

## Icelandic horses: their depth of character

The typical reason that Alaskans purchase Icelandic horses is that their hardy nature is well suited to our extreme climate. Although I applaud this characteristic on a daily basis, I continue to be drawn to their complex character. Perhaps this depth of personality was a useful survival tool in ancient Iceland as the inhabitants trusted their livestock under similar severe conditions.



Jennifer riding at -35F, frozen eyelashes



Erin and her mare, Skvetta

All three of our horses have strengths and weaknesses, which add to the character that I have come to know and appreciate. I have ridden the trails of Alaska for 35 years and value the traits of a good trail horse highly. Syndri, Burkni and Skvetta are also used as 4-H mounts in the summer.





A beautiful fall ride with friends.  
Burkni and I are on the left.



. Erin, Skvetta and Depla



Happy Trails! I would be happy to talk with people who are interested in Icelandics, 4-H and trail riding.