

Svenska Isländsk Fårhundklubben, Sweden



Annual report for the year 2022

**The 28th International seminar for
the Icelandic Sheepdog
2023 Vaddö, Sweden
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Club members

	2022 31 th December	2021 31 th December	2020 31 th December	2019 31 th December	2018 31 th December
Members	249	214	328	243	350
New members this year					

Summary

96 dogs registered: 2022.

Number of litters: 21

Average litter size = 4,2

Increase of inbreeding = 1,0 %, 5 generations

Average inbreeding, Dogs Global = Not calculated for 2022

Svenska Kennelklubben (SKK) registered 96 dogs last year, 92 puppies out of 21 litters and four imported dogs from Iceland, Denmark, France and The Netherlands. A result that is more in line with a normal year compared to year 2021's 135 registrations.

A total of 16 males and 21 females were used in breeding. Fifteen (15) dogs debuted in breeding, six (6) males and nine (9) females.

The average litter size was 4,2 puppies/litter. Year 2007, we had a result of 5 puppies/litter. A result that we have reached only once. Knowing that 5 puppies/litter is possible to reach, it is our goal for the future.

Dogs Global

No updates have been done for 2022.

The diversity in our current population needs to be increased and for that, computer programs with possibilities for kinship calculations across all generations are needed.

The use of new blood is still essential in the Swedish population as well as international exchanges of dogs. The difficulty is that it is difficult to know which individuals contribute to increased diversity.

It is important that the cooperation continues to secure the diversity and health of the entire population.

Health

Last year, one dog received the note, Congenital cataract, partial cortex and partial nucleus. The genetic significance is unknown.

From 2015 onwards we have seen an increase in the number of cases of hereditary cataract compared to the years between 2000 and 2014 when only one case of non-hereditary cataract was reported. For dogs born 2015 - 2021, 8 cases with hereditary cataract, 2 cases with unknown genetic significance and one case with non-hereditary cataract have been reported.

The Icelandic Sheepdog is still a healthy breed, but SIFK will continue to keep an eye on the HD, the eye examinations and gather information about cryptorchism.

SIFK's main goal is to keep a wide breeding base and to increase the genetic diversity. The effect of increased diversity is to lower the risk for serious diseases to be spread in the entire population.

Mentality

There are 212 dogs with a complete score sheet from **Mental Description Dog (MH)** and 164 from **Behavior and Personality Assessment in Dogs (BPH)**.

In average, the intensity scale shows that the dogs do not play but show interest.

They show less activity in all kinds of play.

The intensity scale for curiosity/fearlessness shows that dogs in average walk up to an unknown thing/functionary when dogs have their owner standing beside them.

The intensity scale for sociability shows that dogs in average accept contact from an unknown person and walk away with the person without engagement.

The intensity scale for aggressiveness shows that dogs in average do not show any aggression or one or two aggressive threats in the beginning of the test.

Working abilities, herding

SIFK are very happy about the shown interest and participation in **FCI's Natural Herding Aptitude Test and Herding Working Test, all Traditional style** and course arranged both private and by SIFK. The dogs are doing well in tests, some have also started in the working test HWT1 and HWT2.

Statistics overview and comments, registrations

The results from herding and results from mental description (MH and BPH) helps us gain important information about the breeds' ability to move a group of animals in an energy-saving and secure way. The herding ability is about how the breed handle the signals they get from the group of herding animals together with the ability to communicate with the farmer. For this, the dog needs to be mentally balanced, communicative and could have the ability to read the terrain.

Estimated number of Icelandic sheepdogs in (your country)

2022
1100

Statistics overview and comments, registrations

Litters

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Litters	21	31	21	21	14
Puppies registered	96 (4)	135 (4)	103 (4)	95 (4)	78 (7)
Average size of litters	4,2	4,6	4,3	4,8	4,2
Increase of inbreeding % 5 generations	1,0	1,4	1,0	1,0	0,6
Average inbreeding % Dogs Global	-	-	23,59	23,81	22,74
General Mean Kinship %	-	-	22,55	22,59	22,52

Imports

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Iceland	1	2	2	1	2
Norway			1		2
Denmark	1	1			1
Germany					1
Finland				1	
Poland					1
Schweiz				1	
France	1				
The Netherlands	1		1	2	

Further comments:

Four dogs imported last year came from four different countries, Iceland, Denmark, France and The Netherlands. In general, the most common country dogs are imported from is Iceland.

