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As I sat at my desk today reading about Nosi's latest title, a personal message from Knox popped up indicating that the 4,625th Icelandic Sheepdog (ISD) had been entered into our new is-pedigrees database today. 4,625 ISDs. Imagine the history contained in those pedigrees, the love and companionship brought to families, the fun, the barking. Well, let's not imagine the barking of that many ISDs.

This has been a difficult piece for me to get onto paper. When I think about where we are today, the things we have witnessed in the last year, the amazing, honest and brave group that we are all so blessed to be a part of, well, it makes me grateful. I am grateful for many things these days. Of course, the dogs have brought us so much joy this year and I met more than 80 new friends at gatherings in the U.S. and while traveling in Iceland. We have enjoyed puppy pictures, joys and triumphs as we all find our way together, helping one another discover solutions to problems, telling funny stories and watching old friends step back from volunteer positions that have brought us to this place. Yes, we are blessed.

Topping my "grateful list" is not a dog, however. It is a person. As you may know, my first ISD came from Sigrídur Pétursdóttir's kennel. In 2007, I was able to thank her for the gift of Perla in person, some 36 years later. The amazing thing is that each of you reading this enjoys the gift of your ISD because of her too. It isn't just my story, it is our story. Each of us experiences the deep love and affection shared by these amazing dogs because of her courage and willingness to say "yes" when asked if she would help to save the breed from the brink of extinction.



Such a simple word, "yes." I can only imagine her struggle, the fight, frustration and overwhelming joy when she experienced small successes. Consider where we are today. We have more than 800 ISDs in the United States. We are no longer a rare breed, no longer on the brink of extinction. Sigrídur Pétursdóttir has given each and every one of us so much because she said, "yes."

If you would like to personally thank Sigrídur Pétursdóttir, send a note and pictures of your ISD(s) to JL Costa at jrylyn@aol.com. JL is working on a photo album/scrap book for Sigrídur.

We hope you enjoy the 2007 Annual Report. While reading it, consider where we are today, what our current struggles, joys and successes are. Our motto for 2008 is "Sustaining Our Healthy Breed." Sigrídur started our journey. We are now the stewards of the breed in the United States and we need your help. We ask you to say "yes," as Sigrídur did, and help us find the test to determine which of our dogs carry the hereditary cataract gene.

How can you help? Our goal is "Every Dog, Every Litter, Every Time." If each of you will test your pet and breeding dogs, including every litter, and send the report to CERF, we can begin to study how cataracts are spread in our population. If you receive a cataract diagnosis, please share that information with any member of the Board of Directors and allow us to enter that information in our public eye database. The information will allow breeders to make better breeding decisions and we can proactively work to stop the spread of cataracts in our beloved dogs. Say "yes" and pick up the phone. Make the appointment. Ours is a healthy breed and will continue to be so if we all say "yes."

Best regards,

Donna McDermott



Membership

Our membership continues to grow and at one point, our membership secretary received an average of 2 renewals per day! At year's end, we had 129 active members and received \$1625 in dues in 2007. We encourage all of you who haven't yet renewed to do so and bring our active membership numbers up!

2007 Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance	\$ 6,454.45
Membership Income	<u>4,388.00</u>
Total	\$10,842.45

Expenses:

Membership Secretary Expenses	\$ 570.71
Membership Incentives	\$ 425.00
Advertising	\$ 3,973.00
Publishing Costs	\$ 248.03
Special Events Costs	\$1,177.00
Website expenses	\$ 144.00
Returned check fees not recovered	\$ 40.50
Total Expenses	\$6578.24
12/31/07 Balance	\$4,264.21

Health and Genetics Committee

The Health and Genetics committee is working on an International Eye Health Report to be posted on the new www.is-pedigrees.com website. That committee also initiated, researched and finalized ISAA enrollment in the CHIC program, a huge step towards protecting our precious breed. We encourage every member to participate in this program. You can find more information about the program on the new website. The committee also composed a new Health and Genetics Ethics Statement which follows here:

“The Board of Directors of the Icelandic Sheepdog Association and its Health and Genetics Committee are dedicated to the betterment of the health of our breed, the keeping of accurate health records and the maintaining of the confidence of our membership. Therefore the Health and Genetics Committee and BOD will only share health issues from publically documented sources, these include but are not limited to CERF, OFA, PennHip, ISIC Member Clubs Annual Reports health issues that have not been publically documented but that either owner or breeder has given explicit instructions that they will be allowed to be shared, these include but are not limited to Veterinary diagnosis or Necropsy Reports. At a members request the specific name of the affected dog can or may be withheld.

