

## **Tendons and Ligaments**

### **Flexor tendons**

Bends the joints of the lower leg.

Runs down the back of the cannon bone and attaches to the back of the long and short pastern bones.

### **Extensor tendons**

Straightens the joints of the lower leg

Runs down the front of the cannon and attaches to the coffin bone and the long pastern bone.

### **Suspensory ligament**

Supports and prevents overextension of the fetlock joint.

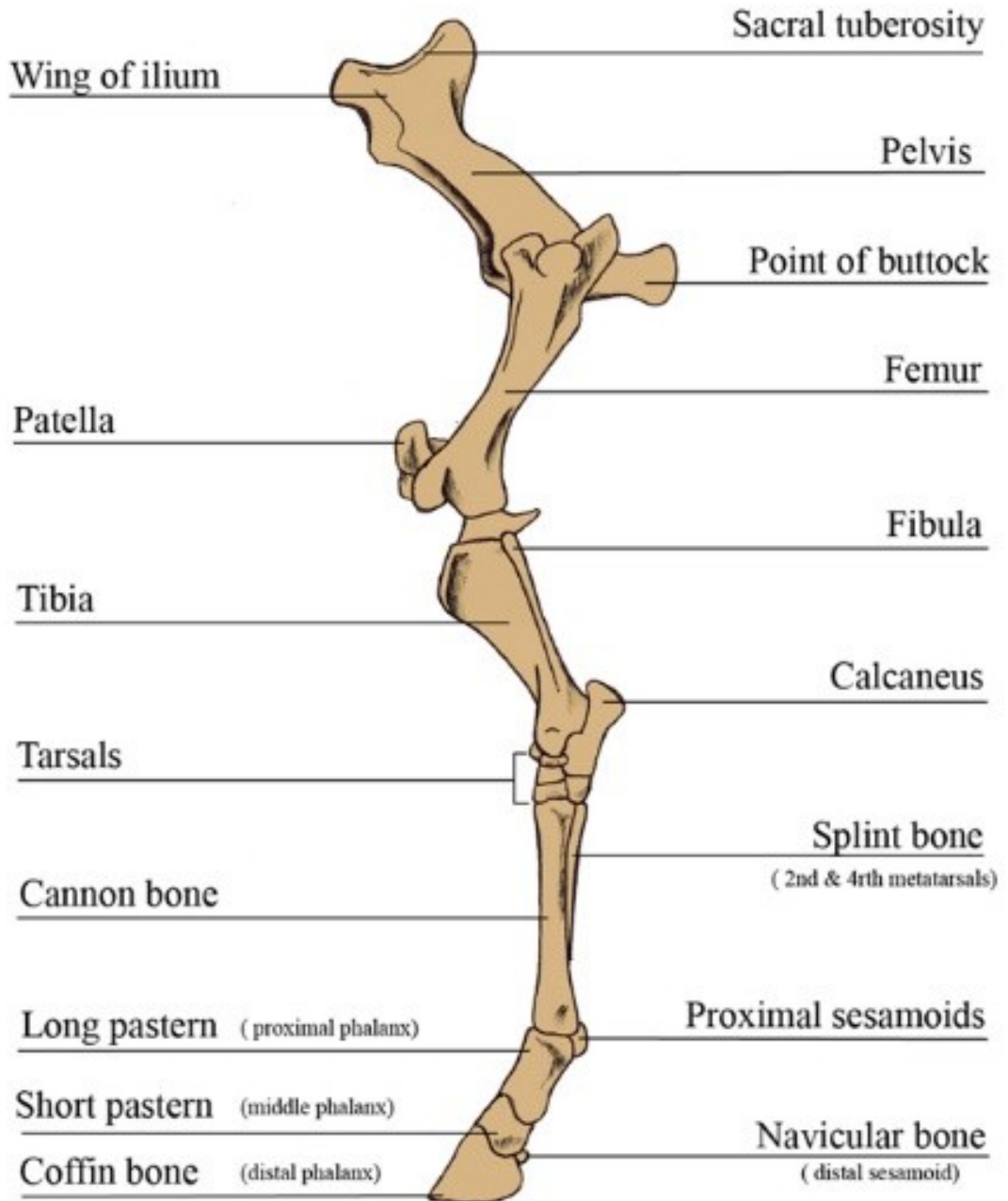
Runs down the back of the cannon, divides above the fetlock, and each branch attaches to a sesamoid bone.

