

Lukehaven Icelandic Sheepdogs

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Puppy Questionnaire

About Loren

It was serendipity that I discovered Icelandic sheepdogs in 2007. I founded the rescue organization in 2009 and have been an active member of the Icelandic Sheepdog Association of America. This breed has become my passion and it has introduced me to people in Canada, Iceland, and Europe. These connections have enriched my life immensely. I currently share my home with 5 adult Icelandic sheepdogs, ranging in age from 6 to 16 years old.

About Paula

I was introduced to this wonderful dog breed in 2017 on my first visit to Iceland. At the time, I wasn't ready for another dog but vowed the Icelandic Sheepdog would be my next dog. I started my search for my first Icie in 2019 and that is when I found Loren. I was able to get Raina as a puppy from Loren in December 2019 and very fortunate to get Freyja from Loren one year later. So, I share my home with my two Icies and one Shih Tzu in addition to four horses who of course live in the barn.

About Icies

The Icelandic Sheepdog is a very old breed. The Vikings brought the spitz dog to Iceland, and for many centuries there were very few breeds on the island. The breed survived famines, epidemics, harsh civil laws regarding dogs, and it survived into the 20th century on isolated farms, where these dogs brought the sheep back down from the hills, herded the sheep, warned of visitors to the farm, without being aggressive. In the 1960's Mark Watson, Sigidur Petursdottir, and Pal Pallson recognized that the breed was in danger of extinction, and they began a breeding program to allow the breed to survive. Today, breeders in several countries are working to foster genetic diversity in the breed.

Icelandic Sheepdogs are expressive, intelligent, active dogs, who do best with exercise, and typically bark when someone is approaching the household. When they are in the house, they are generally quiet, unless they alert to a squirrel or bunny outside. They love to please and are happy to learn tricks. They thrive with interaction with their humans. The Freyja-Torfi litter will be raised by Paula Sanderson in Connecticut. She is a GoodDog Breeder and follows Avidog educational guidance.

Please tell us a little about yourself and your family, as well as your interest in Icelandic Sheepdogs. Thank you, Loren and Paula

Application Process Information

We are very careful deciding with whom we place our puppies and only want the best fit for both you and the puppies so please keep the following in mind when you fill out this application:

- The current litter of puppies are being raised in Connecticut
- We do not ship puppies – you must agree to come here if approved to take your puppy home
- We health test our dams and sires and primarily breed for temperament
- We will try to match the puppies to the best fit of the approved applicants who have provided a deposit – depending on numbers of pups, genders, and when the deposit was provided, you may be able to choose your puppy but that is not guaranteed
- We bring our pups for their first vet visit around 8 weeks of age when they are examined, get their first set of vaccines, get their microchips, and are tested for parasites
- The puppies are typically released to their new homes between 8-9 weeks of age
- When you pick up your puppy, we will register your pup with AKC when we transfer ownership – you will pay for the registration
- The microchip will be registered at this time with AKC Reunite
- Unless otherwise agreed with us, the AKC registration will be a limited registration – this allows you to show in any AKC activity except conformation
- Unless otherwise agreed with us, our pups are family dogs foremost and cannot be bred
- We do have a return to kennel clause in the sales agreement and the agreement will be signed at the time of ownership transfer



Basic Information

Name:

Spouse/Partner's Name:

Address:

Street:

City:

State:

Zip:

Phone Number:

E-mail address(es):

Employer:

Spouse / Partner Employer:

All members of your household with ages and adult's occupations:

NAME	AGE	RELATIONSHIP TO YOU	OCCUPATION

Specific Questions

1. What are you looking for in your next dog? Please provide as much information as you like and the more the better as it will help us to know if we have the pup who would meet your needs and expectations:

2. How did you learn about the Icelandic Sheepdog?
3. How did you find Lukehaven Icelandic Sheepdogs?
4. Have you had dogs before? (yes/no)
 - a. If yes, what breed(s) have you had?
 - b. What happened to them?
 - c. Do you have any dogs now? (yes/no)
 - d. What age/sex/breed are they:
5. Do you have a strong preference for one sex or the other?
 - a. I'd prefer a Female but will consider a Male
 - b. I'd prefer a Male but will consider a Female
 - c. I will only purchase a Female
 - d. I will only purchase a Male
 - e. I don't care about sex, preferring the best puppy for me
6. Why do you prefer one sex over another?
7. Are any members of your household allergic to dogs? (yes/no)
8. Do you have any other pets? (yes/no) What kind?
9. What kind of a dog are you looking for? (Check all that apply)
 - a. Inside
 - b. Inside/outside
 - c. Outside
 - d. Breeding Quality
 - e. Show Quality
 - f. Companion
 - g. Performance Dog
 - h. Stock Dog
10. Where will the dog be when you are home?
11. Where will the dog be when you are not at home?
12. Where will your puppy spend most of his/her day?
13. Once grown, where/how will your dog spend most of his/her day?

