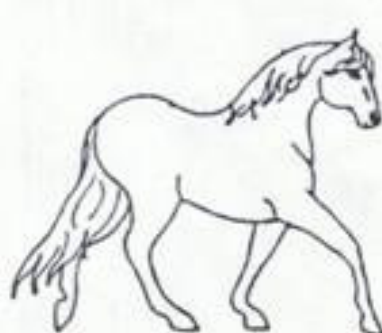


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During the Paso Llano, the hind leg should travel half the length of its stride BEFORE the foreleg on the same side of the body leaves the ground. The sound of the Paso Llano should be an evenly spaced, synchronized 4-beat. In the Paso Llano, precision is of utmost importance. Other components of the Paso Llano are smoothness, elegance and advance, which refers to the amount of distance the horse covers with each stride. These are the four elements required for true "PISOS." Elegance is a difficult term to define. It is a mixture of arrogance, energy, charisma, pride and grace. And "BRIO." Although difficult to define, these qualities are breathtakingly obvious when seen!