

Ridden Presentation

General Description and Emphasis: Examinees will perform a demonstration typical for an expo or other informational setting that touches on the unique qualities of the Icelandic Horse including their gaits, temperament and history. The information on the gaits should include a definition of each gait, how and when we ride it, and why we value all gaits.

Gaits shown should be the four basic gaits. Pace does not need to be shown but needs to be addressed. The length of each gait and rein shown is up to the presenter. A clear emphasis should be placed on tolt. The information presented on the gaits should include a basic understanding of the rhythm and footfall worded in a way that makes the information accessible to a broad audience that may not be familiar with horses. The examinee will not be judged on the quality of the gaits; the examinee will be judged on the correct use of their seat and aids and how accurately they describe the gaits presented.

The information on the temperament and history should clearly describe what makes the Icelandic Horse unique in respects to their character and how their history has shaped their behavior. The examinee should address how Icelandic culture has impacted the horse's role as a riding horse. The presentation should also include an explanation of how the climate and landscape of Iceland have influenced the appearance and temperament. An emphasis should be placed on why the characteristics of the Icelandic Horse make them a valued riding horse for potential American customers.

Procedures:

This exam will be a longer ridden demonstration of the Icelandic Horse, with an emphasis on the gaits, history, temperament and appropriateness for the American market while simultaneously demonstrating what is being presented verbally. The examinee must be provided with a wireless microphone in order to effectively communicate while riding. The time frame for this demonstration should be a maximum of 20 minutes with a 5 and 1 minute warning before the time expires.

Equipment: The examinee will demonstrate a ridden horse with appropriate tack. While some parts may be shown without a saddle or bridle to demonstrate the character of the Icelandic Horse, at least half of the presentation should be done with traditional tack. Bit used must be a simple snaffle or other similar type of mild bit.

Location: The presentation will take place in an arena of at least 20x40m in size.

Element	Description	Notes	Score
Content	<p>The examinee accurately defines and correctly demonstrates the four basic gaits, with a clear emphasis on tolt. Information on how the history and culture has impacted the horse is correct and woven in nicely in the presentation. The value of the horse for the American market is correctly presented.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Description of gaits is correct and appropriately thorough <input type="checkbox"/> Examinee demonstrates gaits correctly to illustrate what they are saying <input type="checkbox"/> Impact of history culture, and climate is woven into presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Emphasis on value of the horse for the American customer 	
Delivery	<p>Explanations are worded in a professional fashion. The examinee considers the audience's vantage point and stays visible. The presentation is well structured and flows between topics. The</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Professional explanations & vocabulary is used <input type="checkbox"/> Examinee remains visible to the audience and considers their vantage point <input type="checkbox"/> Content is well structured and flows <input type="checkbox"/> Speech is easily 	

	examinee shows engaging body language. What is demonstrated is described accurately by the examinee.	<p>understood</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Body language and presentation is engaging <input type="checkbox"/> Verbal description of ridden elements is accurate		
Horsemanship	The examinee shows a correct seat and appropriately applied aids while riding. The horsemanship is harmonious and is a testament to modern Icelandic riding and training.	<input type="checkbox"/> Seat & aids are correct and appropriate <input type="checkbox"/> Riding is harmonious		