

Svenska Isländsk Fårhund Klubben, Sweden



Annual report for the year 2021

**The 27th International seminar for
The Icelandic Sheepdog
Finland 28th-30th October 2022**



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Club members

	2021 31 th December	2020 31 th December	2019 31 th December	2018 31 th December	2017 31 th December
Members	214	328	243	350	325
New members this year					

Summary

135 dogs registered 2021

Number of litters: 31

Average litter size = 4,6

Average inbreeding = 1,4 %, 5 generations

Average inbreeding, Dogs Global = Not calculated for 2021

Svenska Kennelklubben (SKK) registered 135 dogs last year, 132 puppies out of 31 litters and three imported dogs from Iceland and Denmark. The number of registrations has increased the last three years and have past one hundred dogs/year. We need the figures to be at least one hundred to reduce the loss of diversity.

In total there were 24 males and 29 females used in breeding. Twenty-three (23) made debut in breeding, eleven (11) dogs were between 2 and 3 years and nine (9) were between 4 and 6 years and three (3) dogs were 7 years and older.

One female was between 7 – 12 months and one male was between 13 – 18 months. According to SKK, it is against the regulations to use a male/female in breeding before the time when the dog exhibits the physical maturity and behavior of an adult individual. Females may be mated at the earliest at the age of 18 months. SIFK recommend that both sexes should be at least 24 months old.

The average litter size was 4,6 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

For 2021, only a few Swedish litters are updated. These data were included in the last transfer. Data from 2021 haven't been sent from ISIC and according to the agreements between the cooperating clubs it should be done by ISIC. The last transfer resulted in problems that need to be solved before a new transfer can be done.

The diversity of our current population needs to be increased.

The use of new blood is still essential in practical breeding as well as international exchanges of dogs. It is important that the cooperation continues to secure the diversity and the health of our breed.

Health

The Icelandic Sheepdog is a healthy breed. As far as we know from official results and from SIFK's members. There are no signals telling us about diseases to be aware of. Diseases that show up in the breed is on a normal level as well as in a population of humans.

SIFK will continue to keep an eye on the HD, the eye examinations and gather information about cryptorchism. SIFK follow what happen in the other countries as well.

SIFK's main goal is to keep a wide diversity. The effect of a wide diversity is to keep the risk for serious diseases to be spread in the whole population low and continue to regard the breed as a healthy breed in the future.

Mentality

There are 215 dogs with a complete score sheet from Mental Description Dog (MH) and 121 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 the unknown thing/functionary when their owner stands beside.

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

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

Statistics overview and comments, registrations

Working abilities, herding

SIFK are very happy for all shown interest and participation in herding tests such as Natural Herding Aptitude Test, Herding Working Test, all Traditional style and herding courses. The dogs are doing very well, and a few dogs have also started in the working test HWT 1.

The results from herding and results from mental description (MH and/or 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 owner/farmer. For this, a dog need to be mentally balanced, communicative and have ability to read the terrain.

Estimated number of Icelandic sheepdogs in Sweden

2021
1100

Statistics overview and comments, registrations

Litters

	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Litters	31	21	21	14	18
Puppies registered	135 (3)	103 (4)	95 (4)	78 (8)	75 (7)
Average size of litters	4,6	4,3	4,8	4,2	4,3
Average inbreeding % 5 generations	1,4	1,0	1,0	0,6	2,4
Average inbreeding % Dogs Global	-	23,59	23,81	22,74	25,22
General Mean Kinship %	-	22,55	22,59	22,52	22,79

Imports

	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Iceland	2	2	1	2	4
Norway		1		2	
Denmark	1			1	2
Germany				1	
Finland			1		
Poland				1	2
Schweiz				1	
The Netherlands		1	2		

Further comments:

The most common country of origin for imported dogs, over the last five years, is Iceland followed by Denmark, Norway, Poland, and The Netherlands.

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
DK07814/93	Skovridergårdens Landi	1993	6	21	65
SE20738/2013	Tellusdream Islakkur	2013	6	25	60
S57106/91	Prickur	1991	4	14	58
S63495/2005	Ástvinur Fjalar	2005	4	15	54
SE37606/2012	Ástvinur Kátur Silfurgeisli	2012	2	11	53
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
S19115/2003	Wadsteinas Rita	2003	4	17	78
S50825/2000	Bjartmars Sunna	2000	2	10	77
SE18244/2010	Losnabakken's Vilda Vikingsdottir	2009	2	13	63
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:

Svenska Isländsk Fårhund Klubben (SIFK) breeding limit is five (5) litters or 25 puppies. For grandchildren the breed limit is the double numbers of puppies. The limit for the Swedish Icelandic Sheepdog population should be 50 grandchildren.

