

Icelandic Sheepdog International Cooperation



ISIC is the international official cooperation for the preservation of the Icelandic Sheepdog.

ISIC's concern is breeding linked to the breed's origin, to breed abilities, health, type and genetic variation.

ISIC was founded in 1996 on initiative of Guðrún Ragnars Guðjohnsen, former President of Hundaræktarfélag Íslands* (HRFÍ) as well as former responsible for Deild Íslenska Fjárhundsíns** (DÍF).

* *The official Icelandic Kennel Club*

** *The official Icelandic Sheepdog Breeding Committee*



Rules of Procedures

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History

The first international seminar was arranged in the south of Sweden in 1996. It was located there because of the 5 year anniversary of the Swedish breed club. Breed representatives from official clubs in seven (7) countries participated. The seminar ended up with the following resolutions for a future international preservation of the Icelandic Sheepdog:

"1 The seminar decided to form a three member committee. The committees prime responsibility is to implement future seminars. The committee shall also in between seminars be a tool for joint actions decided by the national clubs. The committee shall also carry out and implement tasks given the committee by this or future seminars.

Committee members were elected as follows:

*Gudrun R. Gudjohnsen, chairman
Arni Eymundsson
Hans-Åke Sperne*

2. Each club shall have one member responsible for contacts with the other clubs, regarding the international cooperation. The committee will be responsible for a list to be compiled out of each club's nomination.

3. Club magazines. Each club sends one copy of their magazine to the other clubs, using the addresses in the list mentioned above.

4. Each club gives every other club the right to reprint articles and official results from the club magazines in their own magazine. The source should be stated and any hindrance to reprint given in the original magazine to be respected.

5. The clubs to compile an yearly report updating figures for official results and other statistics (no of litters, puppies, exported/imported dogs, deceases etc).

6. A computer base with information of all known Iceland sheepdogs will be created. Peter O will make a list of which specific information about the dogs to be fed into the computer.

7. Each club to report illnesses occurring nationally that might be a problem or of interest to the other clubs.

8. Each national club have the possibility to seek assistance from the other clubs if deemed beneficiary for the breed and/or the clubs".

Apart from the second part of item 6, these "resolutions" are still quite appropriate. Peter O = Pieter Oliehoek.

Present in Bjuv 1996 were the following clubs:

<i>Deíld Íslenska Fjárhundsins / DIF</i>	<i>Iceland</i>
<i>Spidshundeklubben / SPK</i>	<i>Denmark</i>
<i>Svenska Isländsk Fårhund Klubben / SIFK</i>	<i>Sweden</i>
<i>Norsk Islandshundklub / NIHK</i>	<i>Norway</i>
<i>Islanninkoirat / Islandshundarna</i>	<i>Finland</i>
<i>Vereniging de Ijslandse Hond in Nederland / IJHN</i>	<i>Netherlands</i>
<i>Deutsche Club für Nordische Hunde / DCNH</i>	<i>Germany</i>

§1 Goal

Icelandic Sheepdog International Cooperation (ISIC) is founded in order to preserve a robust population of Icelandic sheepdogs as the breed is described by the Federation Cynologique Internationale (FCI) breed standard by means of:

- honouring the cultural heritage of the breed,
- common knowledge held by the member clubs,
- a common computer base including all Icelandic sheepdogs,
- common statistics of health matters,
- common understanding of mentality, herding, watchdog abilities, breed type and overall appearance,
- increasing genetic variation and maintain it in a high level.

One of the foundations for the cooperation is to regard all Icelandic sheepdogs wherever they live as one population.

§2 Activity

Formulate and update a common international breeding strategy based on the accumulated international knowledge held by ISIC. The aim being to fulfil the FCI breed standard and preserve the genetic manifoldness and variation.

To define and evaluate the breed out of the following five criterias: breed type, health, mentality, working ability (Nordic watch and herding spitz) and genetic manifoldness and variation.

The resolutions from 1996 (see History) are still valid. Below are the resolutions reformulated, updated and extended to fit in as a part of these **Rules of Procedures (RoP)**

1. To arrange international seminars initiated by ISIC/exec (§ 8). ISIC/exec shall also in between seminars be a tool for joint actions decided by the national clubs. ISIC/exec shall as well carry out and implement tasks given them by seminars or chairman meetings (§ 7).
2. Each club shall have at least one member responsible for contacts with the other clubs and ISIC/exec, regarding the international cooperation. ISIC/exec will be responsible for a list to be compiled out of each club's nomination.
3. Club magazines. Each club sends one copy of their magazine too each of the members of ISIC/exec and at least two copies to the other clubs, using the addresses in the list mentioned above.
4. Each club gives the right to reprint articles and official results from the other clubs magazines in their own magazine. The source should be stated and any hindrance to reprint given in the original magazine to be respected.
5. The clubs to compile a yearly report updating figures for official results and other statistics reported in the ISIC approved format.
6. A computer base with information of all known Iceland sheepdogs is created and shall be kept updated.
7. Each club to inform about health matters occurring nationally that might be a problem or of interest to the other clubs.
8. Important decisions or findings for other participating clubs should be reported to ISIC/exec by a participating club.
9. Each national club have the possibility to seek assistance from the other club/s and ISIC/exec if deemed beneficiary for the breed and/or the club/s.
10. A homepage to be used for international information about the breed and ISIC, shall be maintained and updated.

