



Animal Working Group Newsletter

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Spinal Anatomy Introduction

Canine Spinal Anatomy

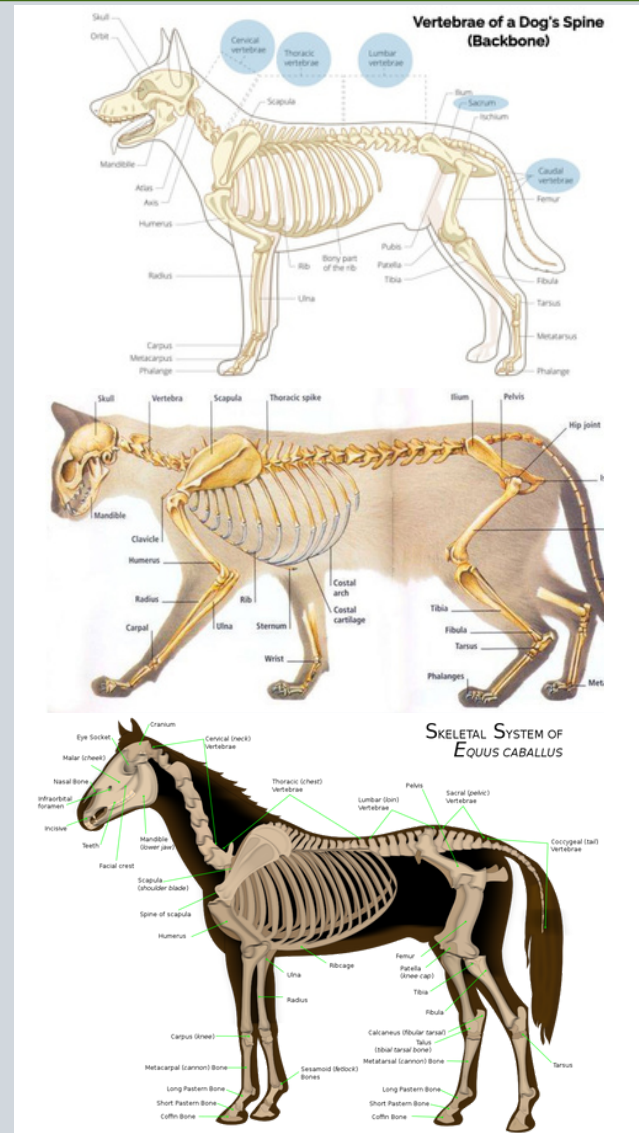
7 cervical vertebrae, 13 thoracic, 7 lumbar, 3 sacral and approximately 20 coccygeal vertebrae. Intervertebral discs are located from C2 to L7/S1.

Feline Spinal Anatomy

7 cervical vertebrae, 13 thoracic, 7 lumbar, 3 fused sacral vertebrae. The cat tends to have 18 coccygeal vertebrae, except for the Manx cat, which has a naturally occurring mutation of the spine.

Equine Spinal Anatomy

7 cervical vertebrae, 18 thoracic, 5 or 6 lumbar, 5 sacral and 18 coccygeal vertebrae. Many Arabian horses have 5 lumbar rather than 6, usually have 17 pairs of ribs rather than 18, and commonly have C1 malformation.



Member Recruitment

The Animal Working Group is currently looking to add some members. The main goal of this working group is to promote health and wellness to the animals, educate our members, and to provide resources and research to best aid animal care. If you are interested in working with animals or not sure where to start, contact us at drgraydc@gmail.com

Show off your Pets!

Each month, along with an educational newsletter, we will show off member pets. Whether you have a dog, cat, snake, fish, or horse we would like to show off your pets. If you would like your pet to be featured in a newsletter, send your picture to drgraydc@gmail.com

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