

**Equitaire Icelandic
Breeding Show
May 20-22, 2022**



Hosted by:
Equitaire
36687 Mountville Rd
Middleburg, VA, 20117



2022 Equitaire Breeding Show Information May 20 - 22, 2022

Below is information to help you prepare for the Equitaire Breeding/Evaluation Show at Equitaire Icelandic. For the most up-to-date show information or to register, please check the show website at <https://www.montaire.org/>. If you have additional questions, please email Curt Pierce at cepinwv@yahoo.com.

Show Dates:

Friday, May 20, will begin with an optional Seminar at 9:00am. The FEIF Breed Conformation and Young & Adult Horse Linear tests will be held on Saturday morning, May 21. The FEIF Breeding Performance tests and Clinic rides will be held Saturday afternoon and all-day Sunday, May 22.

Show Location:

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Registration Information:

You may register for tests by completing the printed registration form and mailing it to Equitaire Breeding Show, c/o Curtis Pierce, 537 Fjord Ridge Drive, Mathias, WV, 26812. **Please register your horses and reserve your stalls by May 1, 2022.** The registration form can also be emailed to cepinwv@yahoo.com. Refunds may be made on a case-by-case basis where the rider and/or horse are not able to compete due to health reasons. Requests for refunds must be made in writing via mail or email to Curtis Pierce and accompanied by a doctor's or veterinarian's statement stating the reason why the rider or horse cannot compete. After Saturday at 9:00am, there will be no refunds.

All entries are accepted with the understanding that Montaire Icelandic Horses, LLC, Equitaire, LLC, the United States Icelandic Horse Congress (USIHC), and the International Federation of Icelandic Horse Associations (FEIF) will not be held responsible for any loss, damage or any injury to any horse or rider exhibiting. The following must be on file at the show grounds before any horse will be permitted to participate:

- A copy of the horse's registration,
 - A copy of the current negative Coggins,
 - A copy of a valid health certificate (if stabled outside of Virginia), and
 - Signed waivers of liability
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Fees:

You may mail a check payable to: Montaire Icelandic Horses. **All fees will be due and collected prior to the show via mail or at the show secretary's desk.**

Fees are listed below. Additional fees will be charged for stall rentals, meals and other services.

Fees:

Full FEIF Breeding Test	\$300 per horse
Conformation Only	\$150 per horse
Clinic Rides (Mock Eval)	\$200 per horse
Young Horse Linear (Under 5)	\$100 per horse
Adult Horse Linear (5 and Over)	\$100 per horse
Seminar (Friday)	\$100 per person

Stall & Service Fees:

Stall Fee	\$20 per stall per night
Stall Cleaning	\$50 per stall if left dirty when departing
Shavings	\$8.00 per bag
Timothy Hay	\$7.50 per bale
Breakfast (Pastry, Etc.)	\$10.00 per person per day
Lunches	\$15.00 per person per day
Dinners	Free in the house. Please RSVP

Sponsorship:

Sponsoring Categories	\$100 per category
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Breeding goals

Below is reprint from the FEIF Breeding Shows 2021 publication.

Breeding goals – the ideal horse.

Health, Fertility, Longevity

The official breeding goal is to breed a healthy, fertile and durable horse – a robust Icelandic horse.

Colours

The official breeding goal is to preserve all possible varieties of coat colour within the breed. It should be kept in mind that some colour variations are correlated with genetic or physical defects that should be avoided.

Size

The official breeding goal gives room for substantial variation in size. Most Icelandic horses are in the range of 135 – 146 cm at the withers when measured with a rod, a preferred height at withers is at least 138 cm.

The roles of the horse

The aim is to breed a riding horse that has varied roles and is suitable for different types of riders. The use of the horse is first and foremost aimed at its qualities as a riding horse as it is used for general leisure riding, travelling and for various types of competitions.

Specific breeding goals

The character of the horse

The aim is a character that enables the horse to be used for different roles with a special emphasis on a calm, friendly and cooperative character. The horse is supposed to be courageous and reliable, both when handling and when ridden. The breeding goal encompasses more types of horses with regards to willingness and sensitivity; from sensitive and willing horses to calmer types, but always with an emphasis on willingness to perform.

