

Size  
Ideal height is:  
Dogs 46 cm.  
Bitches 42 cm.

*COMMENT: Earlier the difference in height between the smallest bitch and the largest stud was more than 10 cm. (4 inches). This is a huge difference for a breed well under mid-size. This variation is most clearly seen in real life, where the combination of a long coated red and white 48 centimeter (approximately 19 inches) stud, next to a short coated tri-colored 38 centimeter (approximately 15 inches) bitch, results in a very odd couple.*

*The current standard states an ideal height, which makes it easier to define a clear goal used in breeding and by judgment. The defined ideal heights are 1 (one) centimeter over the average of the earlier defined margin (studs:  $42 - 48 = 45$  centimeters, and bitches  $38 - 44 = 41$  centimeters). This change indicates a wish for a rising (size wise) staggering.*

*An acceptable deviation to the ideal height is not specified by the standard. Thus the evaluation of size must be based on common sense, as well as by using the previous definitions for maximum and minimum (the ideal height - 4 +2 centimeters) After all, the idea behind the ideal height is to minimize the huge size wise deviations in the breed as a whole.*

*As an Icelandic Sheepdog is a dog well under mid size, any Icelandic Sheepdog perceived as being small or large, compared to the other dogs, must be considered as not being typical and thus being judged hereafter.*

*It must be emphasized that a stud of course not has to be huge to have a well defined male gender. Neither does a bitch have to be small to have a well defined female gender.*

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