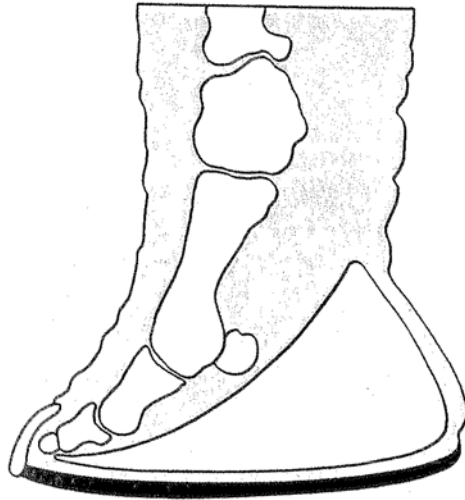


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The bones of the elephant's foot are angled, and so it walks on tiptoe, giving it a pliant step. The pad of fatty tissue behind the heel distributes the body weight evenly across the horny sole of the foot.

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