## Polarica

## Welcome!

## By Reindeer pastor Petri Huhta





## 54 different RD areas in north Finland

Covering 40\% of whole country

Inside of RD areas:

- several owners by different families
- biggest areas incl. 10t animals
- RD farming goes forward to next generations



Yamalo - Nenets Siberian, Ural mountains north part of Russian

- Female is pregnant 9 month
- RD calf is borning in april - may
- In born weight about 4 - 6kg
- Only milk is there food first months
- They double they weight every month
- Following mother first year
- Horns, growing $2 \mathrm{~cm} / 100 \mathrm{~g}$ per day

- In summer period RD eat 350 different food plants from forest
- June -july is big problem with insects
- RD is searching for open places and up to the hills where the wind is also blowing
- By naturel way In summer period will RD also change their furskin and lose their horns



## In autumn is nature colours beatiful

## Autumn is coming

- Male get their rut period
- Refilling of food starting, expecially muschrooms, get fat


Both have horns, male and female.

Female lives 18 - 20 years

Male about 10 years


- Long winters biggest challenge is to get food.
- Cold weather is no problem
- Hides consists near 2000 hair in area of $1 \mathrm{~cm} \times 1 \mathrm{~cm}$, it is $3-4 \mathrm{~cm}$ thick
- Hoof / foot include "antifreeze" liquid
- Body adapt oneself to temperaturs from +40C -70C in Siberian
- In winter period could loose their weight 30-40 \%


## Natural threats

Traffic accidents, around 4.000 animals


Predators like bear, wolf, wolverine, lynx, eagle is growing.


Poroja saalistavat muun muassa karhu, susi, ahma, ilves ja kotka. Merikotkan vaikutus on selvityksessä.


## In winter period RD will move in flocks / herds



Days is very short in november - january


## Reindeer \& game meat offering

- Reindeer, venison, elk
- Antibiotic free
- Rich in nutrients
- Law fat source of protein


REINDEER MEAT


TOPSIDE


OSSO BUCO


STRIPLOIN


REINDEER MEAT, SLICED


TENDERLOIN


HIND SHANK

LIGHT SMOKED RAW STEAK


TOPSIDE
STRIPLOIN



## Reindeer Herders Association

https://paliskunnat.fi/reindeer-herders-association/


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Production
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Production
Sales \& administration
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Berry Production

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