

Sample Pen Pal Letter:

Dear Pen pal,

My name is Lucy. I got my first Icelandic when I was 6 years old and fell in love with the breed. Before that I rode Arabian horses. How long have you been riding Icelandics? Have you ridden other breeds? My favorite gait to ride is the tolt but I also love to gallop. What is your favorite gait? My favorite thing to do with my horses is to trail ride and ride on the beach. I live near a lot of mountains with pretty views and the hills are really good for getting the horses fit and strong. The beach isn't too far away either so I get to ride there a few times a year. Where is your favorite place to ride?

Sincerely,
Your pen pal, Lucy

List of Potential Letter Topics:

- What kind of pets/horses do you have?
- Basic Favorites: colors, foods, activities, hobbies, school subjects, movie, book, desert.
- How old are you? Where do you live?
- Whose in your family? Siblings?
- Do you have your own horse? Lease? Ride lesson horses?
- Favorite horse to ride and why?
- Favorite Gait? Horse color?
- Story of favorite trail ride and/or show/video
- Favorite vacation/places to go
- What are you working on in your riding?
- Favorite holiday
- What are your riding goals? Other goals?
- Favorite horse memory
- Something interesting/unique about you?
- What's something you're really good at?
- What's it like where you live? How are the seasons there? Which is your favorite?
- Have you traveled to Iceland? Do you hope to someday?
- What does your horse's name mean? What's your favorite Icelandic name?
- Have you ever shown or plan to show? Did you have fun?
- Have you or do you hope to attend the American Youth Cup or FEIF Youth Cup?
- Are you participating in the Sea2Shining Sea Virtual Ride?
- How did you find out about Icelandic horses?
- Does anyone else in your family ride?
- Have you ever seen a newborn foal? Watched a mare give birth?
- What age is the oldest Icelandic you know?
- Have you ever ridden the flying pace? Do you want to learn someday?
- If you have shown, what classes have you ridden in?
- What is the best thing about Icelandic Horses?