The Health and Genetics committee will neither traffic or present rumor as fact draw conclusions on the health information presented to those who inquire.”



Titles and Events

There were a total of 263 new events and titles in 2007, a new record. This number included 13 ISAA gatherings, 120 agility events, 3 judges' education seminars, 42 conformation events and 32 new titles! Clearly, many of you have been very busy enjoying the good life with your dogs and those in the club.

NISC-ISAA international gathering: 1

Breeding Seminars: 4

Obedience Trials: 10

ISAA Gathering: 13

Fun Match: 3

Agility Events: 120

TDI: 4

Judges Seminars: 3

Conformation Events: 42

Herding Events: 3

Chapter Meetings: 3

Titles: 32

Total of 238

Guideline Compliance and Tracking

Our Committee maintains our Breedmate pedigree system, the heart of our record structure, which is a monumental task. A new fee schedule for breeders was put into place this year and is working well.

Take a look at www.is-pedigrees.com and play with the pedigree generator!

Publishing

The ISAA sent out 696 Newsletters in 2007. Newsletters via email are saving approximately \$1200 annually. A new access link has been added to the www.is-pedigree.com site so that newsletters can be accessed at any time by members. The newsletters will be password protected beginning with the February issue.

Advertising

Our advertising committee created special ads for the Dog World Issue featuring the ISD as a rare breed; placed ads in Hobby Farms and Tolt magazines; created the new NISC and AISC logos; and created the logo and Breeder Info for use on hats and tee shirts to promote ISDs in the AKC Invitational held in Long Beach.

Rescue

There is a balance of \$1,634.78 designated to our rescue fund, so we are well positioned fiscally in this regard. The committee is also working on a set of guidelines.

Breeding Statistics

Number of U.S.A. Litters: 27
 Total USA Pups born: 125
 Males: 64
 Females: 61
 Average Litter Size: 4.63

ISAA Studs Used 2007

Name	Registration Number	Progeny
Vikings Rakke	ISNA-1998-0002	2 (F)
Frelsi Farms Gutti	ISNA-2000-0031	2 (F), 3 (M)
Viking Ossur	ISNA-2003-0009	1 (F), 4 (M)
Sherwood Forest Loki	ISNA-2003-0020	3 (F), 3 (M)
Hofshesta Gloi	ISNA-2003-0047	6 (F), 3 (M)
Gerplu Spori	ISNA-2003-0070	6 (F) 5 (M)
Alaskastadirs Kraftur	ISNA-2004-0004	4 (F), 1 (M)
Alaskastadirs Korpur	ISNA-2004-0008	3 (F), 1(M)
Nor'Star Kvekar	ISNA-2004-0067	5 (F), 4 (M)
Lavandels Benedikt	ISNA-2004-0070	7 (F), 2 (M)
Kersins Odinn	ISNA-2004-0100	3 (M)
West Hills Seppi	ISNA-2004-0107	3 (F), 2 (M)
Emerald Isle Ari	ISNA-2005-0101	2 (F), 3 (M)
Vinlands Skuggi	ISNA-2005-0076	1 (F), 5 (M)
Kersins Midas Touch	ISNA-2005-0092	6 (M)
Lonestar Ansel	ISNA-2006-0025	4 (F), 5 (M)
Vesturhlithar Loki	ISNA-2006-0058	4 (F), 2 (M)
Cosmo	ISNA-2006-0096	1 (F), 3 (M)
Isi Kaffiskukkolathi	ISNA-2006-0122	5 (F), 5 (M)
Isi Kappusino	ISNA-2006-0123	2 (F), 4 (M)

