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Club information

◆ DÍF Club members

There are currently 328 members in DÍF which is quite an increase on last year and can be equated to the increase in puppies. 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. The kennel club are also continuing with their free first year's membership for new puppy buyers. There is no extra cost for membership of DÍF and DÍF receives no payment from the Icelandic Kennel Club.

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
Members	328	258	318	230	279	177	240	240	189	224	240

◆ Registrations

Litters

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
Litters	34	29	33	29	25	29	29	23	20	28	24
Puppies	169	130	145	134	105	136	132	93	90	121	91
Average size of litters	4.97	4.48	4.4	4.6	4.6	4.7	4.5	4.0	4.5	4.3	3.8

Imports

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
Denmark	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-
Norway	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sweden	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
USA	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Exports

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
Denmark	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Norway	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sweden	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
USA	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Germany	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
France	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Switzerland	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

◆ Registrations 2020

During 2020, 169 Icelandic Sheepdogs were registered from 34 litters, 77 male puppies and 92 female puppies. This is quite an increase from last year and an all-time record, the average litter size of 4.97 is also quite an increase. The global Covid-19 pandemic could be a factor both in the increased breeding and increased market for puppies.

There were 9 puppies exported from Iceland in 2020 but no dogs imported.

The microchip form including information on the testicles of male puppies that came into force in 2017 unfortunately has only been used by around half the breeders. It was decided at this year's AGM that, as it would be an important tool for us to have but only if it were used for all litters, we have requested that the kennel club make it compulsory for this form to accompany all Icelandic Sheepdog litter registrations.

◆ Breeding Requirements

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 PRA, 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. Dogs/bitches eye tested when seven years old or older and have previously been eye tested without remarks twice before, now have their eye certificate valid for life.

Male dogs diagnosed with any eye conditions are only included on the Stud Dog list provided 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, the same applies to 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.

The hip score results that we have each year are limited to the ones that are registered with the Icelandic kennel club (HRFÍ), hip x-ray results from OFA in America don't get sent directly to HRFÍ and the owner has to register the results with them for a fee. Unfortunately if the results are not favourable or the dogs are not bred from, some owners don't register the results.



Statistics overview and comments, registrations

◆ Registrations 2020, further comments

Litters registered in 2020, the number of the parent's progeny in brackets are up to the end of 2020, figures in red are for 15 or more progeny.

