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Club information

Committees

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Calendar: Nancy Robertson, Amber Jessop

Club members

	2012 31st December	2011 31st December	2010 31st December	2009 31st ^h December	2008 31st ^h December
Members	268	270	219	241	237
New members this year	51	79	25	56	81

Note: Please see Appendix A for additional information on membership.

Summary President's Report

NEWSLETTER: Jill Johnson replaced Jorgen Metzdorff as our editor.

CLUB INSURANCE: Directors and Officers Liability Insurance and Club Liability and Accident Insurance were renewed.

ANNUAL MEETING: The annual meeting was called to order on Saturday, May 12, 2012 at the Henrico County Library in Glen Allen, Virginia. For the third year in a row a quorum was not assembled and the meeting was adjourned without conducting business.

AKC GAZETTE BREED COLUMNIST: Donna McDermott, our AKC Gazette Breed Columnist, submitted articles as requested by the AKC.

AKC FULL CLUB MEMBERSHIP: A letter requesting requirements was sent to AKC on December 11th .

AKC COMPLETE DOG BOOK: The AKC requested and we submitted input on the text and images of the Icelandic Sheepdog for the next edition of The AKC Complete Dog Book.

RESCUE: The National Icelandic Sheepdog Rescue Alliance (NISRA) handled all rescue requests and is responsible for any rescue fund raising activities. A fund raising event at the Louisville Gathering contributed \$560 to the NISRA.

2013 CALENDAR COMMITTEE: The 2013 Calendars were assembled by Maggý Pease, Donna McDermott and Knox Rhine for publication, and were sold again through Lulu. Through December 15th 155 - 2013 calendars have been sold, providing the club income of \$590. All eligible members who submitted photos were included in the calendar, and six variations were offered.

JUDGE EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Judge Education Seminars were conducted throughout the year and were held in Glen Rose, Texas; Bethel, Connecticut; and Portland, Oregon and during March club gathering in Louisville, Kentucky.

IRS EXEMPTION APPLICATION: On December 20, 2011 our application for exemption under the 501(c)(3) rules was submitted to the Internal Revenue Service.

On October 11, 2012 replied to the Internal Revenue Service September 14, 2012 letter requesting our application for exemption under the 501(c)(3) rules should be modified to 501(c)(4) rather than a 501(c)(7) based on guidance and additional information received from other AKC clubs.

Replied to the Internal Revenue Service December 4, 2012 letter on December 14, 2012 and agreed to an effective date of exemption of October 11, 2012. The IRS accepted our request for exemption as a 501(c)(4) organization.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS; Several items approved by the board were sent to membership voting in November. The modifications were approved by the membership by a vote of 66 (97%) to 2 (3%). A letter was sent to AKC on December 4th requesting AKC Board concurrence and approval as required before implementation.

WEB SITE: In mid-April Nancy Robertson replaced Shellie Greyhavens as the club's web site master.

Statistics overview and comments, registrations

Litters

	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
Litters	31	24	24	18	23
Puppies	146	104	115	66	102
Average Litter Size	4.71	4.33	4.79	3.67	4.43
Average inbreeding	1.09.	3.47	1.64	2.92	2.09
Female puppies	71	55	55	34	60
Male Puppies	75	49	60	32	42

Imports

	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
(Iceland)	1	4	8	7	4
(Canada)	0	2	9	7	9
(Denmark)	0	1	1	1	0
(Norway)	0	1	2	0	0
(Sweden)	0	1	3	0	0
(Netherlands)	0	1	1	0	0
(Germany)	0	1	1	1	0
(Switzerland)	0	1	1	1	0

Further comments: We have not had many members report imports for 2012.

Stud dogs

Who have reached – or are close – to the “ISIC breeding limit”

Males					
Reg nr.	Name of the dog	Year of birth	No. of Litters	No. of Puppies	No of grandchildren
DN07514406	Alaskastadirs Korpur	2004	8	36	65
DN03410104	Aldebaran Gaski	2002	5	22	18
DN15694301	Gerplu Spori (Iceland Import)	2003	7	31	16
DN07215701	Gunnar of Sherwood Forest	2001	7	33	4
DN05912701	Hofshest Gloi (Iceland Import)	2003	7	36	62
DN15949601	Isi Kappusino (German Import)	2006	2	10	48
DN08101001	Lavandels Benedik	2004	7	29	34
DN07173701	Loki fra Palmahaus	1993	8	27	69
DN07792203	Nor'Star Kvekari	2004	4	23	21
DN05909701	Sherwood Forests Loki	2003	9	32	71
DN08708001	Stjornuljosa Rodi (Iceland Import)	2004	5	27	33
DL75415001	Virkis Tyri (Iceland Import)	1995	6	28	80
DL75824903	Vikings Rakke	2005	4	18	46
DN11445006	Vinlands Skuggi	2005	5	29	16
DL91681901	Vittetoes Kutur Hjaltisson	2001	4	20	84