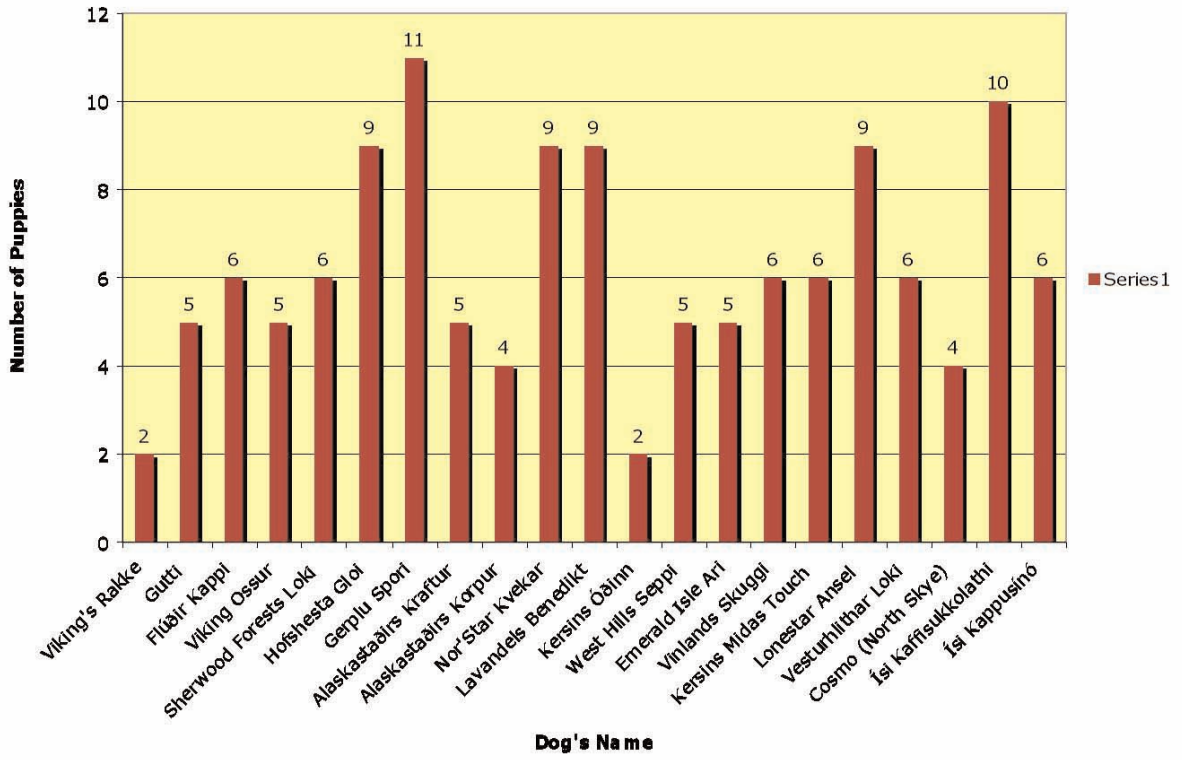
Number of Canadian Litters: 1
 Total Canadian Pups born: 6
 2 (F), 4 (M)