<i>reg. nr. of puppies</i>	<i>d.o.b.</i>	<i>sire</i>	<i>dam</i>	<i>pups reg.</i>	<i>kennelname & breeder/s</i>
IS27306/20 - IS27309/20	04.10.2019	A Sunnusteins Einir IS21764/16 (22 progeny)	C Laufeyjar Brá IS19303/14 (17 progeny)	4	REYKJAVALLA - Hanna Kristín Pétursdóttir
IS27341/20 - IS27345/20	16.08.2019	D Snjófells Draupnir IS24702/18 (5 progeny)	C Stokk-Sels Snærós IS20665/15 (5 progeny)	5	Kristín Lára Árnadóttir
IS27349/20 - IS27353/20	01.10.2019	A Ístjarnar Tindur IS16863/12 (14 progeny)	A Dranga Mylla IS21872/16 (7 progeny)	5	DRANGA - Hrefna Sigfúsdóttir
IS27358/20	26.09.2019	A Gerplu Fálki IS19111/14 (1 progeny)	A Þórdunu Freyja IS18434/13 (1 progeny)	1	GERPLU - Guðný Halla Gunnlaugsdóttir
IS27359/20 - IS27360/20	18.08.2019	A Gerplu Vaskur IS18028/13 (10 progeny)	C Ice-Vikings Aska Luna IS22212/16 (6 progeny)	2	GERPLU - Guðný Halla Gunnlaugsdóttir
IS27501/20 - IS27508/20	15.11.2019	B Garpur frá Keldnakoti IS15915/11 (25 progeny)	A Stokk-Sels Stjarna IS23647/17 (8 progeny)	8	STOKK-SELS - Ragnhildur Sigurðardóttir
IS27511/20 - IS27518/20	09.12.2019	A Gerplu Vaskur IS18028/13 (10 progeny)	C Sunnusteins Hrína IS19607/14 (15 progeny)	8	SUNNUSTEINS - Þorsteinn Thorsteinson
IS27519/20 - IS27521/20	15.12.2019	C Stokk-Sels Barri IS22744/16 (17 progeny)	C Kersins Sillý IS20694/15 (11 progeny)	3	HNÍFDALS - Gilla Kristín Smoter Gísladóttir
IS27595/20 - IS27599/20	11.12.2019	A Gerplu Bjartur IS23276/17 (13 progeny)	A Gerplu Sóley IS20814/15 (10 progeny)	5	GERPLU - Guðný Halla Gunnlaugsdóttir
IS27632/20 - IS27635/20	04.01.2020	B Kormákur Kappi IS21853/16 (4 progeny)	A Huldudals Harka IS22107/16 (4 progeny)	4	HULDUDALS - Hafrós Hulda Einarsdóttir
IS27771/20 - IS27773/20	02.02.2020	A Oddhóls Loki IS21818/16 (22 progeny)	A Ístjarnar Lóa IS19703/14 (16 progeny)	3	ÍSTJARNAR - Vigdís Elma Cates
IS27784/20 - IS27787/20	24.02.2020	A Laufeyjar Sigurskúfur Frá Dverghamri IS23426/17 (9 progeny)	A Kirkjufélis Sandra IS18539/13 (8 progeny)	4	KIRKJUFELLS - Herdís G. Tómasdóttir
IS27815/20 - IS27819/20	31.01.2020	B Stefsstells Kolmars Krómi IS19586/14 (20 progeny)	A Stokk-Sels Skíma IS19391/14 (17 progeny)	5	STOKK-SELS - Ragnhildur Sigurðardóttir
IS27820/20 - IS27823/20	01.03.2020	C Stjörnuljósa Hjálmur IS19169/14 (4 progeny)	A Ice-Viking Blíða IS22865/17 (4 progeny)	4	REYJADALS - Brynhildur Inga Einarsdóttir
IS27995/20 - IS27999/20	01.04.2020	A Sunnusteins Einir IS21764/16 (22 progeny)	A Stemma Rectorsdóttir frá Ólafsvöllum IS22215/16 (5 progeny)	5	ARNARSTAÐA - Guðríður Þ Valgeisd. & Þorbjörg Leifsd.
IS28043/20 - IS28047/20	04.04.2020	A Huldudals Húgó IS22110/16 (22 progeny)	C Kolsholts Snæfríður IS23820/17 (5 progeny)	5	SNJÓFELLS - Malin Maria Person
IS28084/20 - IS28088/20	26.04.2020	C Stokk-Sels Barri IS22744/16 (17 progeny)	A Agdesiden's Eik Eldrós IS22378/16 - NO51034/15 (5 progeny)	5	ELDRÓSAR - Arndís Guðmundsdóttir
IS28144/20 - IS28149/20	23.04.2020	A Kolsholts Kopar IS21408/15 (16 progeny)	A Kolsholts Flauta IS20381/15 (13 progeny)	6	KOLSHOLTS - Helena Þórðardóttir & Sigurður R Guðjónsson
