

# ANIMAL

## *Basic Shapes*

### GOAL

Learn how to identify basic shapes when drawing an animal.

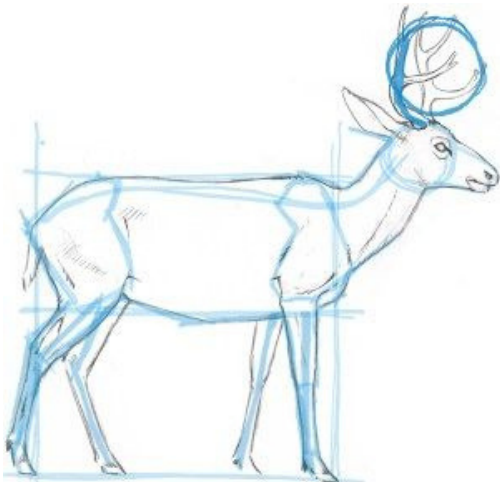
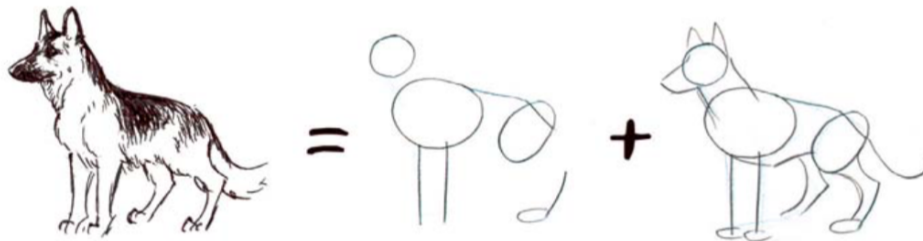
### TECHNIQUE

Basic Shapes  
Box-in Shapes

### INSTRUCTION

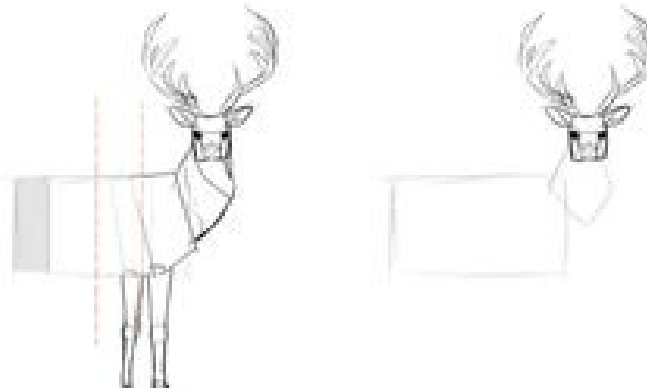
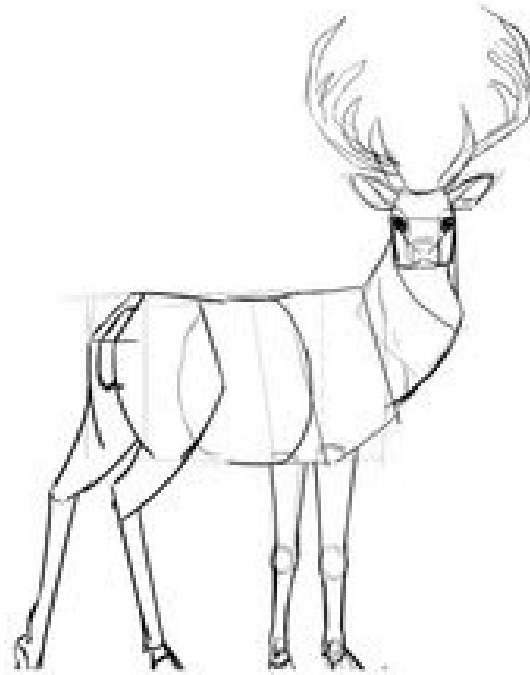
Drawing an animal begins with identifying the basic shapes of the animal's body. Remember that a basic shape can include a circle, square, oval, or rectangle and can include a variety of angles.

