





Icelandic Horse

Type: Light Breed

Origin: Iceland

Uses: Endurance (long distance trekking is popular among tourists and Icelanders) shows, races, trading, and pleasure riding.

Important Traits: Known for fast and smooth gait - the tölt, lack of spookiness, sturdy

Size: 13 to 14 Hands

Description: The overall shape of the Icelandic horse should be well proportioned and rectangular. Icelandic horses have a flexible back with a muscular, wide croup, very strong and hard hooves. In the winter, they have very heavy, dense coats. Their coats are sleek in the summer although their mane and tail are always abundant.

Color Pattern: Any color or pattern. The most common colors include chestnut, brown, bay, and black.

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