Kappi ISNA-2003-0005

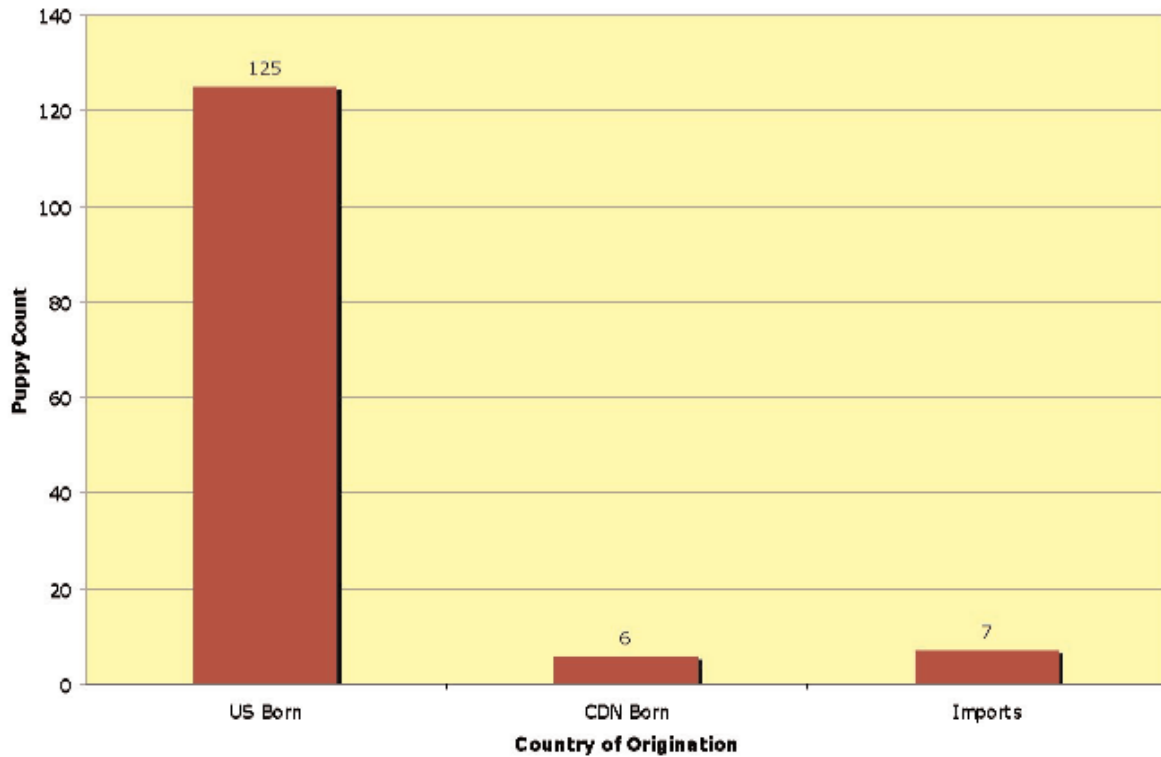
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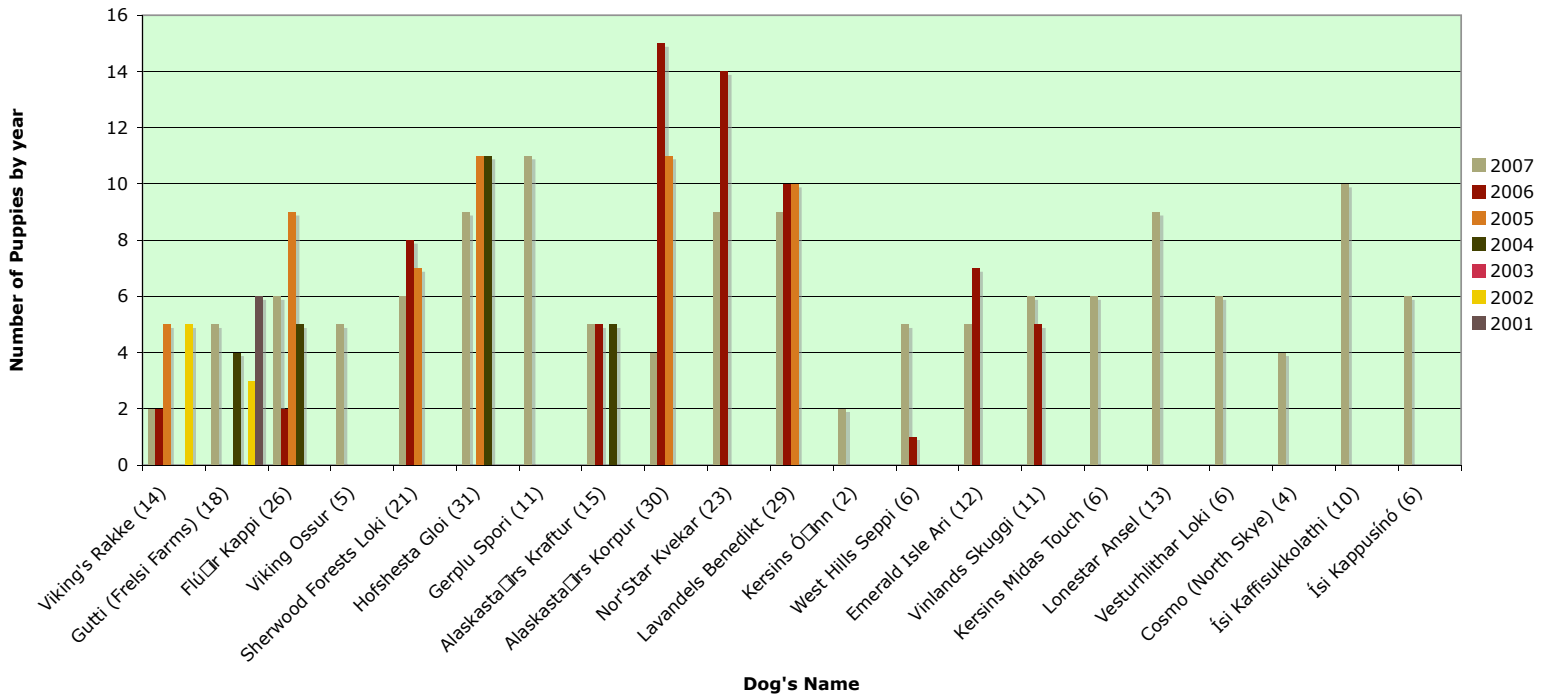
2007 Statistics of Breeding Studs



