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Prompt: Construct a dragon on a page where the baseline-to-midline distance is 8 cm. Use a moderate wing spread of 45 degrees from the spine, horns about half a head-length, and a tail that curves away from the wings. Describe the construction order and one check.

Answer: Draw a baseline. Make the chest oval about 12 cm wide (1.5 head-lengths) and the hips about 8 cm wide (1 head-length), overlapping by one-third. Connect with a spine curve. Mark shoulder points on the chest oval. Draw both leading edges at 45 degrees from the spine, equal length, then add two scallops per trailing edge. Place a wedge head at the spine top, add two backward horns about 4 cm long (half a head-length). Draw a tapering neck. Add a tail from the hip oval curving away from the wings, tapering to a point. Add four legs about 8 cm long with three toe lines each. Check: compare both wing-tip heights to the baseline; they should be equal.