

# NEWSLETTER

## ISIC - DECEMBER 2025

Dear ISIC members,

As the year draws to a close, ISIC Executive would like to take a moment to reflect and share a few words about future plans as we head into the holidays. Over the past months, ISIC Executive and apprentices have been working steadily to strengthen ISIC as an organisation. This has included reviewing and working through the suggested constitution and bylaws (of course we will share the fruit of our labor with you when we have finalised our review, well before our online meeting on February 28). We are establishing clearer and more sustainable routines for how ISIC operates, ensuring that our structures support both continuity and growth. These processes are not always visible, but essential in creating a strong and transparent foundation for the future.

In addition, we have focused on how we welcome and support those who are new to ISIC. We are developing a formal letter of welcome for new member clubs and newly elected chairpersons, with the aim of making entry into the ISIC community clearer, warmer, and more supportive from the very beginning.

Next to the more invisible work, we have heard your call to make ISIC and our work for the Icelandic Sheepdog more visible and accessible to all breed enthusiasts. We are therefore planning online lectures and presentations by experts and professionals on different breed related topics.

We're kicking the series off with a **special online presentation by Evelyn Ýr on Sunday February 8, 20:00 CET** (*link to follow in due time, please make your members aware and watch our posts on Facebook*).

### ***From Settlement to Survival: A Thousand Years of Iceland's National Dog***

*When Evelyn Ýr welcomed her first Icelandic Sheepdog, Reykjavalla Íslands Sómi, six years ago, she found the available information on the breed's origins was often limited. This discovery sparked a personal research project to gather sources and make a more comprehensive history of the breed accessible. In this online presentation, Evelyn will share insights from her research, tracing the journey of the Icelandic Sheepdog through the centuries: their arrival with the first settlers, their role as essential partners in self-sufficient farming, and their ultimate rescue from the brink of extinction to survive in a changing world. Evelyn holds an MA in Cultural Science and runs a tourism business in the North of Iceland. Her passion for the breed led her to create a dedicated exhibition at her farm, giving the Icelandic Sheepdog a platform and making its incredible story visible to visitors and enthusiasts from around the world.*

And finally we wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We hope the coming time brings rest, reflection, and renewed energy, and that 2026 will be a year of continued cooperation, development, and shared success within ISIC.

ISIC Executive and apprentices