



## **Icelandic Sheepdog Association of America**

### Health Statement

The Icelandic Sheepdog Association of America works in partnership with the Icelandic Sheepdog International Cooperation (ISIC) and follows their breeding guidelines as well as encouraging breed improvement and genetic variation. We additionally have a breeder approval process for breeders who wish to be ISAA approved breeders and be listed on our club breeder, stud and litter pages as well as a breeding review and compliance committee (BRCC).

Our breeding guidelines can be found here

<http://www.icelanddogs.com/Breeding-Guidelines-2015.html>

Our breeding guidelines include a number of reproductive considerations in addition to health testing so please take some time to familiarize yourself with them to ensure the breeder you select follows these guidelines. We have specific breeding age requirements, litter interval requirements, number of offspring/progeny and overall reproductive considerations such as being able to mate in the natural way and that cryptorchid or monorchid males will not be used for breeding.

Our breed is very healthy so there are few required health screenings, although a number of others are optional so we can gather data in those areas. We do require an OFA hip test or a PennHip test. We also require an OFA eye test with normal results within the 12 month prior to breeding. Those results should be published on the OFA website. <https://www.ofa.org/index.html>

This health statement has been approved by the Icelandic Sheepdog Association of America Board of Directors.