Statistics overview and comments, registrations

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
S38696/99	Icetops Keipur	1999	9	45	141
S54928/94	Yrar-Garpur	1994	9	34	108
S37675/2000	Pretty-Prud's Keli	2000	5	19	84
S29301/2001	Gunnar Fra Gull Lyklinum	2001	4	12	84
S28573/2004	Drengur	2004	9	41	76
S34927/91	Iskristallens Spoi	1991	8	28	76
SE37606/2012	Ástvinur Kátur Silfurgeisli	2012	2	11	70
SE20738/2013	Tellusdream Islakkur	2013	6	25	67
DK07814/93	Skivridergaardens Landi	1993	6	21	65
S57106/91	Prickur	1991	4	14	58
S63495/2005	Ástvinur Fjalar	2005	4	15	54
S13282/2004	Vaskur Flibbi Jakisson	2003	6	30	51
S51958/96	Fieldworks Keldur	1996	2	9	51

Females					
Reg nr.	Name of the dog	Year of birth	No. of Litters	No. of Puppies	No of grandchildren
S10371/96	Ullálvas Tibra	1995	4	20	104
S1911572003	Wadsteinas Rita	2003	4	17	78
SE18244/2010	Losnabakken's Vilda Vikingsdottir	2009	2	13	78
S50825/2000	Bjartmars Sunna	2000	2	10	77
S44533/94	Pretty-Prud's Ekkja	1994	4	12	58
S25345/94	Ullálvas Sota	1994	4	15	56
S39207/94	Heartseeker's Björk	1994	2	7	56
S57216/92	Akka	1992	4	17	54
S32495/2002	Ásta	2002	4	17	54
S11789/2000	Fieldworks Stefnir	1999	2	9	51

Further comments:

The dogs above are all dogs that exceed the club's recommendations regarding either the number of offspring or grandchildren or both.

SIFK's breeding limit is five (5) litters or 25 offsprings and for grandchildren the limit is the double numbers of offsprings – 50 grandchildren.

Hip Dysplasia (HD)

Total number of x-rayed dogs	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
A	17	14	16	18	10
B	19	15	13	9	14
A+B	36	29	29	27	24
C	11	14	10	11	12
D	3	4	1	1	2
E					
C+D+E	14	18	11	12	14
In total	50	47	40	39	38

Further comments:

Method – FCI's (Fédération Internationale Cynologique) rules for x-ray.

The figures show the result of the total number of dogs, which are X-rayed year by year. In average the dogs are X-rayed when they are between 13-22 months old.

The number of dogs with D and E has decreased since 2015. Number of dogs with D, born 2015 - 2021 are in total, 8 dogs. The number of dogs with E born in the same period is one dog.

SIFK's recommendation is that the hip dysplasia situation should be known for dogs used in breeding, but it is also important to X-ray as many dogs as possible, from different families, to better follow the situation in the population. There are two reasons for that. One is to get statistically reliable results, and the second is that Svenska Kennelklubbens (SKK) Breeding Committé policy says: "It cannot be considered compatible with the SKK's basic rules to use a dog with HD grade E in breeding, or to pair a dog with HD grade D with anything other than a dog graded as A or B".

Elbow dysplasia (ED)

Total number of x-rayed dogs	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Level 0	13	16	10	9	12
Level 1		1			
Level 2					
Level 3					
In total	13	17	10	9	12

Further comments:

It is not so common to X-ray elbows but the club receives some results every year. Between 1990 – 2022 the total number of X-rayed dogs is 223. Only eight of them have got remarks; six dogs have got level 1, one level 2 and one level 3.

Patella luxation:

Total number of x-rayed dogs	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Level 0	3			4	
Level 1					
Level 2					
Level 3					
In total	3			4	

Further comments:

There are just a few dogs, fourteen (14) x-rayed for patella and none affected. The first dog was diagnosed in 2002.