Females					
Reg nr.	Name of the dog	Year of birth	No. of Litters	No. of Puppies	No of grandchildren
DN06629401	Aldebaran Gryla	2001	4	17	30
DN17276401	Audurs Dimmalim	2006	4	22	0
DN02544101	Belle	2002	4	24	47
DN15154601	Birta (Iceland Import)	2004	3	17	36
DN05911601	Blackstar's Perla	2002	6	15	32
DN12439204	Blackstar Birta	2005	5	15	0
DN16101111	Lavandels Kyssa	2006	3	18	6
DN07207602	Ylfa fra Blueridge	2004	3	19	39

Hip Dysplasia (HD)

Two methods of hip testing are done in the United States: PennHip and OFA.

PennHip: This method recommends breeding only dogs with an above average score, so starting at the 60th percentile is recommended. The scores that correlate with the different percentiles may change as genetic progress is made from one generation to the next, moving the breed average towards tighter hips.

PennHip	2012	2011	2009	2007
Total Dogs Tested (cumulative)	175	167	137	96
Minimum Score (tightest hips)	0.24	0.24	0.25	0.25
Maximum Score (loosest hips)	0.96	0.96	0.94	0.83
25th percentile	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.65
50th percentile	0.53	0.53	0.53	0.50
60th percentile	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.47
75th percentile	0.44	0.44	0.44	0.44

OFA: The Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA) also maintains a registry for testing. Normal is considered excellent, good, fair, poor and borderline. Abnormal is mild HD, Moderate HD and severe HD. According to OFA, "There is no clear cut consensus between the radiologists to place the (borderline) hip into a given category of normal or dysplastic". The following are the cumulative statistics available on the Icelandic Sheepdog:

OFA HD Results Provided by OFA

ICELANDIC SHEEPDOG OFA Hip Registry	Rank	Number of Evaluations	Percent Normal	Percent Dysplastic
	50th Out of 157 Breeds	244	81.1	17.6

HD Comparison of Various Testing Measures: (Provided by OFA)

OFA	FCI (European)	BVA (UK/Australia)	SV (Germany)
Excellent	A-1	0-4 (no > 3/hip)	Normal
Good	A-2	5-10 (no > 6/hip)	Normal
Fair	B-1	11-18	Normal
Borderline	B-2	19-25	Fast Normal
Mild	C	26-35	Noch Zugelassen
Moderate	D	36-50	Mittlere
Severe	E	51-106	Schwere

Optional Testing (Results Maintained by OFA)

Registry	Rank	Evaluations	Percent Abnormal	Percent Normal
BAER HEARING TEST	N/A	3	33.3	66.7
CARDIAC	N/A	5	0.0	100.0
ELBOW (ED)	N/A	94	0.0	100.0
THYROID	N/A	10	0.0	100.0
PATELLA	N/A	6	0.0	100.0

Eye examinations

The CERF and OFA registries registers those dogs certified free of heritable eye disease by members of the American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists (A.C.V.O.) and collects data on all dogs examined by A.C.V.O. Diplomates. This data is used to form the CERF and OFA data bases which are useful in researching trends in eye disease and breed susceptibility. Until 2012, all of that information was maintained by CERF. Since late 2012, however, owners have been given a choice as to whether they would like data kept in the OFA or CERF databases. CERF does continue to send info to OFA for posting to each dog's individual entry in their database.

The A.C.V.O. Diplomat completes the CERF or OFA form and indicates any specific disease(s) found. Breeding advice is offered based on guidelines established for that particular breed by the genetics Committee of the A.C.V.O.

Regardless of the outcome of the dog's exam, the research copy of the CERF or OFA form will be sent to the CERF or OFA office where its information is entered into the database for that specific breed. This information is used in generating research reports, but the individual dogs' identities are confidential and never released.

