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**The Annual Report for 2018
from DÍF in Iceland**

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Club information

◆ DÍF Club members

There are currently 318 members in DÍF which is a huge increase on previous years. To be a club member you have to be a paid up member of the Icelandic Kennel Club and a registered owner of an Icelandic sheepdog. There is no extra cost for this membership and DÍF receives no payment from the Icelandic Kennel Club.

	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
Members	318	230	279	177	240	240	189	224	240

◆ Registrations

Litters

	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
Litters	33	29	25	29	29	23	20	28	24	19	27
Puppies	145	134	105	136	132	93	90	121	91	73	116
Average size of litters	4.4	4.6	4.6	4.7	4.5	4.0	4.5	4.3	3.8	3.8	4.3
Average inbreeding	-	-	-	-	3.8%	3.7%	2.9%	3.8%	5.0%	5.3%	4.8%

Imports

	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
Denmark	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	-
Norway	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sweden	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Holland	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
USA	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

◆ Registrations, further comments

During 2018, 145 Icelandic sheepdogs were registered from 33 litters, 88 male puppies and 57 female. This is an increase in puppies and litters from last year, though the average litter size of 4.4 is slightly smaller, there were no imported dogs in 2018.

The microchip form including information on the testicles of male puppies that came into force in 2017 unfortunately has not been used by all breeders so we have discontinued it.