Conformation in general

The conformation should be functional and promote the health and durability of the horse where carrying ability, natural gaiting ability and the capacity to move under a rider in balance and correct body function are paramount. The conformation should also be characterized by beauty and attractive appearance with an emphasis on strength and muscularity.

Conformation in detail

The breeding goal within each trait is described in the scores of 9.5 – 10.

Ridden abilities/gaits in general

The aim is to breed a quality gaited horse that has a natural ability to carry a rider in balance, self-carriage and is beautiful when ridden, a horse that is agile, sure-footed and with good stamina – a true Icelandic gæðingur.

The main goal with regards to the gaiting ability is that the gaits have correct beat and body function, the horse is moving freely in an even rhythm. The gaits should moreover possess suppleness, lightness, long strides and speed capacity.

The horse should be able to move in correct body form in every gait with ease. The movements should be free and without constraint. The horse should have the ability for collection as well as lengthening of the strides with increased propulsion in faster tempos.

Acceleration in the gaits should be based more on the lengthening of the strides than increased stride frequency. Important aspects of correct body form under rider which the conformation should facilitate are: The topline is long and relaxed and there is carriage in the back and hind quarters. The horse can easily coil the loins and use the hind legs as well for carrying as for propulsion. The horse can easily lift the back and the base of an arched neck that is extended forward with the poll as the highest point. The head carriage is relaxed and unconstrained with the nose line in front of the vertical. The movement runs fluently through the horse with elasticity in the back that is created by the carrying ability and propulsion of the hind legs and a relaxed topline.

The roundness of the topline and the raising of the neck varies between tempos, gaits and the degree of collection. When the horse is ridden in collection at slower tempos the topline is more arched, the loins are more coiled, and the front part of the horse is higher compared to the hind. The strides are shorter and slower, and the stance phase of the hind legs is longer than the stance phase of the front legs which have high, light and free movements. Here, collection goes together with suppleness and fluent movements. When the horse increases the speed, it lengthens the

strides, the stance phase of the front and hind legs becomes more even, and it extends the head and neck forward with a strong and relaxed topline.

Ridden abilities/gaits in detail

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Weighting of traits

Conformation		Ridden abilities	
Head	2%	Tölt	16%
Neck, withers, shoulders	8%	Trot	9%
Back and croup	5.5%	Pace	10%
Proportions	7%	Canter	4%
Leg quality	4%	Gallop	3%
Correctness of legs	2%	Rideability	7%
Hooves	5%	General impression	10%
Main and tail	1.5%	Walk	6%
Total:	35%		65%

Four-gait score

Special four-gait score is calculated for all horses where the weighting of the pace is distributed proportionally on the other traits of the ridden abilities. This score is published for both four- and five-gaited horses in order to make the comparison of horses easier.

Participating horses at breeding shows

- All horses presented at breeding shows should be well prepared, sound and fit, well fed and well turned out. **Artificial methods to alter the natural expression of the horse are not allowed.** If the horse is judged for riding abilities, it must be at least 4-year-old in the calendar year.
- **All horses presented at breeding shows need to be registered in the WorldFengur database and micro-chipped.** The show staff is responsible for reading the marking and comparing it to the registration information on the horse.
- All stallions presented for judgement must have proof of parentage on both the father and the mother either by blood type or DNA analysis.
- **All stallions from the age of 5 years must have radiographic examination of the distal tarsus registered in WorldFengur before entering the breeding show.**
- All mares and geldings presented for assessment must have DNA analysis registered in WorldFengur.

Equipment Inspection

Inspections of shoes, protective equipment and other equipment of the horse and rider lies with the ringmaster. Check of horse's equipment is mandatory for all horses in the show and shall take place after the first and second assessments. On behalf of the judges the chief judge can ask the ringmaster to do an extra check of the equipment.

Any judge in doubt as to whether there has been a breach of the equipment rules may order an inspection to be carried out. One or more judges will carry out the inspection. The rider and the judges may call on the assistance of the official farrier or veterinary surgeon. The judges decide whether the equipment complies with the regulations. They can demand that the shoes be removed and replaced. The rider concerned has no right to claim compensation. If the rider refuses to follow the judges' instruction, the horse will be eliminated from the entire show.

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Tentative Schedule

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All tests will be held at the Equitaire Pace Track.