Eye examinations

Total number of x-rayed dogs	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Unaffected signifies (free)	49	38	30	44	34
Hereditary Cataract			1	3	
Other Cataracts	1				
Cornea Distrophe					
Distichiatis					
Others (see below)		3	2	1	
In total	50	41	33	48	34

Other hereditary eye diseases:

No other remarks on the eyes have been reported for 2022.

Further comments:

Last year, a dog received the note, Congenital cataract, partial cortex and partial nucleus. The genetic significance is unknown.

From 2015 onwards we have seen an increase in the number of cases of hereditary cataract compared to the years between 2000 and 2014 when only one case of non-hereditary cataract was reported.

For dogs born 2015 - 2021, has 8 cases of hereditary cataract, 2 cases of unknown genetic significance and one case of non-hereditary cataract been reported.

This is something to keep an eye on in the future. We need more dogs, even dogs which should not breed, to be eye examined to guarantee a healthy situation in the population.

SIFK's recommendation is that all dogs used in breeding should be eye examined before mating.

Health, optional testing

Total numbers of dogs examined	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
BEAR (Hearingdiseases)					
Heart diseases					
Kidney diseases					

Further comments:

We have no official diseases published.

Mentality descriptions

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Descripted dogs MH	5	5	1	4	5
Descripted dogs BPH	20	20	27	6	9
In total	25	25	28	10	14

Further comments:

The total number of dogs with a complete score sheet in **Mentalbeskrivning Hund (MH)** is by the end of 2022, 212 dogs.

The total number of dogs taken part in **Behavior and Personality Assessment in Dogs (BPH)** is by the end of 2022, 164 dogs.

The dogs that have taken part in BPH are still too few for a statistical survey. We have to reach the limit of 200 dogs, which includes dogs from nearly all family groups, before the Swedish Kennel Club supports us with a breed related mentality analyse.

Working abilities (herding) descriptions

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Descripted dogs				9	6
Official herding test (NHAT)	24	13	6	9	6
Official Working test (HWT)	3	3	4	2	
In total	24	13	6	9	6

Further comments:

Summary of herding tests, *Herding Working Test traditional Style (HWT) and Natural Herding Aptitude Test Traditional Style (NHAT) 2022.*

A total of 24 dogs were officially tested (NHAT) in 2022. All tested by Svenska Kroppsvallarklubben (SvKV), which is the official club for herding for icelandic sheepdogs in Sweden. It is now the 5th year in a row when it has been possible to do official tests.

Three (3) dogs started in *Working test (HWT)*, one dog completed the test.

The official results can be found on SKK's dog database, *Hunddata*.

In addition to the herding aptitude test and herding working test, dogs have taken part in private training as well as courses arranges by SIFK and also private direction.

Shows

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Number of shows	1	1	0	1	1
Number of dogs	29	6	0	21	46
In total (dogs)	29	6	0	21	

Further comments:

In August, it was time for an official dog show after 2-years due to the corona pandemic. The dog show is a part of an extended member's weekend that starts already on Thursday with herding tests, NAHT and a day of herding competition.

On Saturday, there are opportunities for competitions in obedience, rally obedience and agility, as well as trying out nose work.

There were 29 dogs registered for Sunday's dog show. Judged by Ambjörn Lindquist.

Best dog at the show was Konungsberget's Arnsteinn Vikingsson and best female was Kolsholt's Kilja. Best breeder group was a group from Diljas Kennel.

Appendix

Litters

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Litters	23	17	24	19	17	18	14	15	12	18	14	21	21	31	21
Puppies	120(7)	69(6)	123(7)	87(5)	53(2)	95(6)	67(2)	76(7)	63(7)	75(7)	78(8)	95(4)	103(4)	135(3)	96(4)
Average size of litters	4,5	4	4,8	4,3	3,2	4,5	4,4	4,6	4,6	4,3	4,2	4,8	4,3	4,6	4,2
Increase of inbreeding % 5 generations	2,3	1,6	2,1	1,5	1,3	1,7	2,0	1,1	1,1	2,4	0,6	1,0	1,0	1,4	1,0
Average inbreeding % Dogs Global									24,32	25,22	22,74	23,81	23,59		
General Mean Kinship %									22,65	22,79	22,52	22,59	22,55		

Imports

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Iceland	3	2	2	3	1	6	1	3	4	4	2	1	2	2	1
Norway	2	1	4		1			2			2		1		
Denmark			1	2			1		1	2	1			1	1
Finland		2							1			1			
Germany		1						2			1				
Poland									2	2	1				
Schweiz											1				
The Netherlands												2	1		1
France															1

Appendix

Hip Dysplasia (HD), Year of birth.