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reg. nr. of puppies	d.o.b.	sire	dam	pups reg.	kennelname & breeder/s
IS24184/18 - IS24188/18	25.08.2017	A Gerplu Barny IS19796/14 (5 progeny)	A Gerplu Sóley IS20814/15 (5 progeny)	5	GERPLU - Guðný Halla Gunnlaugsdóttir
IS24271/18 - IS24273/18	29.09.2017	A Gerplu Einir Fróði IS21071/15 (10 progeny)	C Stokk-Sels Snjó Lína IS17606/12 (9 progeny)	3	KELDUDALS - Guðrún Lárusdóttir
IS24286/18 - IS24290/18	20.11.2017	B Snjófells Vordagur IS20890/15 (12 progeny)	A Kersins Skvísa IS16438/11 (13 progeny)	5	KERSINS - Helga Gústafsdóttir
IS24339/18 - IS24341/18	03.10.2017	C Kersins Kátur IV IS19177/14 (3 progeny)	C Leiru Táta IS21155/15 (3 progeny)	3	Guðbjörg Jóhannsdóttir
IS24372/18 - IS24376/18	01.12.2017	B Heiðarhofs Kolmar IS17542/12 (40 progeny)	B Laufeyjar Sunna IS19302/14 (10 progeny)	5	LAUFEYJAR - Linda Laufey Bragadóttir
IS24404/18 - IS24408/18	20.11.2017	C Dranga Húnbogi IS14769/10 (15 progeny)	B Stefsstells Maí Aska IS16195/11 (9 progeny)	5	STEFSSTELLS - Stefánía Sigurðardóttir
IS24409/18 - IS24410/18	24.05.2017	A Gerplu Einir Fróði IS21071/15 (10 progeny)	C Stokk-Sels Snjó Lína IS17606/13 (9 progeny)	2	KELDUDALS - Guðrún Lárusdóttir
IS24416/18 - IS24419/18	17.01.2018	A Bósi IS10148/06 (17 progeny)	B Gerplu Pollý IS18029/13 (10 progeny)	4	Sjöfn Guðlaug Vilhjálmsdóttir
IS24463/18 - IS24466/18	23.04.2017	A Stokk-Sels Arngrímur IS19393/14 (17 progeny)	A Táta frá Keldnakoti IS15912/11 (4 progeny)	4	SVANAVATNS - Sigrún Brynja Haraldsdóttir
IS24537/18 - IS24539/18	24.02.2018	A Dranga Kveld-Úlfur IS19863/14 (14 progeny)	B Keilis Saga IS20643/15 (3 progeny)	3	ÍSEYJAR - Guðni Ágústsson
IS24541/18 - IS24542/18	24.01.2018	A Arnarstaða Hrói IS12567/08 (14 progeny)	A Bjarkeyjar Brák IS20309/15 (2 progeny)	2	BJARKEYJAR - Inga Björk Gunnarsdóttir
IS24582/18 - IS24586/18	18.01.2018	A Leiru Sámur IS09753/06 (29 progeny)	A Snætinda Ísadóra IS20101/14 (5 progeny)	5	FAGRAHVAMMS - Anna & Hrefna Jónsdóttir
IS24587/18 - IS24591/18	30.01.2018	B Gerplu Palli Putti IS16422/11 (9 progeny)	C Fagrahvamms Ásynja IS20302/15 (5 progeny)	5	FAGRAHVAMMS - Anna & Hrefna Jónsdóttir
IS24631/18 - IS24637/18	23.01.2018	C Stefsstells Vinur IS13301/09 (26 progeny)	C Snjófells Sjöfn IS16023/11 (13 progeny)	7	KOLSHOLTS - Helena Þórðardóttir & Sigurður R Guðjónsson
IS24666/18 - IS24668/18	25.02.2018	A Kirkjufells Kolar IS15024/10 (19 progeny)	A Ísskógar Snotra IS16838/12 (11 progeny)	3	ÍSSKÓGAR - María Auður Steingrímmsdóttir
IS24701/18 - IS24704/18	06.03.2018	B Snjófells Óðinn IS13764/09 (27 progeny)	C Snjófells Pandóra IS18829/13 (11 progeny)	4	SNJÓFELLS - Malin M. Persson
IS24739/18 - IS24747/18	19.04.2018	A Huldudals Húgó IS22110/16 (8 progeny)	C Kersins Sillý IS20694/15 (8 progeny)	4	HNÍFDALS - Gilla Kristín Smoter Gísladóttir
IS24889/18 - IS24894/18	16.04.2018	A Oddhóls Loki IS21818/16 (9 progeny)	A Ístjarna Katla IS16868/12 (19 progeny)	6	ÍSTJARNAR - Vigdís Elma Cates
IS24916/18 - IS24919/18	19.05.2018	C Skuggi frá Keldnakoti IS15130/10 (10 progeny)	B Stjörnuljósa Skruna IS21555/16 (4 progeny)	4	STJÖRNULJÓSA - Margrét Bára Magnúsdóttir
IS24924/18 - IS24926/18	22.03.2018	C Leiru Tryggur IS21156/15 (15 progeny)	C Snætinda Vaka IS16853/14 (4 progeny)	3	SNÆTINDA - Hafþór Snæbjörnsson, Unnur Sveinsdóttir & Sunna Líf Hafþórsd
IS24990/18 - IS24994/18	09.05.2018	C Kersins Krafftur IS22006/16 (10 progeny)	C Kersins Brekka IS20695/15 (4 progeny)	5	SNIGILSTAÐA - Sólrún Lilja Ragnarsdóttir
IS24995/18 - IS25001/18	07.05.2018	B Snjófells Vordagur IS20890/15 (12 progeny)	C Huldudals Heba IS19948/14 (20 progeny)	7	HULDUDALS - Hafrós Hulda Einarsdóttir
IS25045/18 - IS25052/18	03.05.2018	A Gerplu Þór IS19802/14 (14 progeny)	C Gerplu Rjúpa IS19115/14 (17 progeny)	7	GERPLU - Guðný Halla Gunnlaugsdóttir
IS25062/18 - IS25066/18	19.04.2018	C Leiru Tryggur IS21156/15 (15 progeny)	C Laufeyjar Gígja IS19305/14 (5 progeny)	5	GLITSKÝJAR - Eliza Jakob Sjoerd de Jager
IS25166/18 - IS25169/18	02.04.2018	A Dranga Kveld-Úlfur IS19863/14 (14 progeny)	A Ístjarna Lóa IS19703/14 (13 progeny)	4	ÍSTJARNAR - Vigdís Elma Cates
IS25263/18	10.09.2018	A Gerplu Einir Fróði IS21071/15 (10 progeny)	C Arnarstaða Skrudda IS16676/12 (4 progeny)	1	FLJÓTA - Arnþrúður Heimisdóttir
IS25282/18 - IS25285/18	07.08.2018	A Arnarstaða Þór Þrumugnýr IS15771/11 (4 progeny)	A Kirkjufells Sandra IS18539/13 (4 progeny)	4	KIRKJUFELLS - Herdís Gróa Tómasdóttir
IS25318/18 - IS25324/18	16.08.2018	A Arnarstaða Rektor IS10191/06 (20 progeny)	A Kolsholts Flauta IS20381/15 (7 progeny)	7	KOLSHOLTS - Helena Þórðardóttir & Sigurður R Guðjónsson
IS25403/18 - IS25407/18	27.06.2018	D Ístjarnar Gustur IS19935/14 (5 progeny)	B Katla IS21320/15 (5 progeny)	5	Jóhanna Perla Gísladóttir
IS25409/18 - IS25411/18	18.08.2018	A Stokk-Sels Arngrímur IS19393/14 (17 progeny)	A Yrja IS20516/15 (6 progeny)	3	ICE-VIKINGS - Kristín Jóhannsdóttir
IS25412/18 - IS25413/18	19.08.2018	C Stefsstells Drengur Dýri IS15323/10 (9 progeny)	C Leiru Hnota IS19490/14 (12 progeny)	2	ICE-VIKINGS - Kristín Jóhannsdóttir
IS25478/18 - IS25482/18	26.09.2018	C Dranga Húnbogi IS14769/10 (15 progeny)	C Laufeyjar Hrafnís IS21052/15 (5 progeny)	5	LAUFEYJAR - Linda Laufey Bragadóttir
IS25500/18 - IS25506/18	30.09.2018	B Sunnusteins Íslandssómi IS17332/12 (14 progeny)	C Sunnusteins Hrina IS19607/14 (7 progeny)	7	SUNNUSTEINS - Þorsteinn Thorsteinson

