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from DÍF in Iceland**

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Club information

◆ DÍF Club members

Since the Icelandic Kennel Club completely updated it's computer system we now only get the figures for members of DÍF that are paid up members of HRFÍ, there are also a handful of members that have free membership, they are honorary members and over 65s who were previously paid-up members for more than 10 years.

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 is 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.

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Members	317	166	328	328	258	318	230	279	177	240	240



◆ Registrations

Litters

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Litters	37	41	52	35	29	33	29	25	29	29	23
Puppies	180	185	254	171	130	145	134	105	136	132	93
Average size of litters	4.86	4.51	4.9	4.88	4.48	4.4	4.6	4.6	4.7	4.5	4.0
Average inbreeding coefficient	2.56%	3.49%	3.21%	2.62%	4.9%	3.42%	4.59%	3.95%	-	-	-

Imports

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Denmark	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Norway	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Sweden	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
USA	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Poland	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

◆ Exports

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Denmark	2	2	10	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Norway	1	1	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sweden	2	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Finland	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
USA	7	6	7	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Germany	4	3	9	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
France	1	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Switzerland	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Italy	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
United Kingdom	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Estonia	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Czech Republic	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Canada	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Austria	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Luxembourg	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Slovakia	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Slovenia	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Netherlands	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

◆ Registrations 2023

During 2023 180 Icelandic Sheepdogs were registered from 37 litters, 93 male puppies and 87 female puppies. The numbers are down on last year and returning to roughly what the numbers were pre-covid. The average litter size was 4.86 and the average breeding coefficient was down to 2.56%.

There were 25 puppies exported from Iceland last year and 1 dog was imported.

◆ 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 eye tested when seven years old or older and have previously been eye tested without remarks twice before, will have their eye certificate valid for life.

Male dogs diagnosed with any eye conditions are only included on the Stud Dog list provided that 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.

The rules regarding breeding with hip scores are as follows, with A, B and C hips there are no restrictions. However, for breeding from a dog with D hips the breeder needs to contact DÍF and apply for a recommendation from the DÍF breeding committee to be able to register the litter with HRFÍ, this will only be given if the dog is important for breeding.

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 score 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 and/or the dogs are not bred from, some owners don't register the results.



Statistics overview and comments, registrations

◆ Registrations 2023

Litters registered in 2023, the number of the parent's progeny in brackets are up to the end of 2023, figures in red are for 25 or more progeny.

