

Gaits of Horses Reference Photos

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Walk (4 beats)



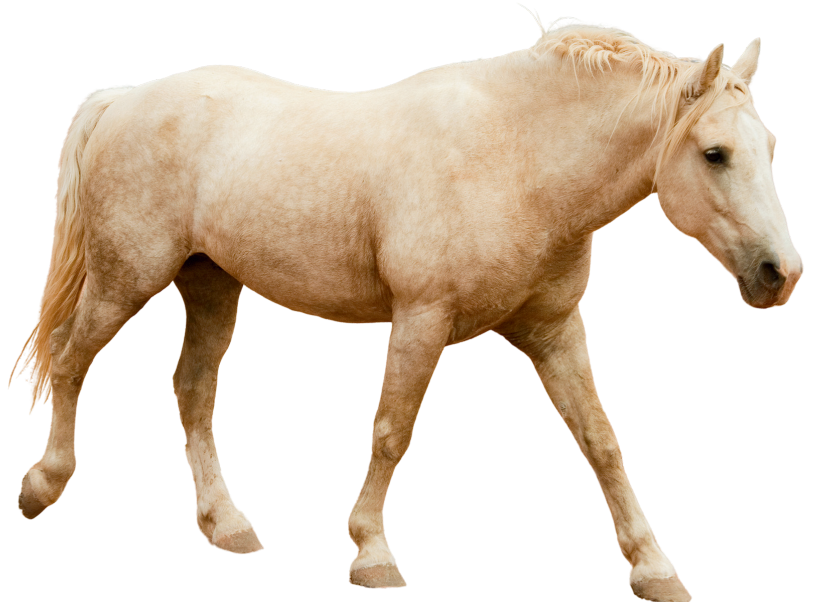
1) Right front lifts



2) Left hind lifts



3) Left front lifts



4) Right hind lifts



Trot (2 beats)

Left hind and right front reach forward, then
right hind and left front reach forward
(making triangle shapes between legs).



Dressage Trot Gaits



Piaffe

Piaffe is a highly collected, cadenced trot performed in place or nearly in place.



Passage is a highly elevated, slow, powerful gait, with the diagonal pair of legs raised high off the ground .

Canter

(3 beats with a moment of suspension)



(Lope: a very slow gait with head low, seen in western pleasure horse shows)

Gallop

(4 beats with moment of suspension)



Pace

(A fast gait where legs on same side reach forward together)