Total number of x-rayed dogs	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Unaffected signifies (free)	113	130	55	89	170	108
Hereditary Cataract	5	4	5	2	5	1
Cornea Distrophe	0	0	1	1	0	0
Distichiatis	1	2	1	0	3	0
PPMs Iris to Cornea	0	0	0	0	0	1
OpticNerve Coboma Unilateral	0	1	0	0	0	0
In total	117	140	61	99	210	126

Further comments: Please see Appendices B for 2012 CERF statistics.

Mentality descriptions

	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
Dogs described					
In total					

Further comments: We don't have formal mentality descriptions in the USA. We do have the AKC Canine Good Citizen test but these numbers haven't been tracked by AKC until 2013.

Working abilities (herding) descriptions

	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
Dogs described	5	1			
In total					

Further comments: Please see Appendix C for the AKC herding descriptions. Only the herding tested and pre-trial tested dogs that have titled appear above. We will have to poll members for herding instinct test descriptions completed as we have not tracked those numbers to date.

Shows

	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
Number of shows	0	3	0	3	0
Number of entries		43		114	
In total (dogs)		32		46	

Titles and Events

AKC Titles of Record

AKC provides the club with a list of new titles of record each month. In 2012, over 80 titles were awarded to ISAA member dogs. These titles were for conformation, agility, rally, herding and obedience.

Member dogs also earn titles in other clubs and venues, such as United Kennel Club and the International All Breed Canine Association, but the club relies on self-reporting by members for these titles.

ISAA Sponsored Events 2012

January 21-22	ISAA Breed booth at Tulatin Kennel Club, Oregon Dog Fancier's Association dog show in Portland, OR
March 11, 2012	ISAA Breed booth at the Seattle Kennel Club Show in Seattle, WA
March 15, 2012	Judges Education presented by the ISAA Judges Education Committee in Louisville, KY
March 17, 2012	ISAA banquet and gathering in Louisville, KY
May 12, 2012	ISAA Annual Meeting, Henrico, VA
June 17, 2012	ISAA Treibball Clinic, Portland, CT
June 28, 2012	Sponsored by Oklahoma City Summer Classic, Oklahoma City, Presenter: Thordur Runolfsson
July 28, 2012	Sponsored by Carolina Dog Judges Study Group, Greenville, SC, Presenter: Pat Ross
August 14, 2012	Sponsored by ADSJ Institute, Indiana, PA, Presenter: Karen Barnes
October 20-21	AKC & TICA Meet the Breeds in NYC, NY
December 1, 2012	ISAA AKC Herding Test and Trial Note: Please see Appendix G for herding test and trial description
December 15-16	AKC/Eukanuba National Championship AKC Meet the Breeds

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Appendix A: 2012 Membership

New members: **51**

Total active members as of 12/31/11: **270**

Total active members as of 12/31/12: **268**

Change in membership: **-2**

US members by state:

AK – 2	AZ – 1
CA – 17	CO – 8
CT – 4	FL – 2
IA – 1	ID – 3
IN – 3	IL – 8
KS – 1	KY – 2
LA – 3	MA – 11
MD – 7	ME – 3
MI – 23	MN – 6
MO – 1	MT – 1
NC – 2	ND – 1
NE – 1	NH – 1
NJ – 4	NM – 1
NY – 23	OH – 10
OK – 2	OR – 6
PA – 13	TN – 6
TX – 7	UT – 1
VA – 12	VT – 3
WA – 34	WI – 8
WY – 1	

Foreign members by country:

Canada – 9	Iceland – 6
Denmark – 1	France – 1
Italy – 1	Sweden – 2
Switzerland – 1	Netherlands – 1
Germany – 1	

Appendix B: CERF Statistics 2012

Statistics Report for Eye Disease

Canine Eye Research Foundation (CERF) 2012 Icelandic Sheepdog

PROBLEMS IN EYELIDS

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PROBLEMS IN LENS

Capsular-Intermediate Unilateral	1	F	6-7 years
Equa. Cortex Punct. Sign. Ukn. Unilateral	1	M	10+years
Posterior Cortex-Intermediate Unilateral	1	M	1-2 yrs
Posterior Sutures-Punctate Unilateral	2	M	2-3 yrs
Significance Cataract Unknown Unilateral	1	F	6-7 years
	2	M	1-2, 2-3 years

PROBLEMS IN OTHER

Other Unilateral	1	M	5-6 years
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PROBLEMS IN UVEA

PPM-Iris to Iris

Unilateral	2	F	
	4	M	

Total Normal Dogs	78		
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Total Number Dogs	82		
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Note: Some dogs may have more than one diagnosis

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Appendix C: AKC Herding Tests Description

Herding tests are open to dogs nine months of age and older, with the exception of the Instinct test, which is open to dogs six months and older. All Icelandic Sheepdogs that are registered with the AKC, including altered dogs that are registered through the AKC's PAL (formerly ILP) Program, are allowed to register. Herding tests are done on a pass/fail basis, there is no scoring. A pass is referred to as a *qualification*.