Pedigree Registrations 2023						
reg. nr. of puppies	d.o.b.	sire	dam	pups	%	kenelname & breeder/s
IS34775/23 - IS34780/23	22.09.2021	B Ístjarnar Frosti IS23965/17 (10 progeny)	A Kolsholts Snælda IS23819/17 (6 progeny)	6	0.39%	NÁTTTSTJÖRNU - Elísabet Sigurlaug Gísladóttir
IS34846/23 - IS34850/23	08.10.2022	A Ice-Vikings Hektor Snati IS26308/19 (16 progeny)	A Gerplu Sunna Dögg IS25969/19 (5 progeny)	5	1.95%	LEIRUBAKKA - Friða Hansen
IS35222/23 - IS35228/23	10.11.2022	A Reykjadal's Bliðu Grímur IS27820/20 (7 progeny)	C Stjörnuljósa Æsa IS26406/19 (13 progeny)	7	1.37%	STJÖRNULJÓSA - Margrét Bára Magnúsdóttir
IS35231/23 - IS35237/23	18.12.2022	A Kolsholts Þengill IS25318/18 (30 progeny)	C Reykjavalla Sæla IS27309/20 (7 progeny)	7	1.95%	REYKJAVALLA - Hanna Kristín Pétursdóttir
IS35363/23 - IS35366/23	09.12.2022	A Stjörnuljósa Huppur Snati IS26408/19 (10 progeny)	A Stokk-Sels Díva IS20663/15 (6 progeny)	4	1.56%	BREKKUHUNDA - Helga María Jónsdóttir
IS35394/23 - IS35398/23	27.09.2022	A Stokk-Sels Valhallar Vili IS21651/16 (23 progeny)	A Nónfjalls Blíða IS25659/19 (5 progeny)	5	0.00%	BRENNISTAÐA - Þóra Árnadóttir
IS35556/23 - IS35559/23	06.01.2023	B Gerplu Hrafnýr IS19110/14 (32 progeny)	D Lína Langsokkur IS31239/21 (4 progeny)	4	0.20%	LINDIGARÐS - Guðrún María Guðmundsdóttir
IS35583/23 - IS35589/23	17.01.2023	A Laufeyjar Íslands-Tangó Frá Dverghamri IS25481/18 (16 progeny)	B Stokk-Sels Drífa IS29338/21 (7 progeny)	7	4.10%	STOKK-SELS - Ragnhildur Sigurðardóttir
IS35736/23 - IS35742/23	15.02.2023	A Vestanvindur Hrauni Tindasson IS26682/19 (38 progeny)	B Breiðanes Björt IS23868/17 (12 progeny)	7	0.00%	BREIÐANES - Connie Maria Cuesta-Schmiedl
IS35913/23 - IS35916/23	07.03.2023	A Sunnusteins Einir IS21764/16 (29 progeny)	A Snætinda Fjalla Fold IS27154/19 (4 progeny)	4	8.98%	SNÆTINDA - Sunna Líf Hafþórsdóttir / Unnur Sveinsdóttir/Hafþór Snæbjörnsson
IS35937/23 - IS35942/23	16.03.2023	A Hnífsdals Undri IS24745/18 (6 progeny)	A Ísskógar Ísey IS25998/19 (6 progeny)	6	0.00%	ÍSSKÓGAR - María Auður Steingrimsdóttir
IS36088/23 - IS36091/23	28.01.2023	A Stjörnuljósa Kolar IS26407/19 (4 progeny)	A Stjörnuljósa Skarta IS24917/18 (6 progeny)	4	16.80%	STJÖRNULJÓSA - Margrét Bára Magnúsdóttir
IS36103/23 - IS36105/23	16.03.2023	B Ísskógar Krummi IS27060/19 (15 progeny)	B Laufeyjar Heiðadoppa Frá Dverghamri IS26743/19 (3 progeny)	3	4.49%	Sigríður Kristín Helgadóttir
IS36223/23 - IS36229/23	10.04.2023	B Gerplu Hrafnýr IS19110/14 (32 progeny)	A Stokk-Sels Stjarna IS23647/17 (27 progeny)	7	2.34%	STOKK-SELS - Ragnhildur Sigurðardóttir
IS36254/23 - IS36260/23	19.04.2023	A Oddhóls Loki IS21818/16 (29 progeny)	C Kolsholts Fura IS26280/19 (13 progeny)	7	0.00%	KOLSHOLTS - Helena Þórðardóttir/Sigurður R Guðjónsson
IS36262/23 - IS36266/23	14.04.2023	A Kolsholts Kopar IS21408/15 (27 progeny)	A Gerplu Píla IS22031/16 (18 progeny)	5	0.00%	GERPLU - Guðný Halla Gunnlaugsdóttir
IS36282/23 - IS36286/23	12.04.2023	A Reykjavalla Sproti IS25514/19 (5 progeny)	A Stefsstells Melía IS22245/16 (14 progeny)	5	0.00%	STEFSTELLS - Stefanía Sigurðardóttir
IS36337/23 - IS36339/23	17.05.2023	A Gerplu Vaskur IS18028/13 (13 progeny)	A Lotta IS31240/21 (3 progeny)	3	0.00%	HRÍSLU - Pia Rumpf
IS36467/23 - IS36471/23	26.04.2023	C Leiru Tryggur IS21156/15 (20 progeny)	C Snjófells Vordís IS20891/15 (15 progeny)	5	0.20%	ELDHAMARS - Kolbrún Grétarsdóttir
IS36498/23 - IS36499/23	12.05.2023	C Snætinda Hamar IS22403/16 (2 progeny)	B Fljóta Píla IS23435/17 (8 progeny)	2	0.59%	FLJÓTA - Arnþrúður Heimisdóttir
IS36559/23	05.05.2023	C Stokk-Sels Barri IS22744/16 (25 progeny)	A Stefsstells Hvanna IS27048/19 (1 progeny)	1	4.69%	BJARKLANDS - Björk Ingadóttir
IS36566/23 - IS36570/23	12.06.2023	A Ljóstýru Víkingur IS32541/22 (5 progeny)	A Dalsgarðs Friða IS30181/21 (5 progeny)	5	0.20%	HRAUN-VIRKIS - Sindri Már Sverrisson
IS36583/23 - IS36589/23	30.05.2023	B Bragabótar Gljúfrabúi IS25633/19 (12 progeny)	A Laufeyjar Íslands-Mími Frá Dverghamri IS25482/18 (7 progeny)	7	10.15%	LAUFHEYJAR - Linda Laufey Bragadóttir
IS36757/23 - IS36759/23	11.06.2023	B Svanavatsn Jökull Darri IS24466/18 (25 progeny)	C Snígilsstaða Snotra IS24000/17 (3 progeny)	3	0.20%	ÁSHLÍÐAR - Jón Haukur Hauksson

