

# Join Us!

NEIHC membership is open to all Icelandic horse owners and enthusiasts. We offer two types of membership:

- Adult (\$25): Open to anyone over 18 years of age
- Youth (Free!): Open to individuals under the age of 18

Join online at the NEIHC Web site ([www.neihc.com/join.html](http://www.neihc.com/join.html)). If you prefer, you can download and mail in membership a form.



## Walk, trot, canter— tölt and pace!

Icelandic horses may be four- or five-gaited. They can walk, trot and canter just like other horses, but they also have two additional gaits unique to the breed. The tölt is an extremely smooth four-beat gait that makes Icelandics ideal riding and trail horses. The flying pace, the fifth gait of some Icelandic horses, is a fast lateral racing gait at which the horse can move at speeds approaching 30 miles per hour—exciting to ride or to watch. Once you have ridden the tölt, you'll be hooked!



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*A club for Icelandic horse enthusiasts from throughout the Northeastern US*

# Northeast Icelandic Horse Club

The NEIHC was founded in 2003 and is a regional club of the U.S. Icelandic Horse Congress. Our goal is to promote interest in Icelandic horses and to share information about this wonderful breed and its power, beauty and versatility. Our members live throughout the northeastern U.S., as far north as Maine, as far south as Pennsylvania. We organize shows, clinics, trail rides, breed evaluations, competitions and other events so we can all learn more about these fantastic horses, as well as about Icelandic riding and horse keeping—and have a great time together. We hope you will join us!



## About the Icelandic Horse

Icelandic horses originated in Iceland and they are the purest breed in the world. They are usually 13 to 14 hands with a sturdy build and long, thick manes and tails.

They come in a multitude of colors with over 100 variations of shades and patterns. Their breed standard calls for a horse with a personality that is “willing, brave, happy, cheerful, confident,... sensible, easy to ride and handle.”

They are wonderful trail horses, but versatile enough to excel in cross country, dressage, endurance and other disciplines too.



*“I begin to think no animal is more intelligent than an Icelandic horse. Snow, tempest, impractical roads, rocks, icebergs—nothing stops him. He is brave, he is sober; he is safe; he never makes a false step, never glides nor slips from his path.”*

—Jules Verne  
Journey to the Center of the Earth