### **Check ligaments**

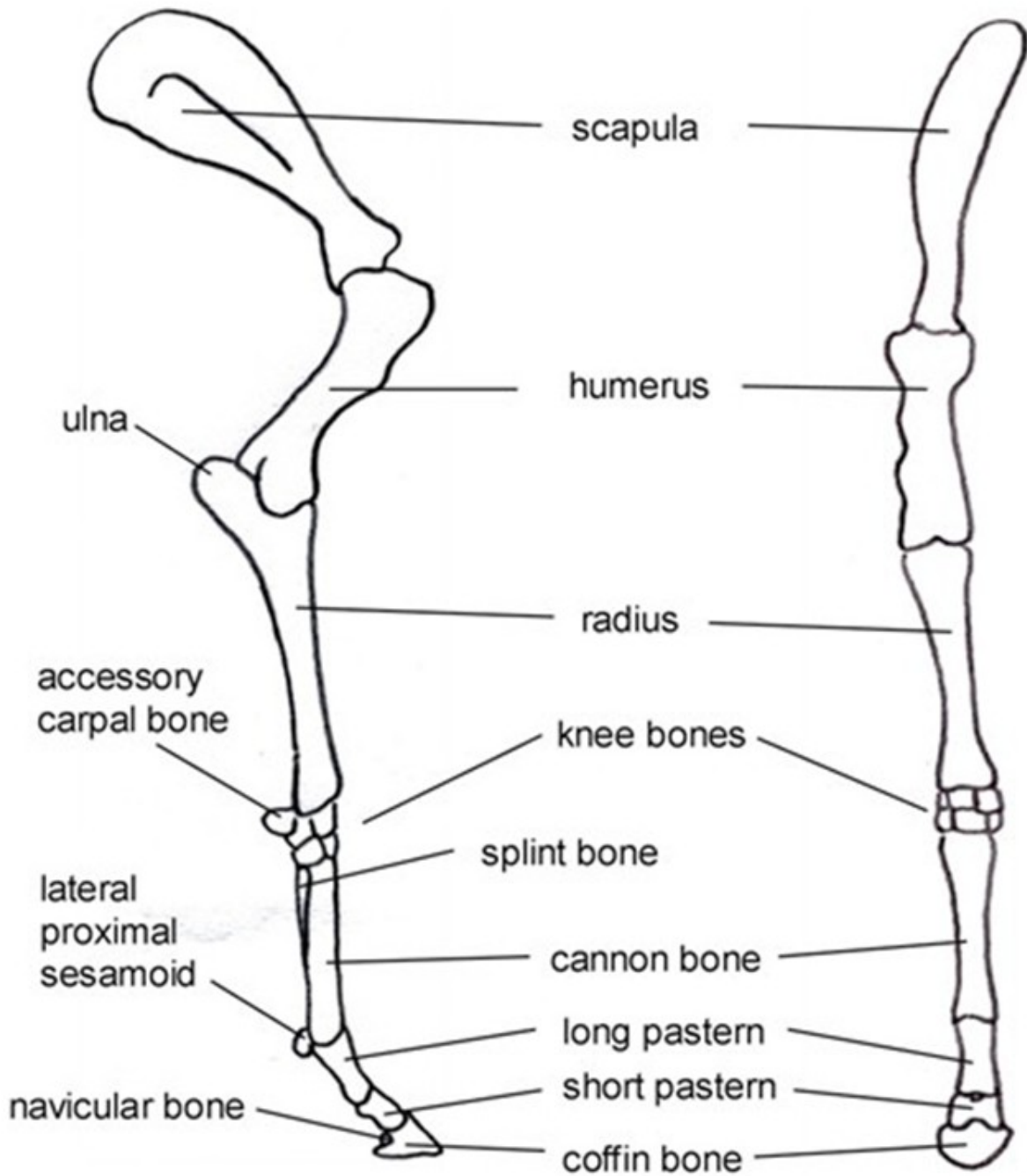
Prevents strain to the flexor tendons, and supports the horse while sleeping standing up.