Statistics overview and comments, registrations

						<i>2023 Registrations continued</i>
<i>reg. nr. of puppies</i>	<i>d.o.b.</i>	<i>sire</i>	<i>dam</i>	<i>pups</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>kenelname & breeder/s</i>
IS36788/23 - IS36793/23	18.06.2023	C Gerplu Styrkur IS27599/20 (6 progeny)	A Stefsstells Mjöll IS29460/21 (6 progeny)	6	0.59%	ÍSLANDS DIMMUBORGAR - Áslaug Fjöla Guðmundsdóttir
IS36851/23 - IS36857/23	25.06.2023	B Svanavatns Jökull Darri IS24466/18 (25 progeny)	B Kolsholts Gígja IS30072/21 (7 progeny)	7	1.76%	Snæbjörg Guðmundsdóttir
IS36864/23 - IS36867/23	05.07.2023	A Kirkjufells Þórður Kakali IS25285/18 (4 progeny)	A Laufeyjar Fjalladýsn Frá Dverghamri IS26741/19 (4 progeny)	4	0.59%	LAUFEYJAR - Linda Laufey Bragadóttir
IS36988/23 - IS36994/23	14.07.2023	A Kolsholts Spuni IS19979/14 (25 progeny)	A Stemma Rektorsdóttir frá Ólafsvöllum IS22215/16 (17 progeny)	7	1.56%	ARNARSTAÐA - Guðríður Þorbjörg Valgeirsdóttir/Þorbjörg Ásta Leifsdóttir
IS37065/23 - IS37072/23	22.07.2023	B Stefsstells Kolmars Krómi IS19586/14 (38 progeny)	B Dranga Dúfa IS27351/20 (8 progeny)	8	8.20%	DRANGA - Hrefna Sigfúsdóttir
IS37089/23	08.08.2023	C Reykjavalla Íslands Sómi IS27306/20 (9 progeny)	C Huldudals Snotra IS22872/17 (1 progeny)	1	2.34%	HREINDALS - Selma Svavarsdóttir
IS37185/23 - IS37189/23	22.08.2023	B Álfur IS31242/21 (11 progeny)	B Hrafnkötlur Esja IS30395/21 (5 progeny)	5	0.20%	RIMAKOTS - Kristín Bjarnadóttir
IS37208/23 - IS37210/23	24.09.2023	C Prins Jaki Frá Ólafsvöllum IS25756/19 (5 progeny)	C Stefsstells Aska Snaelist IS24404/18 (8 progeny)	3	2.54%	BERGRÚNAR - Brynja Rúnarsdóttir
IS37233/23 - IS37238/23	12.09.2023	A Huldudals Vaskur IS30051/21 (6 progeny)	C Huldudals Hátið IS25776/19 (13 progeny)	6	12.67%	HULDUDALS - Hafrós Hulda Einarsdóttir
IS37249/23 - IS37252/23	18.09.2023	B Huldudals Lappi IS27635/20 (4 progeny)	A Snjófells Gullborg IS23332/17 (8 progeny)	4	1.76%	LJÓSTÝRU - Sandra Sif Rúnarsdóttir
IS37295/23 - IS37296/23	15.07.2023	A Gerplu Köggur IS25048/18 (10 progeny)	C Hnífsdals Perla IS26786/19 (2 progeny)	2	0.00%	ELDRÓSAR - Arndís Guðmundsdóttir
IS37320/23 - IS37321/23	07.10.2023	C Reykjavalla Íslands Sómi IS27306/20 (9 progeny)	A Hnífsdals Táta IS28222/20 (2 progeny)	2	1.76%	ÞINGEYJAR - Ásta Gísladóttir
IS37339/23 - IS37344/23	05.10.2023	C Reykjavalla Íslands Sómi IS27306/20 (9 progeny)	A Píla IS27342/20 (6 progeny)	6	0.59%	NÓNFIJALLS - Karen Edda Kristjánsdóttir



◆ Hip Dysplasia (HD)

Hip dysplasia	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
A	18	15	30	14	22	19	20	8	15	15	19
B	9	6	3	5	8	4	4	8	5	7	9
C	10	7	14	10	5	10	5	11	12	10	10
D	0	0	6	3	1	6	0	2	1	4	1
E	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
In total	37	28	53	32	36	39	29	29	33	36	39

◆ 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	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Unaffected signifies (free)	66	76	131	17	75	89	83	80	65	81	74
Hereditary Cataract	1	1	4	2	-	4	1	3	2	1	3
Corneal Dystrophy	-	-	2	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
Distichiasis	2	2	2	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Retinal Dysplasia	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	1	1	-
PHTVL/PHPV Grade 1	5	2	6	-	5	5	3	5	2	-	2
PHPVL/PHPV Grade 2	-	-	1	-	1	2	2	4	1	2	1
PPM Persistent Pupillary Membrane	--	1	-	-	-	-	2	1	1	-	2
Others	-	5	7	1	8	2	-	2	1	2	3
In total	75	87	153	22	90	105	91	97	74	87	85

◆ Eye examinations

There are no vets in Iceland qualified to perform eye test as we do not have enough dogs so we have to fly qualified vets in from abroad, usually Denmark.