◆ Registrations, further comments

The number of progeny in brackets (previous page) include all registered progeny up to the end of September 2019. Below is a breakdown of parents of litters registered in 2018 that have 15 or more progeny up to the end of September 2019, there has been quite a marked increase in the use of popular sires.

Listed below are the hip score of the dogs themselves in front of their names, the number of their progeny that have been hip scored and a breakdown of their hip results, this is also an indication as to how many of their progeny have gone on to be bred from, or will be, as hip scoring is a requirement for breeding. Unfortunately, in many cases, not enough research is done into animals that are used in breeding.

<i>Males used in breeding in 2018 with a total of 15 progeny or more</i>	
B Heiðarhofs Kolmar IS17542/12 (40 progeny)	9 progeny hip scored - 2xA 3xB 4xC
A Leiru Sámur IS09753/06 (29 progeny)	10 progeny hip scored - 8xA 2xC
B Snjófells Óðinn IS13764/09 (27 progeny)	9 progeny hip scored - 1xB 2xB 5xC 1xD
C Stefsstells Vinur IS13301/09 (26 progeny)	4 progeny hip scored - 3xA 1xB
A Arnarstaða Rektor IS10191/06 (20 progeny)	8 progeny hip scored - 5xA 2xB 1xC
A Kirkjufells Kolur IS15024/10 (19 progeny)	2 progeny hip scored - 2xA
A Bósi IS10148/06 (17 progeny)	3 progeny hip scored - 3xA
A Stokk-Sels Arngrímur IS19393/14 (17 progeny) fathered 2 litters in 2018	5 progeny hip scored - 1xA 3xC 1xD
C Dranga Húnbogi IS14769/10 (15 progeny) fathered 2 litters in 2018	0 progeny hip scored
C Leiru Tryggur IS21156/15 (15 progeny) fathered 2 litters in 2018	0 progeny hip scored
<i>Females used in breeding in 2018 with a total of 15 progeny or more</i>	
C Hulduðals Heba IS19948/14 (20 progeny)	1 progeny hip scored - 1xB
A Ístjarna Katla IS16868/12 (19 progeny)	2 progeny hip scored - 1xB 1xC
C Gerplu Rjúpa IS19115/14 (17 progeny)	4 progeny hip scored - 4xA

◆ Stud Dogs

It is compulsory in Iceland for all Icelandic sheepdogs to be hip scored and have a valid eye examination before they may be used in breeding. Any dog diagnosed with hereditary cataracts or E hips is banned from breeding. Eye examinations are valid for 12 months increasing to 26 months for dogs examined after 3 years of age. In January 2018 a new rule came into force, dogs/bitches eye tested when seven years old or older and have previously been eye tested twice before without remarks, now have their eye certificate valid for the rest of their lives. This is a great breakthrough

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for us after many years of trying, this will provide us with a wider variety of dogs available on the stud list for the future and hopefully a greater variety of males used in future breeding.