Hip Dysplasia (HD)

Total number of x-rayed dogs	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
A	14	16	18	10	13
B	15	13	9	14	12
A+B	29	29	27	24	25
C	14	10	11	12	11
D	4	1	1	2	4
E					1
C+D+E	18	11	12	14	16
In total	47	40	39	38	41

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, dogs are X-rayed, by their owners, when their dogs are between 13-22 month old. The numbers of dogs with D and E hips are quite constant.

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 as possible, 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 policy says: "It could never be recommended to mate two serious (D and E) dysplasia.

Elbow dysplasia (ED)

Total number of x-rayed dogs	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Level 0	16	10	9	12	10
Level 1	1				
Level 2					
Level 3					
In total	17	10	9	12	10

Further comments:

It is not common to X-ray elbows of icelandic sheepdogs, therefore there are few results. Between 1990 – 2021 the total number of X-rayed dogs is 210. Only eight (8) of them have got remarks; six (6) dogs have got level 1, one has level 2 and 1 has level 3.

Patella luxation:

Total number of x-rayed dogs	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Level 0			4		
Level 1					
Level 2					
Level 3					
In total			4		

Further comments:

The total numbers of x-rayed dogs are few, only eleven (11) dogs and none of them have it. The first dog was diagnosed 2002.

Eye examinations

Total number of x-rayed dogs	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Unaffected signifies (free)	38	30	44	34	25
Hereditary Cataract		1	3		
Cornea Distrophe					
Distichiatis					
Others (see below)	3	2	1		2
In total	41	33	48	34	27

Other hereditary eye diseases:

Further comments:

Last year there was 1 case of nonhereditary cataract.

Since 2002 nine dogs have been diagnosed with cataract. Two dogs with PPM, one with distichiasis, one with pannus and two with retinopathies.

Between 2002 and 2021 a total of 296 dogs have been eye examined. That's one quarter of the population. Although the results do not show serious problems, we need more dogs, even dogs that should not breed, to be eye examined to guarantee a healthy situation in the breed.

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

Health, optional testing

Total numbers of dogs examined	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
BEAR (Hearingdiseases)					
Heart diseases					
Kidney diseases					
Renal dysplasia	0	0	0	0	0

Further comments:

We have no official diseases published by The Swedish Kennel Club.

Mentality descriptions

	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Described dogs (MH)	5	1	4	5	1
Described dogs (BPH)	20	27	6	9	35
In total	25	28	10	14	36

Further comments:

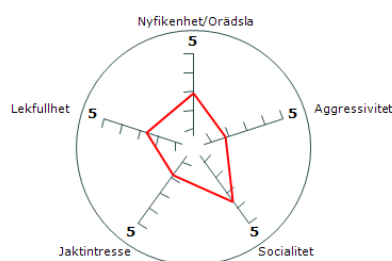
The total numbers of dogs with a complete score sheet in **Mentalbeskrivning Hund (MH)** is by the end of 2021, 215 dogs.

Last year 2021, five dogs participated in MH. Property values are shown in an intensity scale below.

In 2012 the Swedish Kennel Club opened for all breeds to take part in *Behaviour and Personality Assessment in Dogs*, in Swedish called **Beteende och Personlighetsbeskrivning Hund (BPH)**. Two Icelandic Sheepdogs took part in the description with a complete score sheet the first year. Since 2012, 121 dogs have completed the description. Six dogs have refrained from shooting and the describer has stopped one.

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

Egenskapsvärden



— Medelvärde (ras, 97 st, 12-18 månader)

Description	Average
Curiosity/fearlessness	2,9
Aggressiveness	1,8
Sociability	3,6
Chaseproneness	1,8
Playfulness	2,6

An average of **2,9 for curiosity/fearlessness** means that dogs in average walk up to the unknown thing/functionary when their owner stands beside.

An average of **1,8 for aggressiveness** means that dogs in average do not show any aggressively or one or two aggressive threats in the beginning.

An average of **3,6 for sociability** means that dogs in average accept contact and walk away without engagement with an unknown person.

An average of **1,8 for chase proneness** means that dogs in average do not start or they start but stopped.

An average of **2,6 for playfulness** means that dogs in average do not play but shows interest.