In the example below, the head of the dog is a circle while the body is comprised of two ovals. What other basic shapes are used to form the dog's legs and other features?



Box-in shapes can also be used to help determine proportions of the animal's limbs. In this image of a deer, a large square boxes in the deer's body and legs. The square is then divided into two rectangles to show the placement of the body and legs.

## EXAMPLE



Example of basic shapes and box-in shapes used to draw an animal .

## PRACTICE

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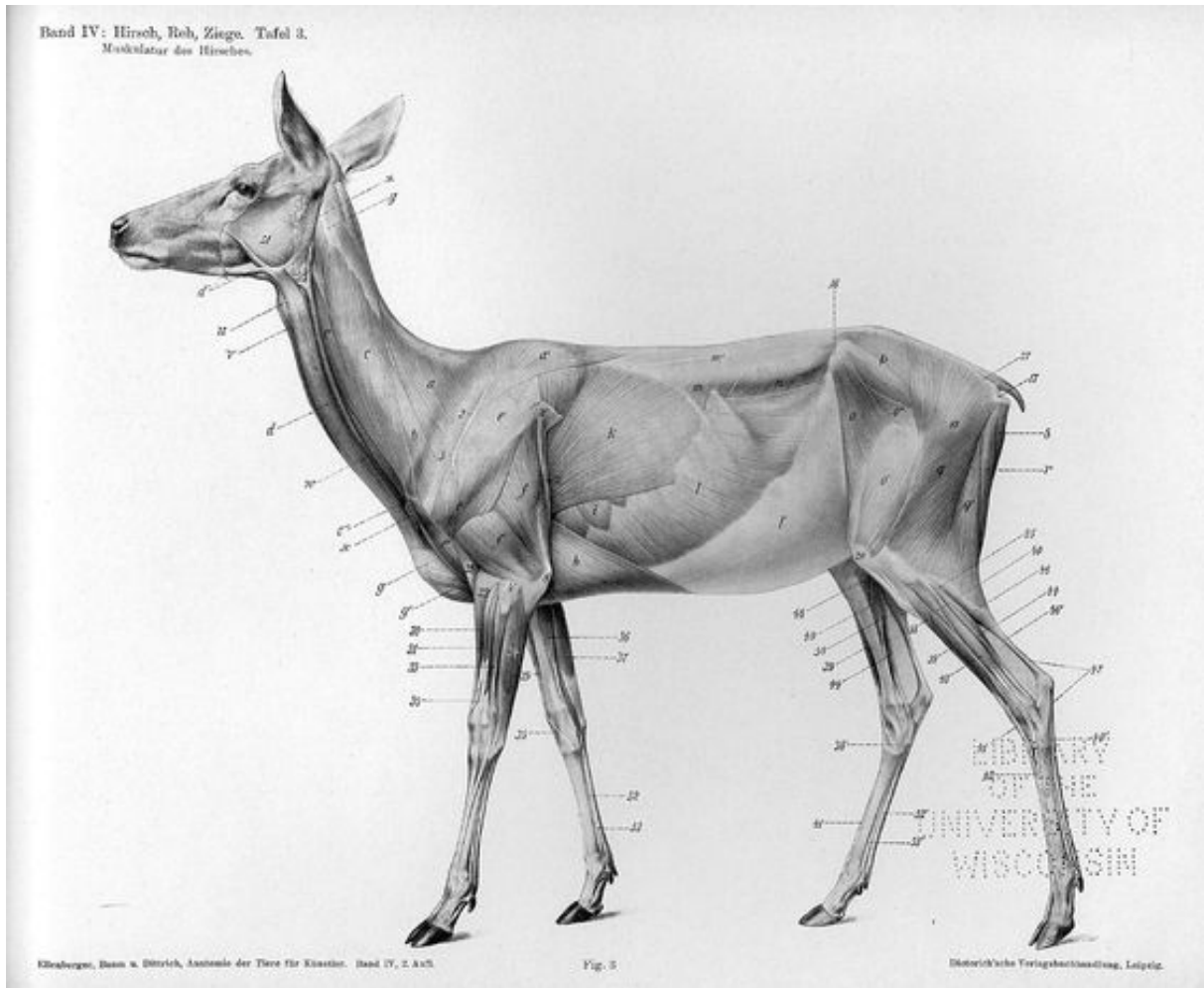
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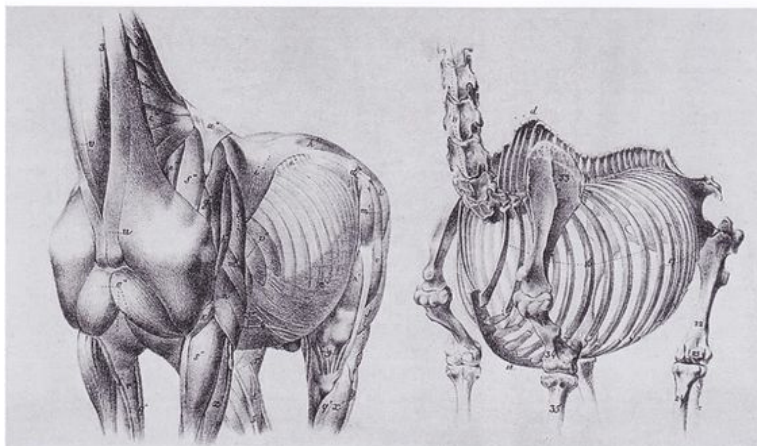
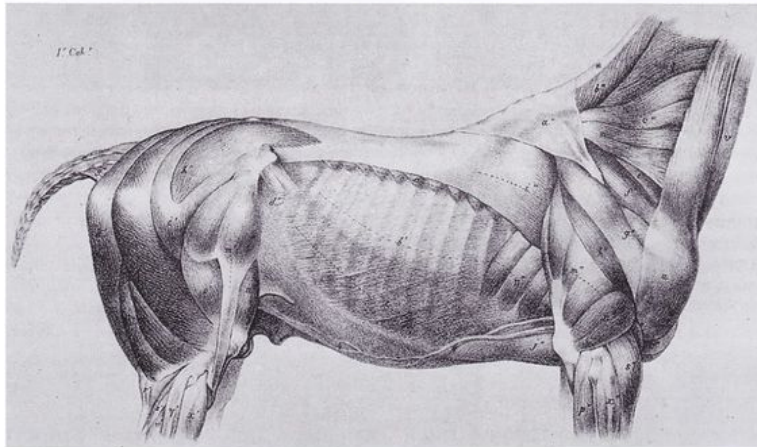
