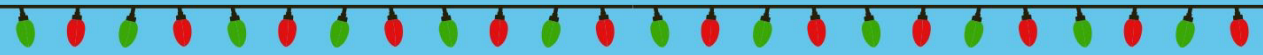


# NEWFOUNDLAND RESCUE OF FLORIDA



**ST. AUGUSTINE    DECEMBER 5-7, 2025**



**32<sup>th</sup> Annual Newfoundland Club of Florida &  
Newfoundland Rescue of Florida Celebration Weekend  
December 5 – 7, 2025  
Featuring the 70<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Augustine Christmas Parade**

The Newfoundland Club of Florida (NEWFFLA) and Newfoundland Rescue of Florida (NRF), have planned a wonderful Newfie Weekend you will not want to miss! Join us in historic St. Augustine as we celebrate the Newfoundland Breed and raise funds for the Newfoundland Rescue of Florida. All of the details and registration information are enclosed.

This year's activities will include:

- Membership Meeting and Pizza Party.
- Participation in the famous St. Augustine Holiday Parade.
- A special blessing and remembrance ceremony
- A brown bag auction.
- A relaxing dinner followed by a fine arts auction that you don't want to miss.
- Canine Good Citizen testing

Utilizing the power of the 501(c)3 charity designation, we worked very hard with our vendors to obtain discounts to keep costs down. This year's main sources of income will be the Brown Bag Raffle, and the Fine Arts Auction.

We recommend that you make your hotel reservations as soon as possible. Very few hotels in the area accept dogs, so if you miss getting into the host hotel, you may have difficulty finding a room.

**We look forward to seeing you and your Newfs at the Celebration!**

## GENERAL DETAILS

**Host Hotel and Newfie Headquarters:** We are excited to once again call **Southern Oaks Inn** home base for the weekend. The hotel is located **at 2800 N Ponce De Leon Blvd, St. Augustine, FL 32084**, at the intersection of State Road 16 and US Highway 1 (also known as Ponce de Leon Boulevard.) Based on last year's booking, we blocked 34 rooms for Friday and Saturday night and 10 rooms for those coming in Thursday night. Southern Oaks cannot guarantee first-floor rooms. However, they understand our needs and will do their best to accommodate us. **Call (904) 342-2354 and ask for the Newfoundland Club/Rescue Block Rate.** The room rates are as follows:

**Room Rates:**

\$179.00/Friday and Saturday for King and Queen

\$92.65/Thursday Night for King and Queen

Dog Charge: \$12.50/per dog/per night

Hotel Fee:\$12.50/per room/per night

Our block of rooms and group rate is good through November 1, 2025 after which the rates may increase. All rooms have a microwave, coffeemaker, refrigerator, and wireless internet. A hot breakfast is also included in the rate. The hotel grounds has an enclosed dog park, lighted area to walk dogs and plenty of parking.

Please help us leave the rooms and outside area clean. We recommend that you crate your dog(s) when they are in your hotel room unattended. Also, double-check your door locks when you leave. In the past we have had some very interesting examples of escapism!

**Registration and Deadline:** To help us get the most accurate ordering information, we are asking everyone to use one of the two online registration options: [Register and Pay Online](#) or [Register and Mail Check](#). **These forms can also be used to order t-shirts.** If, for any reason, you choose not to use the online options, print the registration forms at the back of this packet and mail them directly to **Newfoundland Rescue of Florida, 5899 White Sands Road, Keystone Heights, FL 32656** . Registration must be received by **November 1, 2025**. The parade packet is also available on our [website](#).

**Registration Fee:** There is a \$15.00 registration fee **per person** (with a maximum of \$60 for a family.) All attendees of the weekend must register. The registration fee helps cover the costs of cups, napkins, plates, water, and soda.

**Hospitality Suite:** The Hospitality Suite will be the center of all the action: t-shirt pick-up, brown bag raffle, and a place to gather with all your Newfie friends. The room number will be available when you check-in. The room hours will be:

**Friday**

2:00 – 6:00 pm

After Meeting – 10:00 pm

**Saturday**

11:00 am – 12:45 pm

3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

After Auction – 10:00 pm

**Sunday**

7:00 am – Until

This room cannot be run without volunteers. Please spare some time out of your weekend to give our hard working board members a break. A detailed “job” description is on the volunteer sign-up page.