Working abilities (herding) descriptions

	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Described dogs			9	6	13
Official herding test (NHAT)	13	6	9	6	
Official Working test (HWT)	3	4	2		
Official Herding test (IHT 1)	2	2			
Total (NHAT)	13	6	15	12	13

Further comments:

Summary of herding tests, *Herding Working Test traditional Style (HWT)* and *Natural Herding Aptitude Test Traditional Style (NHAT)* 2021.

A total of 13 dogs that were officially tested (NHAT) in 2021. All are tested by Svenska Kroppsvallarklubben (SvKV), which is the official club for herding for icelandic sheepdogs in Sweden. It is now the 4th year in a row when it has been possible to do official tests.

During SIFK's Club Weekend in August, nine dogs, (of a total of 13 that year) took a *Natural aptitude Test (NHAT)*. On the same occasion 3 dogs were tested on *Herding Working Test (HWT)*.

The dogs that were aptitude tested have all received an approved result in both the herding part and the social part. One dog has done the test on two different occasions. The first time with an unapproved herding part, but on the second occasion both the social and the herding part were approved. Throughout, all dogs show a nice attitude towards the sheep, which is gratifying.

Three (3) dogs started in the *Working test (HWT)*, two (2) dogs completed the test.

Two (2) dogs started at the *Working test IHT 1* with the result very good, VG.

All dogs are listed on SIFK's website under the activities-herding tab. The official results can also 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 arranged by SIFK.

Shows

	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Number of shows	1	0	1	1	1
Number of dogs	6	0	21	46	58
In total (dogs)	6	0	21	46	58

Further comments:

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic SIFK official dog show was cancelled. Instead, dogs were invited to a show with an individual assessment, with a special invitation to young dogs which haven't had the opportunity to participate in dog shows because of the pandemic. No competitive assessment was arranged. The show was arranged in connection with SIFK's "Members' Weekend". Six dogs participated and received their official assessment. Judge for the day was Hans-Åke Sperne.

After the official examination, a workshop led by Hans-Åke Sperne was arranged. All dogs which had participated in the activities during the weekend were gathered and looked at. The participants talked about what they saw according to the standard. It was very interesting activity that engaged the members who were there.

Appendix

Litters

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Litters	23	23	17	24	19	17	18	14	15	12	18	14	21	21	31
Puppies	113(5)	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)
Average size of litters	5	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
Average inbreeding % 5 generations	1,7	2,3	1,6	2,1	1,5	1,3	1,7	2	1,1	1,1	2,4	0,6	1,0	1,0	1,4
Average inbreeding % Dogs Global												24,32	25,22	22,74	23,81
General Mean Kinship %												22,65	22,79	22,52	22,59

Imports

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Iceland	3	3	2	2	3	1	6	1	3	4	4	2	1	2	2
Norway	2	2	1	4		1			2			2		1	
Denmark				1	2			1		1	2	1			1
Finland			2							1			1		
Germany			1						2			1			
Poland										2	2	1			
Schweiz												1			
The Netherland													2	1	

Appendix

Hip Dysplasia (HD), Year of birth

Total number of x-rayed dogs	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
A	20	27	9	18	9	5	17	14	17	4	17	11	14	9	10
B	7	4	3	11	9	6	9	4	13	10	10	9	10	9	7
A+B	27	31	12	29	18	11	16	18	30	14	27	20	24	18	17
C	7	6	5	7	9	7	6	6	8	10	3	8	6	10	2
D	3	1	2	1	3	2	5	4	1		2		2	2	
E									1						
C+D+E	10	7	7	8	12	9	11	10	10	10	5	8	8	12	2
In total	37	38	19	37	30	20	27	28	40	24	32	28	32	30	19

Elbow dysplasia (ED), Year of birth

Total number of x-rayed dogs	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Level 0	5	14	5	4	5	3	7	9	6	11	9	7	7	12	5
Level 1	1			1	1								1		
Level 2															
Level 3						1									
In total	6	14	5	5	6	4	7	9	6	11	9	7	8	12	5

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Patella luxation, Year of birth

Total number of x-rayed dogs	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
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	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Unaffected signifies (free)	3	6	3	24	19	13	30	20	27	19	26	22	17	24	13
Hereditary Cataract										2	1	3			
Nonehereditary Cataract							1					1			
Cornea Distrophe															
Distichiatis								1							
Others				1			1	2	1	1	2		1		
In total	3	6	3	25	19	13	32	23	28	22	29	26	18	24	13