There were no cases of posterior polar cataract in 2023. The dog that was diagnosed with Cortical Cataracts was 10 years old and was previously diagnosed clear. Many of dogs in the remarks boxes above are not new cases but the same dogs tested more than once.



◆ Shows

Shows	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
DÍF shows	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	1	1	1	1
Number of dogs	-	-	72	-	56	-	55	55	62	46	42
HRFÍ Shows	6	6	4	1	6	6	5	5	8	3	4
Number of dogs	220	234	170	53	211	231	235	197	269	116	146
Dogs in total	220	234	242	53	267	231	290	252	331	162	188

◆ Top Show Dogs 2023

Top Show Dog for 2023 was ISCh RW-22-23 Arnarstaða Baldintáta IS27999/20

Top Show Dog of opposite sex for 2023 was ISCh Arnarstaða Þróttur IS27997/20

Top Veteran for 2023 was ISVetCh Sunnusteins Hrina IS19607/14

Top Veteran of opposite sex for 2023 was Leiru Tryggur IS21156/15

Top Breeder for 2023 was Helena Þórðadóttir, Kolsholts kennel



Top Show Dog for 2023 - ISCh RW-22-23 Arnarstaða Baldintáta IS27999/20



Top Show Dog of opposite sex for 2023- ISCh Arnarstaða Þróttur IS27997/20

◆ Icelandic Sheepdog Day

Icelandic Sheepdog Day was celebrated as always on 18th July, the late Mark Watson's birthday.

◆ 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, their email is: dagatal@dif.is

The Calendar Committee members are Ágúst Elí Ágústsson, Stefanía Sigurðardóttir and Bergrós Gísladóttir, the 2025 calendar is in progress. Apart from any profit that may be made from our Club Shows the sale of calendars is DÍF's only regular form of income. Every year we encourage our breeders to advertise in the calendar.

The 2025 calendar is in progress and we will notify on our webpage and Facebook when it is ready. To order the calendar go to our web shop at: <https://verslun.dif.is/>

◆ DÍF Webpage

The DÍF webpage contains a database of all the Icelandic Sheepdogs registered in Iceland from the start of the Icelandic kennel club (HRFÍ) at:

https://dif.is/hundarnir/hundar_grunnur.php

The webpage is regularly updated with information on eye tests and hip scores at:

https://dif.is/heilbrigdi/heilbrigdi_augu_hd.php

There is a puppy page where our breeders can notify about new litters at:

<https://dif.is/Hvolpalisti/hvolpalisti.php>

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.

◆ Social Media

The DÍF board post information there regarding shows, meetings, walks and anything else of interest taking place.

The link to our Facebook site: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/162692923708> .

◆ **DÍF Board 2024**

This year's AGM was held in Reykjavík on 28th February. Helga Andrésdóttir, Bergrós Gísladóttir and Malin M Person were all re-elected for another term.

Stefanía Sigurðardóttir is again the Chairman, Andrea Björk Hannesdóttir is the Secretary and Bergrós Gísladóttir is the Treasurer.

Stefanía Sigurðardóttir, Helga Andrésdóttir, Bergrós Gísladóttir, Malin M Persson and Andrea Björk Hannesdóttir make up the Breeding Committee. Stefania, as Chairman, has responsibility for the DÍF webpage and enters all the data there. Helga enters new litters etc. into the ISIC database. The DÍF board's email is: *stjorn@dif.is*

◆ **Summary**

We are very proud of what a good place we are in breeding here in Iceland despite being on an island with no access to breeding stock in our neighbouring countries unless we import individual dogs. This goes to prove that our breeding strategy is effective and has lived up to all our expectations. It is an interesting fact that we have achieved this despite only importing five dogs in the last ten years.

Of the 37 dogs hip scored last year, 18 were diagnosed with A, 9 with B and 10 with C, again there were none with D or E.

As breeding dogs have to have regular eye tests we do detect a number of eye conditions but we do not consider eye conditions that have no adverse affect on the dog to be a reason to ban them from breeding. The overall eye health of the breed here in Iceland is very good.

We usually have 60-70 male dogs on our stud list which gives our breeders a varied selection of males to choose from which is good for the ongoing health of our breed.

The DÍF Breeding Committee regularly assist breeders in selecting males.

DÍF will be holding our next Breed Club Show on 1st December this year.

Reykjavík, 9th October 2024

Stefanía Sigurðardóttir, Chairman