

THREE VERTEBRATE STANCES

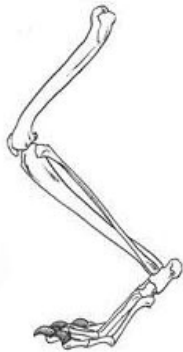
Vertbrates, those animals with a spine, can be classified by the way they stand. The bones are the same, whether they be unguigrade, plantigrade or digitigrade. The differences are in the way the bones are stretched!

The Three Basic Vertebral Stances



Plantigrade

Humans
Bears
Elephants*



Digitigrade

Cats
Dogs
Rabbits



Unguligrade

Horses
Cattle
Deer