Male dogs diagnosed with eye conditions are only included on the Stud Dog list provided that the diagnosing vet states that the dog may be bred from, in these cases it is recommended that the dog be bred to a mate without remarks, of course the same applies for bitches.

It is not forbidden to use a dog, or bitch, with D hips, though we do urge our breeders who decide to breed a hip dysplastic dog to choose a mate with A or B hips, the same applies for breeding with dogs with C hip scores. The Icelandic Kennel Club ban the use of dogs with E hips in breeding, in line with FCI rules. We do not include males with D or E hips on our Stud Dog list.

◆ Hip Dysplasia (HD)

Hip dysplasia	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
A	19	20	8	15	15	19	10	8	9	6	14
B	4	4	8	5	7	9	4	8	9	2	3
C	10	5	11	12	10	10	7	13	14	7	11
D	6	0	2	1	4	1	2	6	5	3	5
E	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	4	3
In total	39	29	29	33	36	39	25	35	40	22	36

◆ Elbow Dysplasia (ED)

No Icelandic sheepdogs were elbow-scored in 2018, it is not a requirement here in Iceland.

◆ Patella Luxation

No cases of Patella Luxation have been reported in Icelandic sheepdogs in Iceland.

◆ Eye examinations

Eye conditions	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
Unaffected signifies (free)	89	83	80	65	81	74	61	56	85	79	129
Hereditary Cataract	4	1	3	2	1	3	4	-	-	1	4
Corneal Dystrophy	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Distichiasis	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Retinal Dysplasia	2	-	2	1	1	-	-	-	1	1	-
PHTVL/PHPV Grade 1	5	3	5	2	-	2	4	1	-	-	-
PHPVL/PHPV Grade 2	2	2	4	1	2	1	1	-	-	-	-
PPM Persistent Pupillary Membrane	-	2	1	1	-	2	1	-	-	-	-
Others	2	-	2	1	2	3	7	1	-	2	5
In total	105	91	97	74	87	85	72	59	86	83	138

◆ Eye examinations, further comments

There were two new cases of Posterior Polar Cataracts diagnosed in 2018, they are both from the same parents as the dog diagnosed with the same result in 2017.

There are two new cases of Anterior Cortical Cataract.

The case of Distichiasis is the same dog that was diagnosed in 2017.

There are two new cases of Retinal Dysplasia.

The dogs diagnosed with PHTVL/PHPV Grade 1 and PHPVL/PHPV Grade 2 are the same dogs that were diagnosed in 2017 and some earlier years as well, we do not exclude these dogs from breeding provided the examining ophthalmic veterinary surgeon states that they may be bred from.

We have been in touch with the Animal Health Trust in England who are doing research into the genetics that cause Posterior Polar cataracts in dogs. The ISAA contacted them in the early 2000's and got the Icelandic Sheepdog added to the list of dogs included in the programme and most of the ISIC clubs sent DNA swabs to them at that time. With new technology they are now well on the way to achieving their goal and now only require swabs from Posterior Polar cataract positive dogs and from dogs that are diagnosed clear at 6 years of age or older. It will be a valuable tool for our breeders to be able to know beforehand whether their dogs are carriers and avoid mating them to other carriers, thus preventing this debilitating disease from affecting our breed in the future.



◆ Shows

Shows	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
DÍF shows	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	2
Number of dogs	-	55	55	62	46	42	65	-	-	-	132
HRFÍ Shows	6	5	5	8	3	4	4	4	4	4	3
Number of dogs	231	235	197	269	116	146	147	146	144	201	97
Dogs in total	231	290	252	331	162	188	212	146	144	201	229

◆ Shows, further comments

The highest scoring dog in 2018 was ISCh. ISJCh. RW-17 Sunnusteins Einir IS21764/16. The highest scoring dog of opposite sex in 2018 was ISCh. ISJCh, RW-18 Stemma Rektorsdóttir frá Ólafsvöllum IS22215/16.

The highest scoring veterans in 2018 were, in equal place, SVW-16. ISCh. ISVetCh. RW-13 OB-1 Stefsstells Skrúður IS09862/06 and C.I.B. ISCh. RW-14 Snætinda Ísafold IS13995/09.

The highest scoring breeders in 2018 were, in equal place, Snætinda and Laufeyjar.

