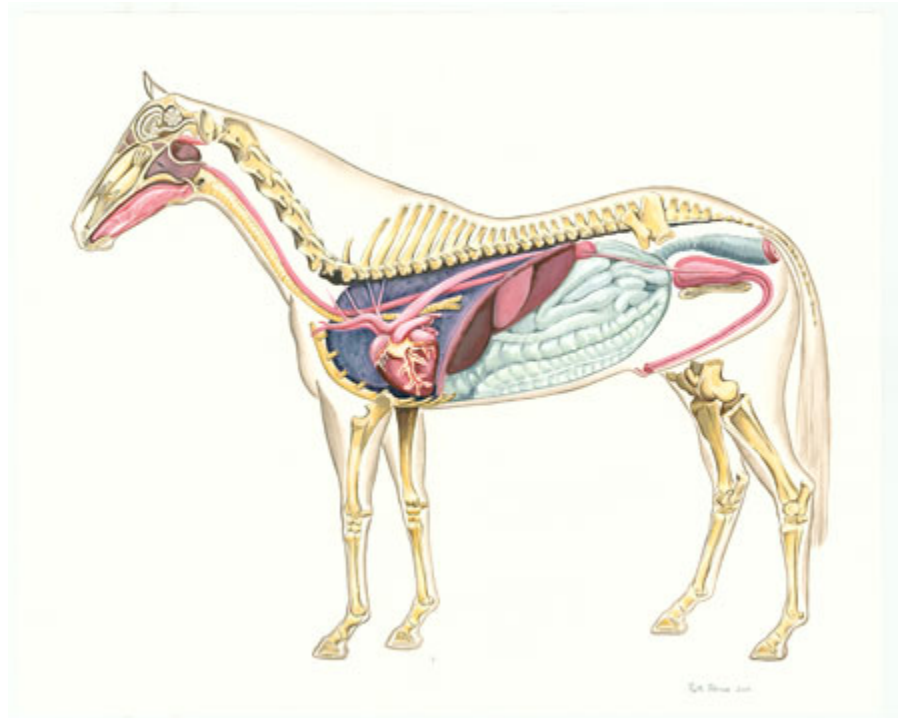
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The Physical Horse



What is a Horse?

- A mammal
- A monogastric herbivore
- A grazing animal
- A prey animal



Prey Animals

- Prey animals are eaten by predators (lions, tigers, bears – oh, my! – and humans!)
- Prey animals often travel in herds for safety
- Their eyes and ears are large; their eyes are more to the sides of their heads than predators

How Horses Eat

Because they are grazers, their faces are elongated

- Mobile lips pluck grass
- Front teeth chop off the grass
- Tongue passes grass to molars
- Molars grind it up



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