IS28150/20 - IS28153/20	24.04.2020	A Kolsholts Pengill IS25318/18 (4 progeny)	A Kolsholts Kúnt IS21409/15 (11 progeny)	4	KOLSHOLTS - Helena Þórðardóttir & Sigurður R Guðjónsson
IS28175/20 - IS28176/20	12.05.2020	B Fagrahvamms Baldur IS24588/18 (7 progeny)	C Sunnusteins Vissa IS18943/13 (2 progeny)	2	SUNNUSTEINS - Þorsteinn Thorsteinson
IS28203/20 - IS28207/20	16.05.2020	A Sunnusteins Einir IS21764/16 (22 progeny)	C Fagrahvamms Ásynja IS20302/15 (10 progeny)	5	FAGRAHVAMMS - Anna & Hrefna Jónsdóttir
IS28219/20 - IS28223/20	27.05.2020	A Huldudals Húgó IS22110/16 (22 progeny)	A Svanavats Vordís Vaka IS24464/18 (5 progeny)	5	HNÍFSDALS - Gilla Kristín Smoter Gísladóttir
IS28227/20 - IS28231/20	19.05.2020	A Hellu Vaskur IS15960/11 (10 progeny)	C Stefsstells Aska Snelist IS24404/18 (5 progeny)	5	Brynja Rúnarsdóttir
IS28479/20 - IS28482/20	10.7.2020	A Leiru Heggur IS19590/14 (4 progeny)	B Ístjarna Sif IS23138/17 (4 progeny)	4	SMALASKÁLA - Kristín Petrína Birgisdóttir
IS28611/20 - IS28615/20	22.07.2020	A Oddhóls Loki IS21818/16 (22 progeny)	A Smalaskála Varða IS20301/15 (5 progeny)	5	SMALASKÁLA - Kristín Petrína Birgisdóttir
IS28672/20 - IS28678/20	19.07.2020	C Vestanvindur Hrauni Tindasson IS26682/19 SE20193/2019 (7 progeny)	B Bjarklands Bjalla IS16852/12 (7 progeny)	7	HULDUDALS - Hafrós Hulda Einarsdóttir
IS28773/20 - IS28777/20	07.08.2020	A Sunnusteins Einir IS21764/16 (22 progeny)	A Bjarkeyjar Brák IS20309/15 (7 progeny)	5	BJARKEYJAR - Inga Björk Gunnarsdóttir
IS28796/20 - IS28800/20	23.07.2020	B Stefssells Vaskur II IS22244/16 (5 progeny)	B Stefsstells Stása IS24406/18 (5 progeny)	5	STEFSSTELLS - Stefanía Sigurðardóttir
IS28825/20 - IS28828/20	27.06.2020	A Kolsholts Kopar IS21408/15 (16 progeny)	A Stjörnuljósa Skruna IS21555/16 (8 progeny)	4	STJÖRNULJÓSA - Margrét Bára Magnúsdóttir
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IS28830/20 - IS28833/20	26.07.2020	A Gerplu Bjartur IS23276/17 (13 progeny)	C Ice-Viking Aska Luna IS22212/16 (6 progeny)	4	GERPLU - Guðný Halla Gunnlaugsdóttir
IS28849/20 - IS28852/20	21.08.2020	A Huldudals Húgó IS22110/16 (22 progeny)	C Snjófélis Vordís IS20891/15 (4 progeny)	4	ELDHAMARS - Kolbrún Grétarsdóttir
IS28943/20 - IS28947/20	26.08.2020	B Fagrahvamms Baldur IS24588/18 (7 progeny)	A Snætinda Kolfreyja IS24925/18 (5 progeny)	5	SNÆTINDA - Hafþór Snæbjörnsson, Unnur Sveinsdóttir & Sunna Líf Hafþórsd
IS28950/20 - IS28954/20	20.08.2020	A Oddhóls Loki IS21818/16 (22 progeny)	A Snætinda Íslandssól Á Gjósku IS23660/17 (5 progeny)	5	GJÓSKU - Arna Rúnarsdóttir/Rúna Helgadóttir
IS29010/20 - IS29015/20	02.07.2020	B Laufeyjar Snær IS19300/14 (12 progeny)	A Gerplu Ninja Heba IS23277/17 (6 progeny)	6	ROSENBÖL - Margrét Polly Hansen Hauksdóttir
IS29143/20	27.09.2020	C Stefsstells Brúsi IS22248/16 (19 progeny)	A Dranga Mylla IS21872/16 (7 progeny)	1	DRANGA - Hrefna Sigfúsdóttir
IS29189/20 - IS29195/20	15.10.2020	A Hundaslóðs Gári IS14049/10 (7 progeny)	C Stefsstells Skotta IS22247/16 (7 progeny)	7	Þóhallur Birgisson/Lilja Georgsdóttir
IS29204/20 - IS29207/20	30.09.2020	A Gerplu Bjartur IS23276/17 (13 progeny)	C Gerplu Uгла IS19114/14 (4 progeny)	4	GRÁGÁSAR - Svala Ágústsdóttir