The DÍF 40th Anniversary Club Show - 19th May 2019



BISS: Stefsstells Dranga Komma & BOSS: ISCh ISJCh RW-17 Sunnusteins Einir

◆ Icelandic Sheepdog Day



The 18th July, the late Mark Watson's birthday, was celebrated as Icelandic Sheepdog Day this year in Iceland for the fourth year running.

Pórhildur Bjartmarz is the initiator and organizer of this event and together with her committee organised it this year at the Árbær Open Air Museum in Reykjavík, it also celebrated DÍF's 40th anniversary. A huge gathering of Icelandic sheepdogs and their owners attended in glorious weather and we had a wonderful day together presenting our wonderful breed to the people who came there. Our chairman, Stefanía Sigurðardóttir introduced the breed, pointing out the various coat colours, coat types, temperament, working abilities and the qualities of the breed in general.

Dorrit Moussaieff, wife of the former president of Iceland, Ólafur Ragnar Grímsson, has taken a special interest in the Icelandic Sheepdog and posed for photographs advertising this year's event.

Mark Watson's birthday is used in honour of all the work he did for the Icelandic Sheepdog from the 1950s to the formation of the Icelandic Kennel Club in 1969, saving it from extinction and for his dedication to the breed throughout his adult life.

The DÍF board have applied to the authorities to have this day made official in the Icelandic calendar.

◆ Our Special Thanks

Monika Dagný Karlsdóttir was honoured at our AGM this year for her beautiful books about Hófi that are a truly wonderful promotion for the breed.

◆ The Revised Breed Standard

In July 2018 the FCI Standard Committee officially accepted the revised breed standard (nr.289) for the Icelandic Sheepdog and it was put up on their nomenclature webpage.

◆ DÍF Calendar

The DÍF calendar has been produced every year since 1998. We are always looking for good quality photographs of Icelandic sheepdogs taken here in the Icelandic countryside. The Calendar Committee are working on the 2020 calendar and it should be available very soon. Calendars can be purchased from, Ágúst Ágústsson dagatal@dif.is. The price of the calendar is ISkr.2.000 each, ISkr.5.000 when you buy 3 or ISkr. 13.000 when you buy 10, plus postage etc. of course.

◆ DÍF Webpage

The DÍF homepage is regularly updated with information on shows, health tests and other activities.

The Icelandic kennel club, HRFÍ, is currently updating its database and can no longer provide the DÍF database with updates of registrations, this means that registrations from the latter half of 2018 and so far this year are missing but we are working on that and the database should be up to date soon. This means that until then, all lists, including HD and eye examinations, on the DÍF webpage can only be displayed for dogs that are in the DÍF database. Our chairman, Stefanía Sigurðardóttir is responsible for updating the DÍF webpage.

You can find information on eye tests and hip scores under HEILBRIGÐI.

We are asking owners of all Icelandic sheepdogs born and originally registered in Iceland to send in photographs of their dogs to be added to the pedigree database on the DÍF webpage to <http://www.dif.is>.

◆ The DÍF Board

At this year's AGM Stefanía Sigurðardóttir and Hrefna Sigfúsdóttir were re-elected, each for two years. Arna Rúnarsdóttir resigned after one year on the board and Ragnhildur Sigurðardóttir was elected to replace her for one year.

We would like to thank Arna for her work during her time with us.

Stefanía Sigurðardóttir is again the Chairman, Hrefna Sigfúsdóttir is the Secretary and Ragnhildur Sigurðardóttir is the Treasurer.

Stefanía Sigurðardóttir, Helga Andrésdóttir and Ragnhildur Sigurðardóttir make up the Breeding Committee and Helga Andrésdóttir is responsible for entering new litters etc. into the ISIC database.

◆ Summary

On the whole 2018 has been quite an eventful year, the high point being the acceptance of the revised breed standard by the FCI Standard Committee without remarks, except changing dog and bitch to male and female in line with the new FCI standard layout. This goes to show what a great job the DÍF Standard Committee, together with all the other experts who were involved in revising the breed standard, have done.

In January 2018 the eye test regulations changed for dogs eye tested when seven years old or older and have previously been eye tested twice before without remarks, they now have their eye certificate valid for life.

There was also a marked increase both in litters and in members of DÍF in 2018, the Icelandic sheepdog has recently enjoyed a renewed popularity here in Iceland as well as abroad.

Reykjavík, 22nd October 2019

Stefanía Sigurðardóttir, Chairman

**On behalf of Deild íslenska fjárhundsins,
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