

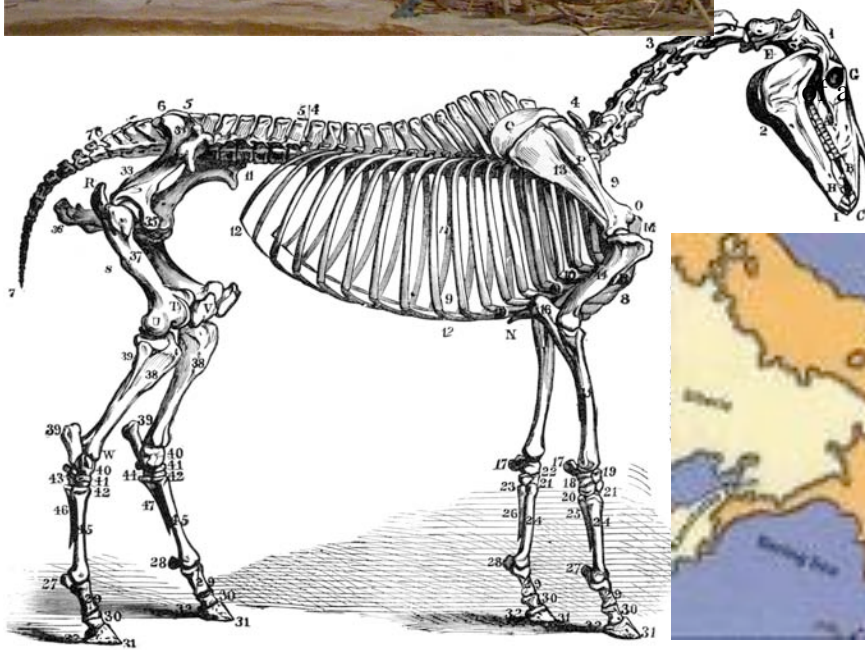
## The Modern Horse



**Left:** Assembled cast of a 26,000 year old, (**but modern type**) horse skeleton. Found near Pyramid Lake in Washoe County, north of Reno, Nevada. On exhibit at the Nevada State Museum in Carson City.

The bones of the modern horse “*Equus Caballus*” - are found throughout the American West up until around 14,000 years ago. They may have survived in central Alaska as late as 7,500 years ago. The horse moved back and forth across the ice age land bridge between Asia and North America until melting ice raised sea levels, submerging the area now known as Beringia (in yellow below)..

Why this animal became extinct in the America’s is unknown, though humans were present at that time. Horses were reintroduced by the Spanish around 1500.



**Left:** 19th century illustration modern horse skeleton.



Map of the ice age land “bridge” (yellow) is from the National Park Service.