They run from the knee, and above the knee, to the flexor tendons

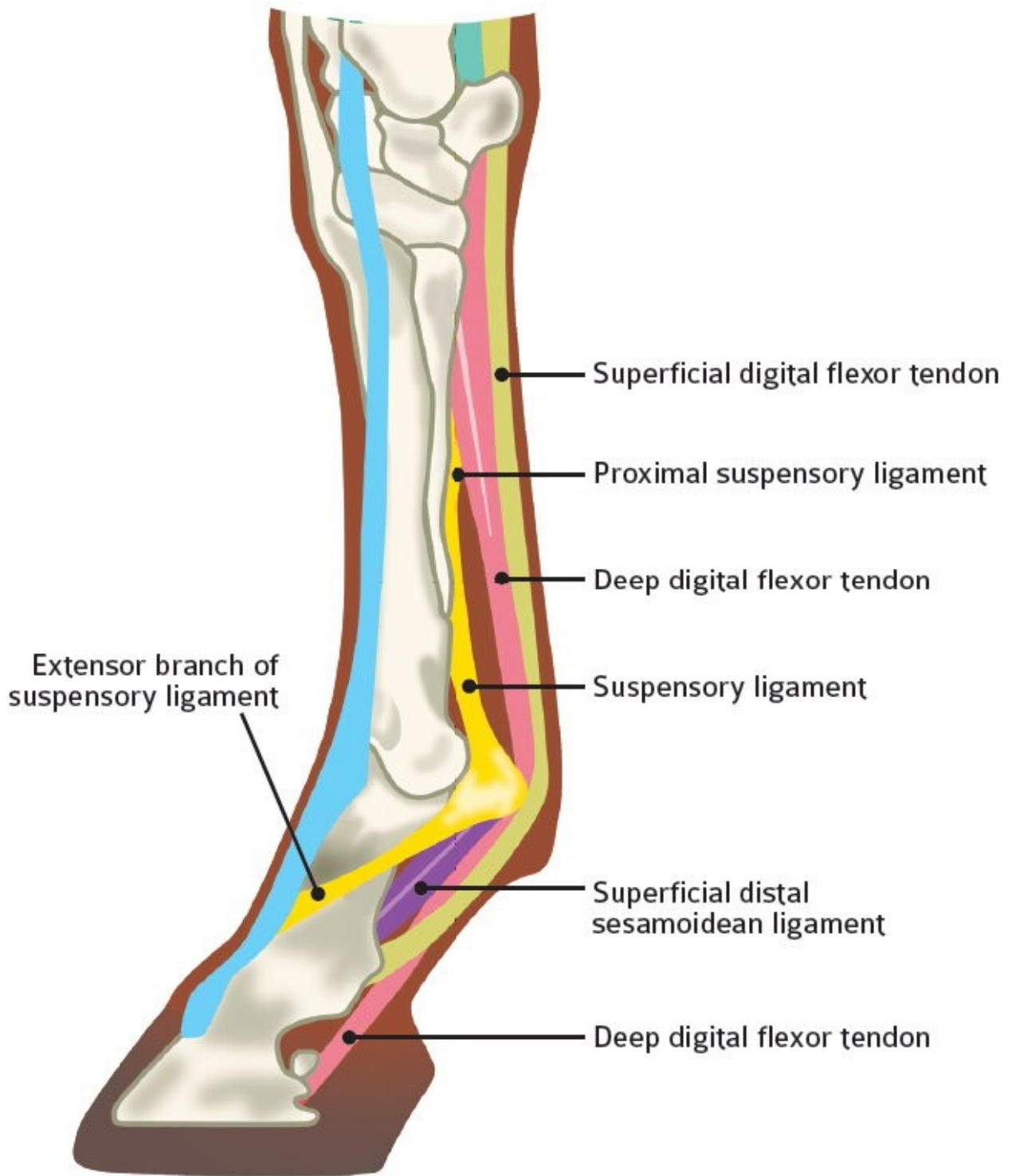
## HIND LEG BONES



## FRONT LEG BONES



The pastern and coffin bones are often referred to as P1 (long pastern bone), P2 (short pastern bone), and P3 (coffin bone), or 1st phalanx, 2nd phalanx, and 3rd phalanx.



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**FORELIMB**

**HINDLIMB**

