

- Specialized Bones
- Pneumatic Bones
- Bones which are excavated to provide air spaces
- Examples: paranasal sinus of mammals, bird skeleton


## Pneumatic Bones

## Frontal <br> Sinus



- Origin of the Thoracic Limb
- Thoracic limb bud
- Formed within ectoderm
- Initially consists of a mass of mesenchyme (loose embryonic connective tissue)


## Comparative Anatomy of the Thoracic Limb

- Origin of the Thoracic Limb
- Cartilaginous models formed from mesoderm
- Cartilage is replaced by bone NOT transformed into bone
- Ossification
- Two stage process
- Intramembranous ossification- primitive periosteum around the middle of the shaft lays bone down on the cartilage
- Endochondral ossification- cartilage cells hypertrophy and die while matrix is impregnated with calcium salts

- Origin of the Thoracic Limb
- Ossification
- Initially occurs in the shaft of long bones
- Epiphyses ossify later


## Proximal End




An additional suprahamate process is found in the cat



Canine left scapula
Medial View



Equine left Scapula Medial View

- Structures of the caudal border
- Infraglenoid tubercle
» Present in the dog, but absent in the horse and cow



Lquine lett scapula Ventral view


- Clavicle
- Functional in humans and birds (furcula)
- Present but not connected to the scapula or sternum in cats (rodlet of bone) and dogs (cartilaginous rod)
- Not present in ruminants and horses



## Human clavicle

## Alligator femur




Chicken Lateral View

## SKELETON

1. Premaxilla
2. Maxilla
3. Nasal
4. Frontal
5. Parietal
6. Occiptal
7. Mandible
8. Cervical vertebrae
9. Cartiage of scapula
10. Scapular spine
11. Scapula
12. Humerus
13. Olecranon
14. Ulina
15. Radius
16. Carpus
17. Metacarpals
18. Phalanges of forefoot
19. Costal cartilages
20. Ribs (18)
21. Lumbar vertebrae
22. pubis
23. Ilium
24. Ischium
25. Sacrum
26. Coccygeal vertebrae
27. Femur
28. Patella
29. Fibula
30. Tibia
31. Tuber Calcis
32. Tarsus
33. Metatarsus
34. Phalariges of indfoot

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- Horse
- Greater tubercle (lateral)
» Divided into a cranial and caudal part
» Insertion for m. infraspinatus, deep tendon, (caudal part) and m. supraspinatus (cranial part)

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## LesserTubercle, <br> CranialPart

- Horse
- Lesser tubercle (medial)
» Composed of a cranial and a caudal part
» Insertion for m. supraspinatus (cranial) and m. subscapularis (caudal)

- Horse
- Intertubercular groove

» Located on the cranial articular surface between the greater and lesser tubercles
» M. biceps brachii passes through the intertubercular groove
» Divided by an intermediate tubercle


-Supracondylar foramen in the cat through which the median nerve and brachial artery pass


Canine left Radius and ulna Caudal view

Bovine left Radius and ulne Caudal view

Radius and UIna

- The radius and ulna cross in the dog
- Fused in the horse and ruminant (permanently pronated)

- The accessory carpal articulates with the caudal surface of the ulnar carpal only in the cow, and with both the ulnar carpal and the distal end of the ulna in the horse and dog
- There are four distal carpal bones present in the dog (1-4), three in the horse (2-4), and two in the cow [2+3 (fused) and 4]


Fig. 116 (man)


Fig. 117 (dog)


Fig. 118 (pig)


Fig. 119 (ox)


Fig. 120 (horse)





- Posture
- Plantigrade - carpal bones (tarsal bones) in contact with the ground and entire carpus (tarsus) is used for support
- Examples: Armadillo, Bear, Man, Alligator

- Digitigrade - digits only are used for support - Examples: Cats, Dogs, Birds
- Posture
- Unguligrade - only the terminal phalanges (protected by hooves) give support
- Examples: Cow, Horse, Pig
- Plantigrade posture is found in slower species; whereas, unguligrade posture is an adaptation for speed

Bovine left Thoracic limb Lateral view

## Equine left Thoracic limb Lateral view




- Metacarpals
- The number of metacarpal bones varies between species
- The dog has five metacarpals, but only four are functional (contact the ground)
- The cow has two functional fused metacarpals (III and IV) as well as a vestigial fifth metacarpal
- The horse has a single functional metacarpal (III) as well as two abaxial metacarpals (II and IV), the splint bones, which do not contact the ground

- Metacarpal symmetry
- Paraxonic symmetry - axis of the functional manus passes between the third and fourth digits
- Examples: dog, pig, cow
- Mesaxonic symmetry - axis of the functional manus passes through the third digit
- Example: horse, human

Ruminant Metacapus Dorsal view

- The medial splint bone in the horse is usually the longest

Equine left
Metatarsus (A)
And
Metacarpus (B)
Palmar Views

II

- One or both of the splint bones may be fused with the single functional metacarpal


Equine left
Metacrpals
Proximal Views

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- Metacarpals cont.
- The fused metacarpals (MC) (and metatarsals (MT)) found in ruminants and the single functional metacarpal (and metatarsal) of the horse are referred to as the cannon bone

- Metacarpals cont.
- The cannon bone of the horse is by far the strongest single bone in the body having a smaller medullary cavity than comparable sized bones of other species

- Metacarpals cont.
- The reduction of functional metacarpals in the ruminants and the horse lightened the manus and, along with an increase in length and adoption of an unguligrade posture allowed them to become faster runners than their digitigrade predators
- The head of the metacarpal has a median ridge which articulates with the medial groove in the first phalanx
- The proximal sesamoids articulate with the head of the metacarpal on either side of the medial ridge



## PHALANGES (PH) AND SESAMOIDS (SE)



- Phalanges
- The phalangeal formula in the dog is 2-3-3-3-3. That is 2 phalanges on the first digit and 3 on the other four
- There are three phalanges on the functional digits of both the cow and the horse
- The first phalanx (PI) is the longest
- The third phalanx (PIII) is either in the form of the claw (dog) or hoof (cow and horse)


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Fig. 120 (horse)

- Phalanges
- Horse
- Pl is referred to as the long pastern bone
- The joint between the metacarpal and the first phalanx is referred to as the fetlock joint
- PII is referred to as the short pastern bone
- PIII is referred to as the coffin bone
- The distal sesamoid, or navicular bone, articulates on the caudal surface of the coffin bone and the distal surface of PII