2007 ISAA Puppies



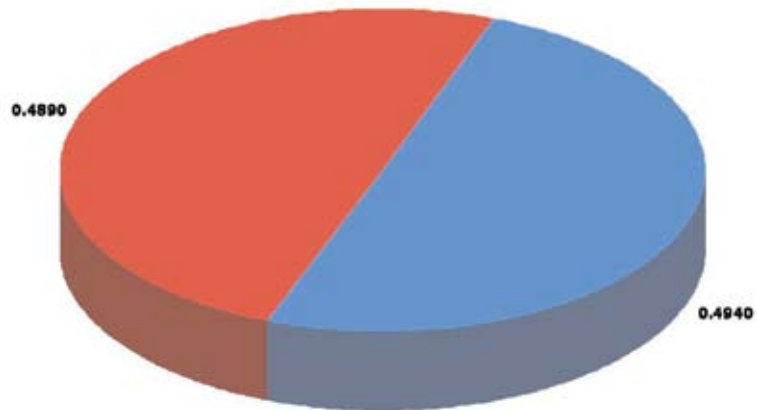
Total Puppies Produced by USA Studs Used in 2007



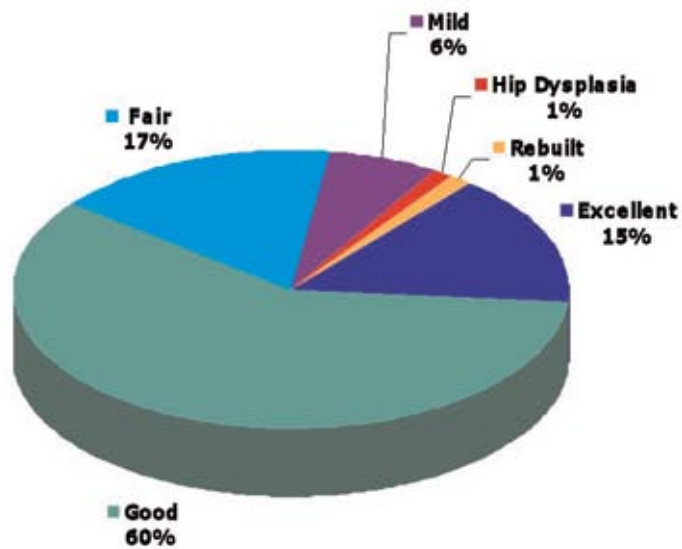
Total Breedings per ISSA Pedigree 3/12/2008

	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	TOTAL
Viking's Rakke		2	2	5			5		14
Gutti (Frelsi Farms)		5			4		3	6	18
Flúðir Kappi	4	6	2	9	5				26
Viking Ossur		5							5
Sherwood Forests Loki		6	8	7					21
Hofshesta Gloi		9		11	11				31
Gerplu Spori		11							11
Alaskastaðirs Kraftur			5	5		5			15
Alaskastaðirs Korpur			4	15	11				30
Nor'Star Kvekar		9	14						23
Lavandels Benedikt		9	10	10					29
Kersins Óðinn		2							2
West Hills Seppi		5	1						6
Emerald Isle Ari		5	7						12
Vinlands Skuggi		6	5						11
Kersins Midas Touch		6							6
Lonestar Ansel	4	9							13
Vesturhlithar Loki		6							6
Cosmo (North Skye)		4							4
Ísi Kaffi sukkolathi		10							10
Ísi Kappusínó	4	6							10

PennHIP Results Based on 2007 ISAA Eye and Hip Chart
Left Hip = RED, Right Hip = BLUE



OFA Results based on ISAA 2007 Eye and Hip Chart



PennHIP Information as it Relates to the Icelandic Sheepdog

PennHIP stands for the University of **Pennsylvania Hip Improvement Program**.