**Brown Bag Raffle:** Brown Bag will be held in the hospitality room. **Donated items can include (but not limited to):** dog toys, dog treats (Non-perishable), bibs/drool towels, small gift baskets, household items (soap, candles, etc.), leashes, collars, grooming accessories, Newfie merchandise, gift cards (restaurants, pet stores, etc.), books and t-

shirts. Bring these items with you to the parade and drop them off at the hospitality room. If you are unable to attend but wish to donate items, contact [Sandy Miller](#) at (904) 813-5362

**Brown Bag raffle items must be in the hospitality room by Friday at 10:00 pm. If you arrive after 10:00 pm Friday and still want to donate, please find Sandy after the parade and she will take your item(s).**

Winning tickets are drawn after the hospitality room closes Saturday night. Items will be available for pick-up Sunday morning.

**T-shirts:** This year's shirt, featured on the packet cover, will be printed on the front of the t-shirt. Due to past size issues we have elected to only offer Adult Crew and Youth Crew short sleeve. Shirt sizing charts are on the order forms.

Men's & Women's Shirts(S-XL):	\$15.00
Men's & Women's Shirts (2XL – 4XL)	\$18.00
Youth Shirts (XS-XL)	\$12.00

T-shirts can be ordered without registering for the weekend. Use either the [Register and Pay Online](#) or [Register and Mail Check](#) options. Make sure to include the mailing fee when you order.

**Canine Good Citizenship Testing** – Our club president, Jennifer Arent, is an evaluator for CGC and CGCA. CGC is open to all AKC registered dogs. There is no age minimums or limits. All props needed will be provided. The test items can be found here for [CGC](#) and [CGCA](#). Please register in advance using the registration form. The cost is \$10.00.

**Lunch and Blessing of the Newfs:** A picnic lunch will be held on the lawn at Southern Oaks Inn providing our dogs a much needed break after the parade. Lunch will be provided by Firehouse Subs and must be reserved in advance. (see order form for details)

**Special Dietary Needs: Firehouse will accommodate any dietary needs. Please submit your needs on the registration form.**

Immediately following lunch, we will have the Annual Blessing of the Newfs and Remembrance Ceremony. We are once again honored to have Dr. B.J. Hutto, Pastor of Hendricks Avenue Baptist Church in Jacksonville presiding over our Blessing of the Newfs. If you would like to have your Newf remembered by name, please complete that section of the registration form. Please bring a chair or blanket if you would like something to sit on, as none are provided.

**Dinner and Fine Arts Auction:** One of the biggest draws to Southern Oaks Inn is the ability to host our Dinner and Fine Arts Auction on the property. Cocktail Hour with appetizers, beer and wine will kick off the evening followed by a Build Your Own Cheeseburger and Chicken Sandwich Bar provided by Outback. The menu will be:

Appetizers - Charcuterie boards

Build Your Own Burger and Chicken Sandwich– Comes with everything you need to build your own cheeseburgers including patties (w/ American cheese), lettuce, tomatoes, onion, spicy house-made pickles, mayo, mustard, and ketchup.

Chicken Tenders

House Salad - Fresh mixed greens, cucumbers, Monterey Jack & Cheddar cheeses, tomatoes, red onions, homemade croutons, and your choice of dressing.

Steakhouse Mac and Cheese - Cavatappi pasta tossed in a creamy cheese sauce.

Seasonal Veggies

All dinners must be reserved in advance.

**Desserts – Share your favorite Holiday Sweets with all of us. This could be cookies, pastries, fudge, pies, cakes, candies...the sky's the limit. Don't forget to bring a copy of the recipe for people to take pictures of so they can make them for their family. Please sign up for either Friday or Saturday Night**

**Special Dietary Needs: Outback will accommodate any dietary needs. Please submit your needs on the registration form.**

We are very happy to have Outback onboard as one of this year's sponsors. Thank you St. Augustine Outback for providing a discount for our meal.

The fun begins when auctioneer Lew Hall calls for an opening bid. We can accept cash, checks, and credit cards.