Total number of x-rayed dogs	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
A	27	9	18	9	5	17	14	17	4	17	11	14	11	21	
B	4	3	11	9	6	9	4	13	10	10	9	11	11	17	
A+B	31	12	29	18	11	16	18	30	14	27	20	25	22	38	
C	6	5	7	9	7	6	6	8	10	3	8	6	13	8	
D	1	2	1	3	2	5	4	1		2		2	2	1	1
E								1							
C+D+E	7	7	8	12	9	11	10	10	10	5	8	8	15	9	1
In total	38	19	37	30	20	27	28	40	24	32	28	33	37	47	1

Elbow dysplasia (ED), Year of birth.

Total number of x-rayed dogs	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Level 0	14	5	4	5	3	7	9	6	11	9	7	7	13	21	
Level 1			1	1								1			
Level 2															
Level 3					1										
In total	14	5	5	6	4	7	9	6	11	9	7	8	13	21	

Appendix

Patella luxation, Year of birth

Total number of x-rayed dogs	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Level 0							2	1			1		1	1	
Level 1															
Level 2															
Level 3															
In total							2	1			1		1	1	

Eye examinations, Year of birth

Total number of x-rayed dogs	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Unaffected signifies (free)	6	3	24	19	13	30	20	27	19	27	24	18	31	33	
Hereditary Cataract									2	1	4			3	
Other Cataracts						1					1				
Cornea Distrophe															
Distichiatis							1								
Others			1			1	2	1		2	1	1			
In total	6	3	25	19	13	32	23	28	21	30	30	19	31	36	

Appendix

Mentality descriptions, Year of birth

Total number of described dogs	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Described dogs (MH)	11	3	13	7	7	1	0	2	1	2	1	1	2	2	-
Described dogs (BPH)	2	0	6	6	6	12	12	17	15	12	13	12	17	32	1
In total	13	3	19	13	13	13	12	19	16	14	14	13	19	34	1

Working abilities (herding) descriptions

Total number of described dogs	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Herding description	12	32	17	19	12	0	19	18	26	13	6	9			
Official herding test (NHAT)											6	6	6	13	24
Official Working test (HWT)												2	2	3	3
In total	12	32	17	19	12	0	19	18	26	13	12	15	6	13	27

Eye results:

Dogs with congenital catarakt

Reg.nr.	Name	Sex	Father	Mother	Remark
SE67760/2021	Joneshill's Gambera Strengursdottir	F	Kolsholts Strengur Vinarson	Vestanvindur Gára Ljúfsdóttir	Partiell cortex, genetic significance unknown Partiell nucleus, genetic significance unknown

Imports

Year 2022

Country

Date of birth

Female

SE20186/2022 Aevor Valentinsdagur Trygg Vinur
 Father: NHSB3050531 Askur Eskilsson Sældarlífs
 Mother: NHSB3038876 Ayla Gáfa Högnisdóttir
 The Netherlands 14-02-2019

SE45938/2022 Eskifjóðurs Aila
 Father: DK19082/2018 Heilladur Alfadir Vandí
 Mother: DK18161/2018 viskuvalla's Ulfa Vaka
 Denmark 18-04-2022

SE47780/2022 North Polar's Leight Teitny-Alfamaer
 Father: VDHCNH01027/16 Steinunn's Brimi
 Mother: SE17128/2019 Lappbergets Alfadis
 France 27-03-2022

SE49213/2022 Ìstjarnar Hlin
 Father: IS19863/14 Dranga Kveld-Úlfur
 Mother: IS16868/12 Ìstjarnar Katla
 Iceland 24-01-2017