Friday, May 20

9:00 am – 5:00 pm Seminar (Meet at Montaire)

Saturday, May 21

9:00 am-12:00 pm Conformation & Young/Adult Horse Linear Tests

12:00-1:00 pm Lunch

1:00-5:00 pm Performance Tests and Clinic Rides

Sunday, May 22

9:00 am-12:00 pm Performance Tests and Clinic Rides

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1:00-5:00 pm Performance Tests and Clinic Rides



2022 Equitaire Icelandic Horse Facilities and Accommodations

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About Equitaire:

Equitaire and Montaire are Icelandic Horse farms located in Middleburg, VA. The facilities, designed exclusively for Icelandic horse training and showing, includes a FEIF regulation oval track, a FEIF regulation pace track, covered arena, and groomed trails. The farm website is www.montaire.org.

Middleburg is a small town located in northern Virginia about 55 miles west of Washington DC. The closest airport is Dulles International Airport (IAD), about 45 minutes from Montaire. The Middleburg area has a rich history, including serving as the site of two skirmishes in 1863 as part of the Gettysburg Campaign during the Civil War. After the turn of the century, the town became a popular destination for foxhunting and steeple chasing, earning it a reputation as the “Nation’s Horse and Hunt Capital” and attracting international visitors.

Directions to Equitaire

If you are following GPS, Google, or Apple Maps directions, it is easy to get on roads not designed for trailers in this part of the country. **In all cases with a trailer, DO NOT turn onto Rt 731, Hibbs Bridge Rd and DO NOT use Foxcroft Rd from Middleburg!** Foxcroft Rd from St Louis Rd to the Pink House is good for trailers.

If you are going southbound on I-81, we recommend that you stay on I-81 going towards Winchester and use exit 313, US-50 east. *(Yes, we know that your GPS or map app will want to take you a different route. Using US-50 is the easiest way.)* Follow US-50 east over mountain and through Upperville. After Upperville, turn left onto Rt 611, St Louis Rd. Follow St Louis Rd to right at Rt 626, Foxcroft Rd. Follow Foxcroft Rd for 1 mile to the Pink House on the left, turn left onto Rt 745, Mountville Rd. When Mountville turns to right, keep right. Follow Mountville for another mile and around sharp bend. Just around bend you will see the entrance to the parking area. Equitaire, 36687 Mountville Rd.

If you are using I-81 northbound, you can go to exit 313, US-50 east, or take exit 300, I-66 east. If you use I-81 exit 313, use the directions above. If you use I-81 exit 300, use the directions below.

If you are on I-66, either eastbound or westbound, take exit 28, US-17 north towards Marshall. US-17 turns into RT-710 (Rectortown Rd) at traffic light, continue straight. Follow Rectortown Rd until left at Rt 713, Atoka Rd (Speed limit on Rectortown Rd changes to 25 mph just before Atoka Rd). Follow Atoka Rd, which makes a sharp right at Tee. Turn right at US-50, then turn at next left at Rt 611, St Louis Rd. Follow St Louis Rd to right at Rt 626, Foxcroft Rd. Follow Foxcroft Rd for 1 mile to the Pink House on the left, turn left onto Rt 745, Mountville Rd. When Mountville turns to right, keep right. Follow Mountville for another mile and around sharp bend. Just around bend you will see the entrance to the stalls and parking area. Equitaire, 36687 Mountville Rd.

If you are coming from or through Leesburg or Dulles International Airport, please contact Antje or Curtis for directions.

Accommodations:

There are several large events occurring during the show timeframe, so rooms tend to fill quickly in this area. **Please book as soon as possible.**

Camping:

Self-contained camping is available at Equitaire or Montaire, with no hook-ups for water, electricity and sewer. Please let us know if you plan to camp.

Dog Policy:

Well behaved dogs are permitted provided they are always on a leash and under control of a responsible adult. Owners must clean up after their pets!

Horse Turnout:

Round pens or paddocks will be available for free for horse turnout while you are at Equitaire or Montaire. Please contact Antje if you want to use these areas. You will need to provide your own grazing muzzle for your horse.

Stalls:

The stalls provided are in the barns at Montaire. One horse per stall. Participants are responsible for securing the stall doors overnight.