**Please donate Auction items!** Items can include: Large Gift Baskets, Paintings/Artwork, Blankets, Clothing, Rare and/or Collectible Newfie Items, Dog Dryers, Dog Treat Baskets, Jewelry, Grooming Items, Ramps, Special Wine or Spirits. Bring these items with you and drop them off in the hospitality room. If you are unable to attend but still wish to donate, please contact [Sandy Miller](#) to arrange a pick-up.

**A 501(c)(3) donation receipt will be available for donations of cash or personal property in value of \$250 or more.**



**Dyson V11 Extra Raffle:** One of our supporters, Liza Vanneck, has donated a Dyson V11 Extra with a Pet Grooming Kit as a raffle item. This vacuum features 60 minutes of run time, a Motorbar™ cleaner head that detangles and removes pet hair, and a Root Cyclone™ separation system that captures and separates dust and debris, ensuring no loss of suction. Adding the Pet Grooming Kit, which captures loose hair as you groom your pet, makes this a must-have for any dog household. Thank you, Liza, for your continued support. Raffle tickets are \$10/each and can be purchased without registering for the parade. The winning ticket will be drawn during our Fine Arts Auction on Saturday night. You do not need to be present to win. The item will be shipped to the winner.

**Sunday Morning:** Enjoy some final hospitality and check out your Brown Bag winnings.

**Relax or Sightsee:** St. Augustine offers wonderful shops, historic buildings, parks, museums, carriage rides, and many other interesting activities. Southern Oaks provides a free shuttle to and from the center of town. Check with the front desk for times. Take the time to enjoy being in the oldest city in America or just relax and enjoy the company of friends and Newfs.

## PARADE DETAILS



**Parade Route:** The parade route is 1.3 miles through the heart of the historic district. The streets are wide and nicely paved along the entire route. **Please start conditioning your Newf now! Your Newfoundlands are like athletes, they need to be conditioned for the big event.**

**Trailer Seating:** We will have 4 trailers pulled by member's vehicles. These are for those unable to walk the parade including people, puppies, young dogs, and senior dogs. It is club policy that any dog one year or younger **MUST** ride on the trailer. **Once you are on the trailer you may not get off. This is an agreement that we have with the parade organizers.**

**Getting to and from the Parade Route:** Saturday morning, we will begin loading the trailers at 7:35 am and will leave the parking lot at 7:45 am. Carts can be loaded on trailers to get them to the parade however, we encourage you to stage your vehicle in the garage Friday night to transport them back. We will have breakfast items for everyone and plenty of water for the dogs/hoomans. We encourage everyone to bring their portable fans to keep their dogs cool.

You do have the option to sleep in and walk the .7 miles from the hotel to the staging area. Realize this will be in addition to the 1.3+ miles your dog will be walking in the parade. You must be at the staging area NLT 8:45 am.

**Safety:** Our parade safety and first aid committee members will be monitoring the dogs throughout the parade. Water and first aid supplies will be on the trailers. They will also be working with the tow drivers to let the riders know when the vehicle is stopping or starting.

**Dress:** Please plan to wear your parade T-shirt. Although the parade T-shirt is not required, our group looks better when we are all dressed in similar outfits. Comfortable clothes and shoes are recommended. We encourage you to "dress" your Newfs in their holiday best. When selecting clothes for you or your Newfs remember this is Florida and the weather could be hot, even in December.

**Parade Grooming:** Please bring all dogs to the parade freshly groomed and bathed so they can put their best paw forward.

**RV Parking:** RV parking is NOT available on the property.

**Newfs Only:** Our agreement with the St. Augustine Parade Officials is that our group will be Newfoundlands only. No dogs other than Newfoundlands are to be walked, carried, or otherwise be present within the parade group.

**Persons With Disabilities:** In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing a special accommodation to participate in any parade or celebration events should contact the Newfoundland Rescue of Florida, Inc. not later than seven days prior to the event. Notice should be sent to [Sandy Miller](#).

## **Annual Membership Meeting Notice**

The Newfoundland Club of Florida, Inc. invites you to attend our Annual Meeting.