◆ Hip Dysplasia (HD)

Hip dysplasia	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
A	14	22	19	20	8	15	15	19	10	8	9
B	5	8	4	4	8	5	7	9	4	8	9
C	10	5	10	5	11	12	10	10	7	13	14
D	3	1	6	0	2	1	4	1	2	6	5
E	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3
In total	32	36	39	29	29	33	36	39	25	35	40

◆ Elbow Dysplasia (ED)

No Icelandic sheepdogs were elbow-scored, 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	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
Unaffected signifies (free)	17	75	89	83	80	65	81	74	61	56	85
Hereditary Cataract	2	-	4	1	3	2	1	3	4	-	-
Corneal Dystrophy	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Distichiasis	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Retinal Dysplasia	-	-	2	-	2	1	1	-	-	-	1
PHTVL/PHPV Grade 1	-	5	5	3	5	2	-	2	4	1	-
PHPVL/PHPV Grade 2	-	1	2	2	4	1	2	1	1	-	-
PPM Persistent Pupillary Membrane	-	-	-	2	1	1	-	2	1	-	-
Others	1	8	2	-	2	1	2	3	7	1	-
In total	22	90	105	91	97	74	87	85	72	59	86

◆ Eye examinations

As there are no vets in Iceland qualified to perform eye tests, we have to fly qualified vets in from abroad. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the travel difficulties and restrictions there was only one eye test in early 2020. As some dog's eye tests have been running out due to this, the kennel club have approved the breeding of dogs/bitches who have booked and paid for the next eye test.

There is now an eye test sceduled for 31st October – 5th November 2021.

There were no new cases of Posterior Polar Cataracts in 2020 but there were two cases of Anterior Suture Cataract, one of them age related, the younger one banned from breeding.

There was one dog diagnosed with suspected PRA, unfortunately it was diagnosed at the only eye test in 2020, this dog will hopefull be found to be negative at the upcoming eye test. What is really bad is that with a PRA diagnosis, or suspected diagnosis, the parents, siblings and half siblings are also banned from breeding, in this case a total of 22 dogs.

There was one case of Distichiasis and one case of Corneal Dystrophy, we do not exclude these dogs from breeding provided the examining vet states that they may be bred from to a dog without remarks.

The numbers of dogs in the remarks boxes above are not all new cases but often the same dogs tested more than once.

◆ Shows

Shows	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
DÍF shows	-	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	-
Number of dogs	-	56	-	55	55	62	46	42	65	-	-
HRFÍ Shows	1	6	6	5	5	8	3	4	4	4	4
Number of dogs	53	211	231	235	197	269	116	146	147	146	144
Dogs in total	53	267	231	290	252	331	162	188	212	146	144



◆ Shows, further comments

Again, due to the Covid-19 situation there was only one dog show in Iceland in 2020, the International Northern Lights Show, held by the Icelandic Kennel Club in March. All subsequent shows were cancelled. At that show C.I.B. ISCh RW-18 Snætinda Sómi IS16854/12 was BOB, Best Veteran and went on to be 2nd Best in Group.

This year, 2021 and in time for the summer, the restrictions regarding the numbers of people meeting outdoors was relaxed so we were very proud to be the first breed club here to hold our club show. Our DÍF show took place on 27th June in Reykjavík. Þorsteinn Thorsteinson was the judge, the weather was very kind to us and 72 dogs were registered. Everyone was delighted to finally manage to have a show again. ISCh RW-17 RW-19 Fagrahvamms Ásynja IS20202/15 was BISS and ISJCh Kolsholts Pengill IS25318/18 was BOSS.