14. Where will your puppy/dog spend his nights? (e.g., crated in the bedroom, alone in kitchen, in garage?)
15. For what periods of a normal day will your dog be left alone?
16. Where will you keep the dog if you are away overnight?
17. Where will you keep the dog if you are away on vacation?
18. Will you crate-train your dog? (yes/no) If you are going to crate-train your dog, how many hours a day will the dog be in the crate?
19. How many adults are in your household? Do you have any children living with you? (yes/no) (ages?)
20. When your dog is outside, will it be in a fenced yard/lot or in a fenced dog-run?
21. Will the dog be tied up? (yes/no)
22. Do you have a dog door? (yes/no)
23. What kind of fence do you have and how tall is it?
24. Is the fenced area and/or dog run secure?
25. Is your yard completely fenced? (yes/no)
26. The Icelandic Sheepdog is an active working breed, who needs interaction from their owner; how do you plan to exercise this dog and fulfill the breed desire for mental stimulation?
27. How long have you been looking for a dog?
28. What type of dwelling do you currently live in? (Apt., Condo, House...)
29. Do you rent or own?
30. If you rent your residence, are you permitted to own a dog(s)? (yes/no)
31. How long have you lived at your present address?
32. What type of food will you feed your dog?
33. If the dog requires a special diet, will you supply it? (yes/no)

34. Who will feed the dog?
35. We recommend that every puppy attend one or more puppy obedience classes.
- a. Are you willing to participate in such a class? (yes/no)
 - b. Who will exercise and train the dog?
 - c. How will you exercise your dog?
 - d. Have you had any experience in housebreaking and/or training a dog? (yes/no)
 - e. If the dog makes a mistake, how will you correct (discipline) the dog?
 - f. How will you discipline your dog for?
 - i. Digging
 - ii. Barking
 - iii. Chewing
36. Icelandic Sheepdogs can be a talkative breed. Will barking be a problem in your community?
37. Barking is often a bigger issue for those who live in apartments or condos because of the adjoining neighbor's walls. While we can control this breed trait when we are present, in our absence it can become a complaint from neighbors. Icelandic Sheepdogs often react to any exterior noise i.e, opening and closing doors, voices in hallways. How will you deal with barking complaints from your neighbors?
38. If faced with overwhelming complaints, would you be able or willing to take the dog to day care or work with you? Yes / No

Additional Considerations:

1. Keeping an Icelandic sheepdog is not an inexpensive venture, between quality food, veterinary care, and training. Are you confident that you know how much this dog will cost you to maintain and that you have the resources to do so?
 - a. Yes, I understand how much this dog's maintenance will cost and am very comfortable I can afford this dog
 - b. Maybe, but I need more information about costs
 - c. No, I am not sure how much this dog's maintenance will cost and/or I am not sure I can afford to keep this dog
 - d. I don't know how much this will cost
 - e. Other
2. Are you interested in breeding this dog or spaying / neutering?

3. Are you willing to wait until your pup is over 18 months of age and, if female, has had at least one season, before spaying or neutering?
4. Will you be able to spend more time with the puppy when it first comes into your home? What arrangements have you made or must you make to do this?
5. The first 16 weeks of your puppy's life are critical. Do you have any vacations planned in which you would not be able to include the puppy and thus would have to leave your puppy with someone other than an immediate family member? If so, when are the vacations planned?
6. In what ways do you think having this dog will change your Lifestyle?
7. What is your family's favorite forms of recreation?
8. Which of these activities would you include the dog in?
9. Are you interesting in showing the dog in Conformation? (yes/ no/ sure with help) If so, do you have prior show experience? (yes/no)
10. Are you seeking to participate in performance dog sport with this dog?
11. Are you willing to make a lifetime commitment to your dog even if you have a life-style change such as: moving, divorce, marriage, children, etc.? (yes/no)
12. Lukehaven Icelandic Sheepdogs has in its sales contract a return to Kennel Clause in the event you can no longer keep the puppy/dog. If you can no longer keep the dog and it would require rehoming, are you prepared to return it to the kennel so that we may find it a suitable home? (yes/no)
13. Realizing that you may no longer be able to keep the puppy/dog; would you be willing to return the dog if there may not be a refund for the original purchase price? (yes/no)
14. Icelandic Sheepdog breeders like to keep up with news about the puppies produced. Would you be willing to email or text photos and updates about your Lukehaven puppy from time to time? (yes/no)
15. Is there anything you want to ask us about our breeding program?
16. Lastly, why do you think you will provide a good home for an Icelandic sheepdog puppy?

References:

Please provide names, addresses and phone numbers of people who could verify your qualifications and lifestyle such as the breeders of your present dogs, dog trainers, training partners, friends, and neighbors. We strongly prefer email contact so please try to get correct email addresses of your references. If you have pets, your last reference must be your veterinarian.

Reference 1:

- Name
- Relationship to you
- Address
- Phone number
- E-mail address

Reference 2:

- Name
- Relationship to you
- Address
- Phone number
- E-mail address

Reference 3:

- Name
- Relationship to you
- Address
- Phone number
- E-mail address

Reference 4 (Veterinarian of current pets or other reference if no pets):

- Name
- Relationship to you
- Address
- Phone number
- E-mail address

Please sign the document below and return to us via snail mail to Loren or scan the signed document and email to us:

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Signature Page

Name
Street
City
State
Zip

Home Phone
Work Phone
Cell Phone
E-Mail Address

No member of our household has ever been investigated for or convicted of cruelty to animals.

Signature _____	Date _____
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