

Leonberger population in Estonia is small but quite stable, consisting of ca 140 Leonbergers at the moment. There was only one litter born in 2013 and one litter in 2014 as of today. 8 puppies in 2013 and 12 puppies in 2014 litter. Both litters were sired by dogs from outside of Estonia which helps to maintain broad gene base in our population.

The population is healthy, new breeding regulations for Leonbergers were proposed by our club and confirmed for the next five years by Estonian Kennel Club in 2013. Hip and elbow dysplasia tests and eye examinations are mandatory, LPN1 and eye-gonioscopy testing strongly recommended. Also show-results are required for breeding dogs.

There is about 15 members in Leonbergers Club of Estonia. Sadly the number of members has not increased recently. Nevertheless, the club is viable and financially sound.

The main event of the year for the Club is organizing our Specialty Show. In 2013 there were 55 dogs participating on our Club Show, in 2014 number of entries was 31. Our Specialty has evolved into truly international dog-show with participants from different countries like Finland, Sweden, Norway, Latvia, Russia and even Netherlands.

We also had very well received leonberger breed seminar for Estonian show-judges held by our Specialty judge Mr. Bill Crawley (UK) in conjunction with our Club Show this year.

The Club also aspires to promote the leonberger breed in Estonia. Our dogs participated on Christmas walk held in Tallinn Old Town at the end of 2013, this year the breed was thoroughly presented and our Leos introduced in television show "Sober Koer" ("Your Friend the Dog") on nationwide TV-channel.

Traditionally the Club organizes photo contest during the year, best photos of the contest are composed into beautiful Leonbergers-calendar, available for ordering worldwide from our web-site and FB-page.

Thank you,

Leonbergers Club Of Estonia