Instinct Test: An instinct test is done in an area that is between 50' x 50' and 100' by 100'. The corners of the arena should be rounded. The dog is brought in on a line 6–15 feet. While on the line a dog must demonstrate a stop (sit, down, or stand) and a recall. The leash/line is then dropped or removed. Only the judge and handler are allowed in the test area with the dog and stock. The dog must show sustained interest in the stock by going around them, gathering, driving, or a combination.

Herding Test: The herding test is done in a slightly larger area than the instinct test. The test area for sheep is a minimum of 100' by 100'. Two markers or cones are placed on the center line at opposite ends. (You may wish to refer to the diagram on page 27 of the AKC Herding regulations <http://www.akc.org/pdfs/rulebooks/RG9001.pdf>.)

The dog, handler, and judge enter the test area. When the judge determines that the dog is under control, the judge will instruct the handler to place the dog in a sit, stand, or down/stay position, and then to remove the leash. The test (and time) begins when the leash is removed. The handler will then walk away from the dog to an appropriate position in relation to the stock while the dog remains in the stay position. The judge will then signal the handler to send the dog. A dog that breaks the stay will not fail on that account alone. During the test, the judge can provide verbal assistance, but will not place take a position that will influence the stock with body placement.

There are five elements to this test:

- 1) Controlled pause or stop at the beginning;
- 2) and 3) Two changes in direction of stock at or near the appropriate marker. (Most use either a "C" pattern along the fence line from one marker to the other with three passes or a figure eight pattern through the middle three times. Both include two changes in direction.)
- 4) A stop; and
- 5) A recall at the conclusion.

After the recall, the judge will indicate completion of the test. The handler will then leash the dog and leave the test area. During the test, the dog must demonstrate controlled movement of the flock. A herding test ends when the dog has completed all the elements or the time limit of 10 minutes is reached, whichever comes first.

Pre-Trial Test: A dog does not need to have completed a herding test in order to enter a pre-trial test. A pre-trial test is done in an even larger area than the herding test, a minimum of 100' x 200' and a maximum of 200' X 400'. Two panels are placed at the far end of the arena.

After entering the arena the dog must demonstrate a controlled pause (sit, down, or stand). The leash is then removed. The dog must stay in the pause until the handler repositions. The

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judge will then signal or instruct the handler to send the dog. A dog that “breaks” the pause will not qualify.

The dog then moves the stock down one side of the arena between the panel and fence, around the corner to the end, and then around the next corner, continuing to move the stock between the second panel and fence. Direction is reversed approximately half-way down the 2nd long side. The dog continues to move the flock back through the panels in the reverse direction to the pen. The judge may advise the handler during the test but may not physically assist in the control of the livestock.

The handler puts the dog in a stay (sit, stand, or down), opens the gate, and commands the dog to pen the stock. The closing of the pen gate signals the end of the test. The handler then leashes the dog. During the test the stock must pass through four gates (space between panels and fence) and hold the stock in a stop (controlled pause).

The pre-trial test has five elements:

- 1) A stay (a controlled pause);
- 2) Controlled passage of the stock – including clearing the four gates (between panel and fence) and a change of direction;
- 3) One stop on the course (Many find it easiest to do this right before the change of direction on the long side.);
- 4) One stop while the handler opens the pen gate; and
- 5) Penning the stock.

The AKC leaves retrievers at gates and pens up to the judge. A dog must complete all elements within 10 minutes. The time begins once the leash is removed.

Certificates and Titles: In order to receive an AKC certificate for the instinct test or an AKC title for the herding test or pre-trial test, a dog must qualify under two different judges at AKC-licensed herding events. These titles are suffix titles.

The AKC Herding Certificate/Test Titles are as follows:

Instinct Test - AKC awards a certificate but not a title for the instinct test. (The Herding Instinct Certificate is sometimes confused with the title HIC or the abbreviation HIT. HIC is a title awarded for an Intermediate level trial on the “C” course. HIT is commonly used at a trial to refer to High in Trial.)

Herding Test - HT stands for herding tested.

Pre-trial Test – PT stands for Pre-Trial tested.

Note: A PT title will supersede a HT title when an HT has been previously awarded.