As of February, 2008

Min = .25 Max = .83 Average = .54

Total Sample = 96

.44 = 75th percentile

.47 = 60th percentile

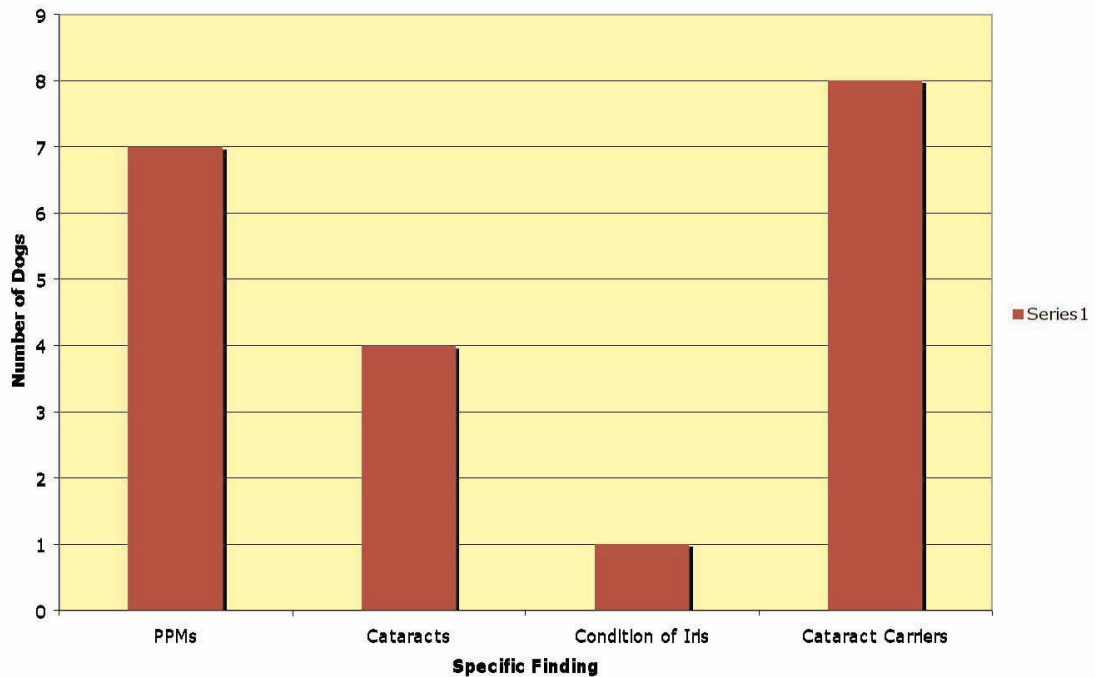
.50 = 50th percentile

.65 = 25th percentile

To read more about PennHIP, studies related to CHD and DJD, go to:
www.vet.upenn.edu/researchcenters/pennhip.

Special thanks Dr. Tram Le, Burian Animal Hospital

**Other Than Normal Eye Results in the ISAA Records
& Known Carriers (all years)**



U.S. CERF Report Data for 2007

The ISAA BOD is compiling an international eye chart that will be posted on the Health and Genetics site (www.is-pedigrees.com) very soon. In 2007, 75 CERF reports were submitted to CERF. Of those 75, 71 were normal. 4 dogs were found to have PPMs. It is our hope that breeders will begin the systematic testing of all litters and submit those tests to CERF so that we can effectively study eye health in the Icelandic Sheepdog in the United States. Breeders who do submit CERF tests to the CERF database are to be commended. The ISAA strongly supports these breeders with the honesty, courage and foresight to openly register dogs.

