

Together, let us protect Icelandic horses from infectious diseases

Geographical isolation and strict importation rules have protected the Icelandic horse population from serious infectious diseases. As a result, Iceland is in a unique situation where strangles, equine influenza, equine herpes virus type 1, and many other serious diseases have never reached the country.

This situation is most important for the welfare of Icelandic horses.

RIDING CLOTHES NEED TO BE WASHED AND DISINFECTED AS FOLLOWS:

Used riding clothes have to be washed in a washing machine or dry cleaned prior to entering the country.

Riding clothes and boots that cannot be cleaned this way should be washed and disinfected as follows:

- Rinse thoroughly with detergent
- Dry
- Spray with 2% Virkon® S [20 g per liter of water]
- Store for at least 5 days prior to bringing the clothes into contact with horses in Iceland

FORBIDDEN ITEMS:

- Used riding equipment such as saddles, bridles, bits, nosebands, pads, rugs, whips, etc.
- Used riding gloves

