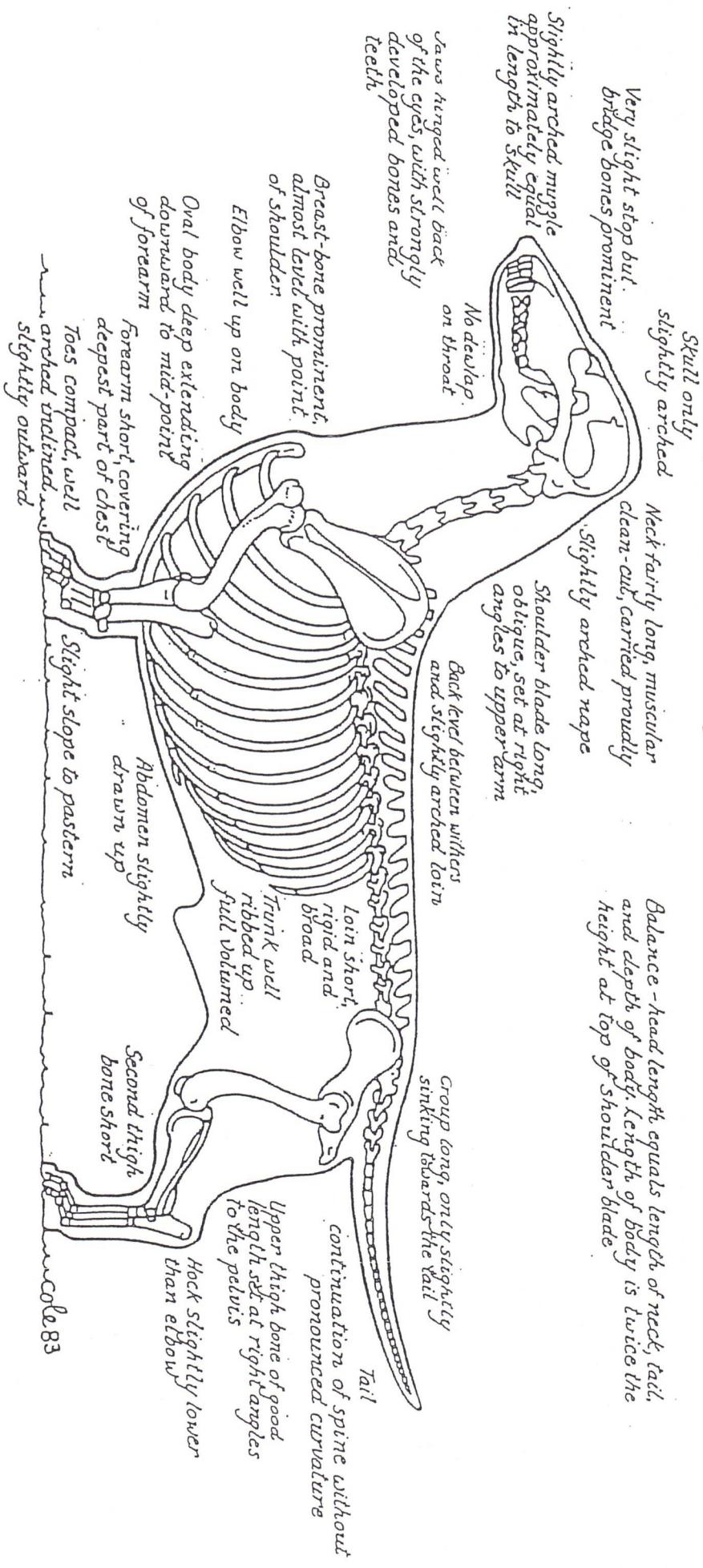


ILLUSTRATED DACHSHUND SKELETON AND OUTLINE

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Function influences form. For example, here is a variety of dog developed through selective breeding to ferret out farm pests from underground. The elbows became set above the line of the brisket in order to free the legs for digging, while the dog's weight came to rest on his chest. The long and gradual upward slant of the lower rib cage helps him to slide more easily over rocks and roots—a handy arrangement in case there is need for speedy retreat.

