

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, President of Hundaræktarfélag Íslands* (HRFÍ) as well as Chairman of Deild Íslenska Fjárhundsíns** (DÍF) at that time.

* *The official Icelandic Kennel Club*

** *The official Icelandic Sheepdog Breeding Committee*



Rules of Procedures

Icelandic Sheepdog International Cooperation, ISIC

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History

The first international seminar was arranged in the south of Sweden in 1996. It was located there because it was the 5th anniversary of the Swedish breed club among other things. Breed representatives from official clubs in seven (7) countries participated. The seminar ended with the following resolutions for the 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:

*Guðrún Ragnars Guðjohnsen, chairman of HRFÍ and DÍF
Árni Eymundsson, Netherlands
Hans-Åke Sperne, Sweden*

2. The chairman of each country shall be responsible for contacts with the other clubs, regarding the international cooperation. The committee will be responsible for a list to be compiled of the home address and/or e-mail address for each club’s nominated contact person for that year.

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 are to compile a yearly report updating figures for official results and other statistics (no of litters, puppies, exported/imported dogs, diseases etc).

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

7. Each club has the possibility to seek assistance from the other clubs if it is deemed beneficiary for the breed and/or the clubs”.

Present in Bjuv 1996 were the following clubs:

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

§ 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:

- Honoring the cultural heritage of the breed,
- Sharing common knowledge held by the member clubs,
- Maintaining a common computer base including all Icelandic sheepdogs,
- Sharing common statistics of health matters,
- Sharing 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 with an FCI pedigree or an FCI approved pedigree, 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 diversity.

To define and evaluate the breed out from the following five criteria: breed type, health, mentality, working ability (Nordic watch and herding spitz) and genetic diversity.

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 of the home address and/or e-mail address for each club's nominated member for that year.
3. Club magazines. Each club sends one copy of their magazine to 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 are 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 has been created (the ISIC database) and the data shall be updated regularly by the clubs.
7. Each club is to inform about health matters occurring nationally that might be a problem or of interest to the other clubs.
8. Any important decisions or findings within the clubs should be reported to ISIC/exec.
9. Each national club has the possibility to seek assistance from any of the other club/s and ISIC/exec if deemed beneficiary for the breed and/or the club or clubs.
10. The ISIC homepage is to be used for international information about the breed and ISIC and shall be maintained and updated.

§3 Participating

Participation of ISIC is restricted to the approved breed clubs in their respective country and constitutes part of the national, FCI member kennel club or affiliated kennel club. A club interested in obtaining participation should apply to ISIC/exec. Membership is granted or refused by the ISIC chairman meeting (§ 7). If membership is granted it will be a probational period of two years after which full membership will be reviewed.

Clubs, which are members of ISIC, are hereafter 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 to change 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 at the end of the previous year in each of the participating clubs.

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

§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 February and returned by the auditor before the 5th March.

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

§6 Organization

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

All ISIC documents, data in the database as well as the ISIC homepage (*www.icelanddog.org*) are owned and controlled by ISIC, unless otherwise specified 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 held 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 aim for decisions to be made in consensus, but in case it is not possible to find agreement, decisions are made with the approval of at least 2/3 of the participating chairmen of the clubs.

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, their club has the right to substitute the chairman with another club representative with the same authority as the chairman.

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

1. The approval of the register of participants
2. The presentation of ISIC/exec's activity report including balance sheet and profit and loss account for the previous year
3. The presentation of the auditor's report
4. The approval 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. The 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. The appointment of participants for subcommittees
8. The decision made upon the contributions to be paid the following year
9. The presentation of an updated profit and loss account for the current year
10. The 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 of monitoring ISIC activities and see to that these activities are 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 of which one is the secretary.

One of these persons is appointed by DÍF to ensure Icelandic participation in ISIC/exec. The other two persons are elected in different years by the chairman meeting, each for a period of three years.

ISIC/exec appoints a treasurer who can be within or outside ISIC/exec.

ISIC/exec prepares proposals for the formation of subcommittees and their tasks, including commissions and election periods.

ISIC/exec is responsible for the preparation of and invitations to international seminars. Besides the chairman meeting, the breed and genetic discussions are 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.

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

ISIC/exec prepares and maintains a list containing the names, addresses and contact details of participating clubs.

If an elected member or chairman of ISIC/exec does not want to be re-elected or is unable to fulfill the period of his or her elected period of three years, he or she shall notify the member clubs at the latest two months before the annual chairman meeting.

A member club shall notify the ISIC/exec at least two months before the annual chairman meeting of the name(s) of new candidate(s) for the forthcoming electable position(s).

ISIC/exec shall at least one month before the annual chairman meeting notify the participating clubs the name(s) of the candidate(s) for the forthcoming electable position(s).

§9 ISIC fund (ISIC/fund)

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

ISIC/exec, the participating clubs and associated clubs are encouraged to hold fundraising activities whose profits would run into the ISIC/fund.

ISIC/chair decides upon which activities are to be financed by the fund.

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

§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 15th 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 at least by 75% of member countries in 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.