Report from Canada

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The Canadian Club

Our fledgling club, Vesturheims Iceland Sheepdog of Canada/Vesturheims Berger Islandais du Canada, has only managed to meet once this year and our president has just stepped down due to other commitments. We hope to have a new president in place soon.

Work on the ISIC database

At the ISIC seminar last year a workaround was discussed for early Canadian dogs that cannot currently be registered in the ISIC database (because of a lack of information/documentation). Peg Johnson, USA, led the discussion and it is our understanding that Gudni was to be approached about using ISNA numbers to enter a number of those dogs. Once those early dogs are entered, we will be able to enter progeny dogs. However, we still have not received any direction on how to proceed. We have, in the meantime, identified a large number of dogs that we can add to the database once the workaround is in place.

Only a handful of dogs have been added to the database and some corrections made to some of the records since the ISIC seminar last year.

Litter information

We cannot supply a detailed report on breeding activities and the ISD population in Canada. However, we can supply the following information from the CKC on the number of dogs registered and the number of litters registered in the last 3 years**. Please note that the year reflects the year the litter was registered with the CKC, not necessarily the year the litter was born. Also, the number of dogs registered does not reflect how many dogs are in Canada but the number of dogs registered that year.

DOGS			LITTERS		
2016	2017	2018	2016	2017	2018
21	35	40	4	10	7

We do not know how many ISDs are in Canada at this time. A guestimate would be between 150 to 200 dogs.