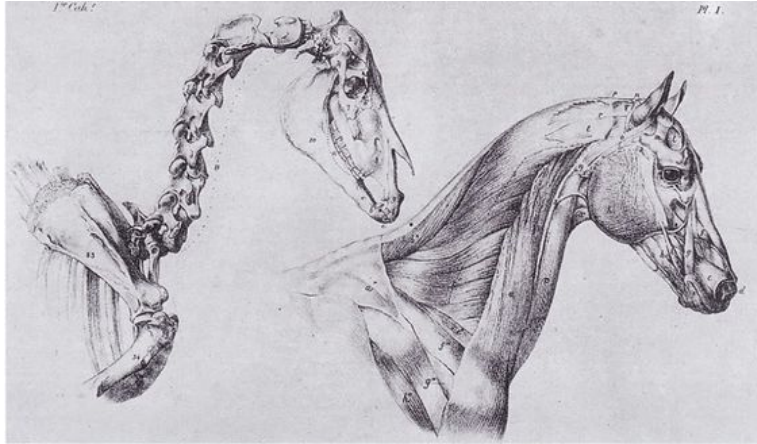
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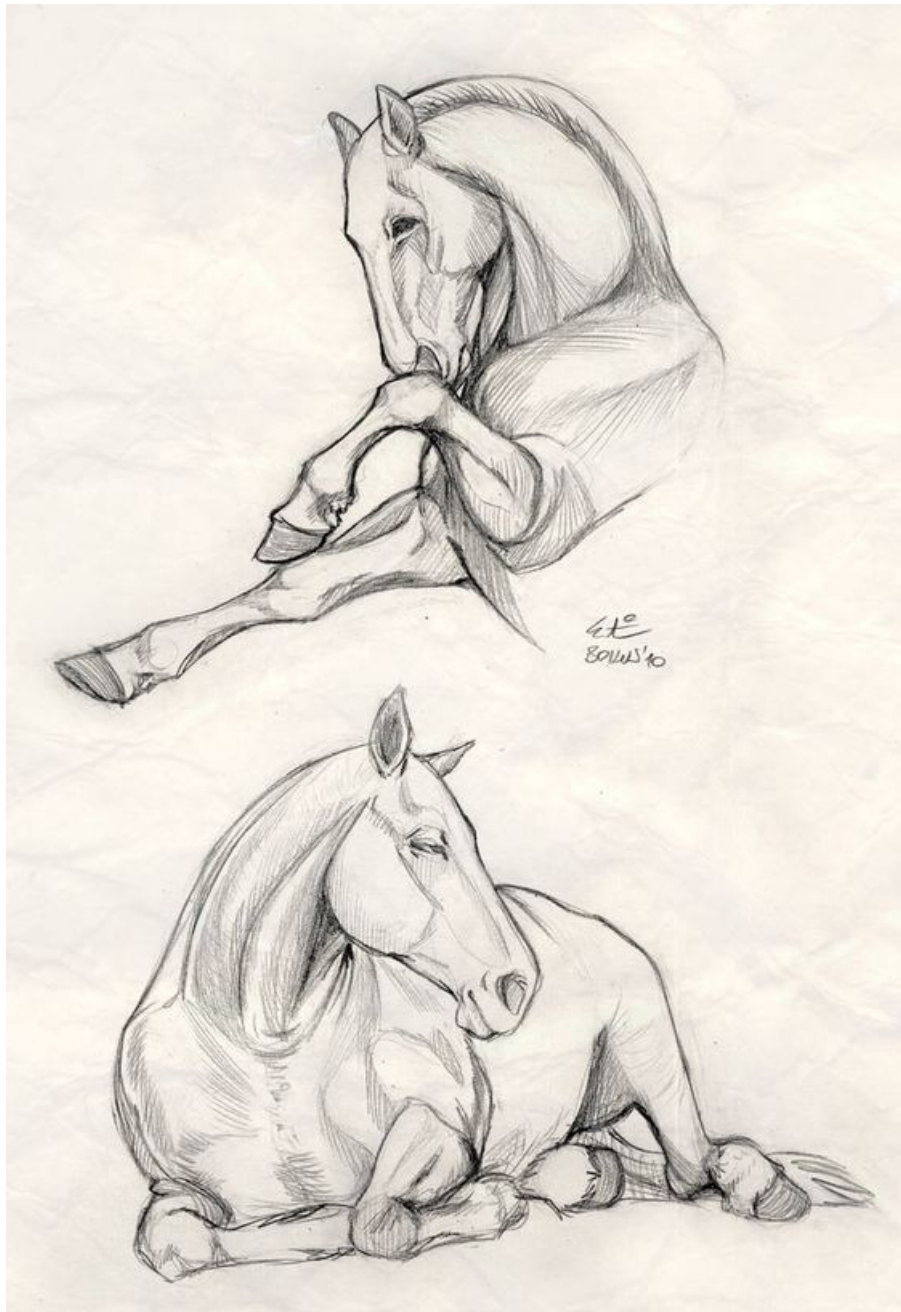
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## RESOURCES

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<https://www.artistsnetwork.com/art-mediums/drawing/sketching-animals-how-to-draw-animals/>