

My name is Jenny Wright Johnsen. I live in Ulvik, Hardanger in Norway with my family and fjord horses. I have two breeding mares, a stallion born 2017 (sired by Glød) and a mare born 2018 (sired by Herlig). I take great pleasure in participating in horse shows and I am particularly thrilled with the atmosphere at Fjord horse shows. Our unique breed makes the best of people and it brings us together.

Since I was 15 years old Fjord horses has been a big part of my life. I studied animal breeding at the agricultural university of Norway and spent a year in exchange studies in New Zealand. During this time there was an ongoing discussion on the inbreeding situation of the Norwegian Fjord. However, the problem was that there were very little data available and no one really knew what status were. Together with Janne Seilen I did my masters on the subject – leading to the paper “Genetic variation in the Norwegian Fjord Horse” (2009).

Later, I was a member of the FHI board and learned to know the organization during that time.

I was also a deputy of the board of NFL in 2015-2017, and found it very useful to be a part of this team.

I see the FHI as an important part of the future of the Fjord horse. Through cooperation between the Fjord horse countries we can develop high quality systems for breeding and sports, continuing the important work of maintaining and developing the Fjord.