Appendix

Mentality descriptions, Year of birth

Total number of described dogs	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Described dogs (MH)	11	11	3	13	7	7	1	-	2	1	2	1	1	2	-
Described dogs (BPH)	1	2		6	6	6	12	12	17	15	12	12	12	15	9
In total	12	13	3	19	13	13	13	12	19	16	14	13	13	17	9

Working abilities (herding) descriptions

Total number of described dogs	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Herding description		12	32	17	19	12	0	19	18	26	13	6	9		
Official herding test (NHAT)												6	9	6	13
Official Working test (HWT)													2	2	3
Official Herding test (IHT 1)														2	
In total		12	32	17	19	12	0	19	18	26	13	12	18	6	13

Appendix

Eye results

Dogs with total cataract

Regnr	Name	Sex	Father	Mother
S14555/2000	Ullälvas Soti	M	Myrkvi	Ullälvas Sunna
S15030/93	Bessi	M	Tofta-Njall	Iskristallens Loa

Dogs with cataract, partial cortex

Regnr	Name	Sex	Father	Mother	Remark
SE33745/2018	Balti	M	Fljota Bessi	Stina	Partial cortex, posterior pole cataract, Hereditary
SE55661/2016	Nóis ÖrkJarl	M	Nóis ÖrkJritt	Nóis ÖrkJhrina	Partiel cortex posterior, mild, Hereditary
SE55663/2016	Nóis ÖrkJulius	M	Nóis örkJritt	Nóis ÖrkJhrina	Partial cortex posterior. Mild. Hereditary
SE13124/2018	Fieldworks Icelandic Darri	M	Thor	Bera	Partial cortex posterior, moderate Hereditary

Dogs with cataract in the hinder central lens

Regnr	Name	Sex	Father	Mother	Remark
S19112/2003	Wadsteinas Rammi	M	Fjalla-Freki	Ullälvas Tibra	Moderate spread
S30093/2009	Isboda Gisli	M	Drengur	Isboda Hilda	
S57090/2008	Meester Ridge Arris	M	Drengur	Meester Ridge Huita	
S37473/2009	IceTops Teitur	M	IceTops Drengur	Naerleiken's Keila	

Dogs with other partial cataracts

Regnr	Name	Sex	Father	Mother	Remark
S41351/2005	Isboda Blossi	F	Ullälvas Smari	Wadsteinas Trissa Litbrá	Moderate spread
S63756/92	Gydjans Freyja Fra Folkvangr	F	Slettvola's Tajo	Gydjans I. Urdur	
S51617/95	Gydjans Spori	M	Iskristallens Spoi	Gydjans Freyja Fra Folkvangr	
S10370/96	Ullälvas Titla	F	Timi	Ullälvas Tinna	

Dogs with cataract, partiell nukleus

Regnr	Name	Sex	Father	Mother	Remark
SE31781/2018	Villandas Vepja	F	Isboda Algot	Tildras Sóley Fjalarsdóttir	Mild. Not hereditary

Dogs with distichiasis

Regnr	Name	Sex	Father	Mother
SE53618/2014	Vestanvindur Dani Kátsson	M	Ástvinur Kátur Silfurgeisli	Losnabakken's Vilda Vikingsdóttir

Dogs with PPM

Regnr	Name	Sex	Father	Mother	Remark
SE15953/2015	Brytarspetzens Elska	F	Hilding	Brytarspetzens Milla Fjalarsdóttir	Iris-lens powerful
SE26622/2014	Nóis ÖrkJda	F	Nóis ÖrkJerró	Wadsteinas Wina Viol	Iris – lens mild

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Dogs with retinopati

Regnr	Name	Sex	Father	Mother	Remark
SE20196/2019	Vestanvindur Heimir Tindsson	M	Hreystis tindur	Vestanvindur Björk Samurtochter	Hereditary can't currently be assessed

Dogs with Pannus

Regnr	Name	Sex	Father	Mother	Remark
SE20742/2013	Ellingslätts Sóti	M	Lizz-Bon's Gaski	Snuga	Pannus

Imports

Year: 2021

Country

Date of birth

Male:

SE57160/2021 Kolsholts Islands Tindur
Father: IS25318/18 Kolsholts Pengill
Mother: IS21409/15 Kolsholts Kúnst

Iceland

16-05-2021

SE60600/2021 Halgrimm Orri
Father: DK03531/2016 Surtsey's T- Tjörvi
Mother: DK08897/2013 Hallgrimm Katla

Danmark

04-30-2021

Female:

SE12493/2021 Snjófells Sif
Father: IS11747/08 Kersins Lappi
Mother: IS08344/04 Eldhamars Freyja

Iceland

04-12-2012