BISS ISCh RW-17 RW-19 Fagrahvamms Ásynja



BOSS ISJCh Kolsholts Pengill

◆ Icelandic Sheepdog Day 2020

Icelandic Sheepdog Day is celebrated again on 18th July, the late Mark Watson's birthday.

The organising committee are working with Íslandsstofa (Business Iceland) a company whose objective is to strengthen Iceland's image and reputation, to help promote the Icelandic Sheepdog and they have posted a video on the Iceland Today Facebook page, you can find the link here <https://www.facebook.com/icelandnaturally/videos/266474491450106>

◆ The Media



The Icelandic television series The Minister (Ráðherrann) was shown on Icelandic TV in the autumn of 2020. The main character was played by Ólafur Darri Ólafsson, though the star of the show had to be the Icelandic Sheepdog Snjófell's Sólmyrkvi, owned by Þórunn Bjarnadóttir, bred by Malin M. Persson and trained for the TV role by Þórhildur Bjartmarz, dog trainer and former president of the Icelandic Kennel Club and Þórunn, his owner.

◆ 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.

It was decided to only issue a virtual calendar for 2021 as it was impossible in the current situation to work together in person and get sufficient advertisements to cover the costs. The virtual calendar 2021 can be found on the DÍF homepage at <https://www.dif.is/dagatal2/dagatal2index.php> you can click on the page to get a printable version.

The Calendar Committee members are Ágúst Elí Ágústsson and Stefanía H. Sigurðardóttir, the 2022 calendar is in progress.

◆ DÍF Webpage

The DÍF webpage was experiencing technical difficulties with inputting pedigree registrations since the end of 2019, we managed to get some help and now all registrations up to 2021 are on the DÍF database.

The DÍF homepage is regularly updated with information on shows, health tests and other activities. <http://www.dif.is>

Information on eye tests and hip scores can be found under HEILBRIGÐI.

We are asking owners of all Icelandic Sheepdogs born and originally registered in Iceland to send in their HD and eye test results as well as photographs of their dogs to be added to the pedigree database on the DÍF webpage to vefur@dif.is.

◆ DÍF Board 2021

This year's AGM had to be delayed for quite a while until it was allowed to have a gathering of enough people to hold the meeting. The AGM was finally held on 20th May 2021. Stefanía Sigurðardóttir was re-elected for another term, Hrefna Sigfúsdóttir did not stand for re-election, Helena Þórðardóttir was voted onto the board but resigned after the first board meeting.

Stefanía Sigurðardóttir is again the Chairman, Helga Andrésdóttir is the Secretary and Bergrós Gísladóttir is the Treasurer.

Stefanía Sigurðardóttir, Helga Andrésdóttir and Malin Persson make up the Breeding Committee and Helga Andrésdóttir is responsible for entering new litters etc. into the ISIC database. The DÍF board's email is stjorn@dif.is

We would like to thank Hrefna for all her hard work during her time with us.

◆ Summary

Due to the global Covid-19 pandemic 2020 was a very difficult year for DÍF as it was for all clubs, though thankfully we can look forward to it being less so this year. We have all become very proficient at using video meeting apps instead of the usual face-to-face meetings we are all used to.

The situation has relaxed a lot in 2021 so we have been able to physically meet as well as start to have some shows again.

Last year, Sóley Ragna Ragnarsdóttir added the Icelandic Sheepdog to her list of breeds that she is qualified to judge as a show judge.

In 2019 we started a research project looking into the exact size of the Icelandic Sheepdog population in Iceland, in collaboration with Dr. Ragnhildur Sigurðardóttir. It is still ongoing but again due to the Covid-19 situation it has not been possible for it to proceed as rapidly as had been hoped.

Reykjavík, 29th September 2021

Stefanía Sigurðardóttir, Chairman
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