In March of 2008, the ISAA Board of Directors voted to join CERF and will receive a full report regarding all dogs tested in the U.S. even when the breeder/owner did not submit the CERF report to CERF for publication. Individual dog's names will never be released when the report is not submitted to CERF for publication, but the data will assist us in measuring the scope of eye disorders in the United States ISD population. Please consider testing your dog and submitting the results for publication. At present, this is our only hope to understand how to eliminate heritable eye disease in the ISD.

WHAT IS CERF?

The Canine Eye Registration Foundation (CERF) is an organization that was founded by a group of concerned, purebred owner/breeders who recognized that the quality of their dog's lives were being affected by heritable eye disease. CERF was then established in conjunction with cooperating, and certified, veterinary ophthalmologists, as a means to accomplish the goal of elimination of heritable eye disease in all purebred dogs by forming a centralized, national registry.

Advertising 2007

- Created ads for Dog World Issue featuring ISD as rare breed.
- Submitted ad to Hobby Farms.
- Submitted ad to Tolt.
- Participated in 2 day “Meet the Breed” in Seattle.
- Created NISC logo.
- Organized raffl e, signage and helped with general events at 2 day ISD get-together in June. Along with other BOD members, participated in an informational meeting for AKC judges held at the event.
- Created logo for AISC.
- Revised Dog World Ad for Dogs USA. Wrong layout size info was given by rep so the old Dog World ad was used.
- Participated with NISC in judges seminar in Seattle.
- Created logo and breeder info for use on hats and tee shirts to promote ISDs in Eukanuba Agility Classic.

Ads



Logos



Icelandic Sheepdog Association of America Code of Ethics

The Icelandic Sheepdog Association of America (ISAA) is a non-profit organization established for the express purpose of promoting and preserving the tradition and welfare of Iceland's national treasure, the Icelandic Sheepdog, in America. Every reasonable effort will be made to maintain a positive working relationship with the Icelandic Kennel Club and to conform to their standard whenever possible. Towards this end, the ISAA is dedicated to serving the best interest of the Icelandic Sheepdog through increasing public awareness, educational programs, establishing a resource network, and promoting proper husbandry and breeding practices of the Icelandic Sheepdog in America.

The ISAA, recognizing our responsibility to the Icelandic Sheepdog and the Icelandic Sheepdog enthusiast, sets forth this code of ethics:

- To educate the membership.
- To preserve the genetic viability through careful breeding practices.
- To keep the Icelandic Sheepdog sound, healthy and free of hereditary diseases.
- To maintain the working ability of the Icelandic Sheepdog.
- To conform to the AKC Standard of the Breed after the ISAA is reaches full acceptance into the AKC.
- To be honest in the evaluation of animals used for breeding and/ or offered for sale.
- To exercise good sportsmanship in all activities involving Icelandic Sheepdogs.

It is the intent of the ISAA to support and promote breeding programs which will protect the quality of the breed. Prior to listing breeding studs or bitches, the ISAA requires that stud dogs and brood bitches meet the following minimum requirements:

- Be recorded with the AKC FSS
- Be free of hereditary disorders including, but not limited to moderate to severe hip dysplasia and genetic eye disease including genetic cataracts
- Be sound in temperament as well as conformation
- Be matched for enhancing the viability of the gene pool
- Comply with breeding limitations as to not be over-used in a breeding program

The ISAA recommends that the ISAA breeder/members protect the breed:

- By selling and purchasing puppies whose sire and dam meet the above standards
- By assuring the general health of the sire and dam at the time of breeding and whelping
- By offering a warranty for the general health of the puppies at the time of sale
- By not supplying puppies for sale/resale to pet stores or other wholesale outlets
- By using the Limited Registration option and spay/neuter contracts for puppies known to be affected with hereditary disorders such as moderate to severe hip dysplasia, moderate to severe defects of temperament or conformation, cataracts or other genetic eye disease, etc.
- By exercising truth in advertising

ISAA members are expected to:

- Display good sportsmanship
- Purchase puppies from breeders who comply with ISAA Breeder Regulations
- Exhibit cheerful willingness to help newcomers and observers of the breed.
- Show restraint from public expression of negative remarks about fellow fanciers and breed enthusiasts
- Be gracious winners and runners-up