§3 Participating

Participation of ISIC is restricted to the clubs/committees which in their respective country have the breed responsibility and constitutes part of the national, FCI member kennel club or affiliated kennel club. A club interested to obtain participation apply for that to ISIC/exec. Membership is granted or refused by ISIC chairman meeting (§ 7).

Clubs which are members of ISIC are called "participating clubs" in these **RoP**.

§4 Participating contributions

The yearly contributions for the participating clubs are decided by the ISIC chairman meeting. A change of yearly contributions may be suggested by ISIC/exec (§ 8) or a participating club.

A decision of changed participating contributions presupposes consensus and that the participating clubs have had time to gain support for the new contributions within each club before the decision is taken.

Participation contributions shall reflect the number of members in each of the participating clubs.

Participation contributions are invoiced yearly to the clubs not later than the end of January and shall be due for payment on the end of February.

§5 Year of activity

The year of activity as well as the financial year shall be the calendar year.

All relevant bookkeeping shall be presented to the auditor before the 15th of February and returned by the auditor before the 5th of March.

The account for the year of activity inclusive of the auditors report shall be presented to the participating clubs at the latest on the 15th of March.

§6 Organization

ISIC's decision-making body is the chairman meeting shortened to ISIC/chair.

All ISIC documents, data and database as well as ISIC homepage (www.icelanddog.org) are owned and controlled by ISIC, unless otherwise identified by ISIC.

ISIC's executive and administrative body is Icelandic Sheepdog International Cooperation executive committee, ISIC/exec.

§7 ISIC Chairman meeting (ISIC/chair)

A chairman meeting shall be congregated once a year as a formal part of the international seminar. If needed extra chairman meetings can be decided upon.

ISIC/exec shall take part in the chairman meeting.

The chairmen decide in consensus.

Majority vote may be used when appointing ISIC/exec members and auditor.

The chairman meeting is attended by the chairmen of the participating clubs. Each club has one vote. If a chairman cannot attend, his or her club has the right to substitute the chairman with another club representative with the same authority as the chairman.

Following items shall be on the agenda of the chairman annual meeting. Further items may be added.

1. approval of the register of participants
2. presentation of ISIC/exec's activity report including balance sheet and profit and loss account for the previous year
3. presentation of the auditors report
4. adoption of the documents mentioned in item 2 and 3 in this list, as well as actions of ISIC and ISIC/Executive committee are not subject to personal liability.
5. appointment of a person to be one out of three members of ISIC/exec for three years
6. appointment of an auditor for three years every third year when applicable
7. decision upon the contributions to be paid the following year
8. presentation of an updated profit and loss account for the current year
9. presentation of ISIC/exec planned activities for the next year and a cost estimate for these activities.

§8 ISIC executive committee (ISIC/exec)

Being the executive and administrative body of ISIC, ISIC/exec has the responsibility to monitor ISIC activities and see to that these activities is carried out according to these **RoP** and towards the fulfilment of the goal as described in § 1.

ISIC/exec is composed of three persons, one chairman and two members whereof one secretary. Each year the chairman meeting elects one of these three persons for three years.

ISIC/exec appoints a treasurer within or outside ISIC/exec.

ISIC/exec is responsible for and managing ISIC fund (§ 9).

If a member or the chairman of ISIC/exec do not want to be reelected or is unable to fulfill the period of his or hers elected period of three years, he or she shall notify the member clubs at the latest 2 months before the annual chairman meeting.

ISIC/exec is responsible to prepare for and invite to international seminars. Besides the chairman meeting, the breed and genetic discussion is the very essential part of the work done by ISIC (§ 2).

ISIC/exec shall continuously inform the participating clubs about matters of interest to them.

§9 ISIC fund (ISIC/fund)

The aim of this fund is to create finance for special purposes.

ISIC/exec, the participating clubs and associated clubs are expected to carry through fund raising activities and credit the profit of such activities to ISIC/fund.

ISIC/fund shall have a representative in each club.

ISIC/chair and/or ISIC/exec decide upon which activities to be financed by the fund.

Assets belonging to ISIC/fund are entered into the books of ISIC as a separate part.

§10 Accounts and Audit

The appointed treasurer shall keep the books in accordance with professional practice .The treasurer executes payments and invoicing.

The bookkeeping shall include a chart of accounts, verifications for all income and all costs, balance sheet and profit and loss account.

Closing of books shall be distributed to member clubs at the latest the 15 of March the following year.

§11 Changes of Rules of Procedures

Changes to these **RoP** may be decided upon in consensus at a chairman meeting.

§12 Closing down

If, for any reason, ISIC ceases its activities, this must be decided in consensus by two successive chairman meetings. As a part of this decision, it must be declared where and who shall take care of the documents, data, database and homepage (www.icelanddog.org) belonging to ISIC and how financial assets shall be used and/or distributed.