Date: Friday, December 5, 2025  
Time: 7:00 PM  
Place: Southern Oaks Inn (dining room)  
2800 N Ponce De Leon Blvd  
St. Augustine, FL 32084

The Newfoundland Club of Florida, Inc. invites you to attend our General Meeting on Friday, December 5, 2025, at 7:00 PM. The meeting will be held at the Southern Oaks Inn in St. Augustine.

Please join us in the breakfast room for a Pizza Party beginning at 6:30 PM prior to the 7:00 PM General Membership meeting. The party is included in your registration fee. All members, guests, and parade participants are welcome to attend.

### **Tentative Agenda**

1. Call to Order
2. Introductions
3. Acknowledgements
4. Treasurer's Report – NEWFFLA & NRF
5. Committee Report
  - a. Membership
  - b. Working Dog
  - c. Rescue
6. President's Report
7. Nominations for Officers positions for the 2026-2028 term.
8. Parade Logistics – Sandy Miller
9. Open Discussion
10. Adjournment

## Schedule

### **Friday, December 5, 2025**

2:00 – 6:00 pm	Registration at the Southern Oaks Inn Hospitality Suite
6:30 pm	Pizza Party (Breakfast room)
7:00 pm	General Membership Meeting (Breakfast room)
8:30 pm	Decorating the trailers
8:30 – 10:00 pm	Hospitality Suite open
9:00 pm	Personal vehicle drop off at the end of the parade route. Details will be discussed at the General Membership Meeting.

### **Saturday, December 6, 2025**

7:35 am	Trailers begin loading. <b>Please be on time!</b>
7:45 am	<b>Leave Southern Oaks for the parade</b>
9:00 am	Parade Begins
10:30 am	Approximate return to the hotel after parade
11:00 am – 12:45 pm	Hospitality Suite Open
1:00 – 2:00 pm	Lunch and Blessing of the Newfoundlands on the grounds of Southern Oaks Inn
3:00 – 5:00 pm	Hospitality Suite Open
2:30 – 4:00 pm	CGC and CGA-A Testing
6:00 – 6:30 pm	Cocktail Hour <b>Southern Oaks Inn</b>
6:30 – 7:30 pm	Dinner <b>Southern Oaks Inn</b>
7:30 – 9:00 pm	Fine Arts Auction <b>Southern Oaks Inn</b>
9:00 – 10:00 pm	Hospitality suite opens after Auction. Final chance for the brown bag auction.

### **Sunday, December 8, 2024**

7:00am – Until	Hospitality Suite Open. Pick up Brown Bag winnings.
8:00 – 9:00 am	Clean up grounds
9:00am – Until	Breakdown Hospitality Suite



# Registration Form

**Deadline is November 1, 2025**

First Name		Last Name	
Street			
City		State	Zip
Phone:		Email:	
<b>Guests included in Registration</b>			
Name		Name	
Name		Name	
Name		Name	

Total for registration (\$15/each up to 4 people (max \$60.00) \_\_\_\_\_

How many people will be attending the Friday Night Pizza Party? (free) \_\_\_\_\_

How many Newfs will you be bringing to the parade? \_\_\_\_\_

How many people will be riding on the trailer during the parade? \_\_\_\_\_

How many dogs will be riding on the trailer during the parade? \_\_\_\_\_

List the names and ages of any rescued Newfs attending the parade. We will be honoring them during our Annual Meeting on Friday night.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Has your dog earned any titles from December 1, 2024, to the present? If so, we want to honor you both at the Annual Meeting on Friday night. Please provide their Call Name, Registered Name, Owned by and Titles earned with dates. (Use back of page for additional titles.)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Name(s) of Newfs, who have crossed the "Rainbow Bridge" in the last 12 months, to be remembered at the Blessing. Please include the color of your Newf(s) and if you wish, a short statement to be read at the Blessing.

- 1.
- 2.

## T- Shirt and Raffle Order Form

Size	Size	Quantity	Cost	Total
<b>Adult Short Sleeve</b>	S		\$15.00	
	M		\$15.00	
	L		\$15.00	
	XL		\$15.00	
	2XL		\$18.00	
	3XL		\$18.00	
	4XL		\$18.00	
	5XL		\$18.00	
<b>Youth</b>	XS		\$12.00	
	S		\$12.00	
	M		\$12.00	
	L		\$12.00	
	XL		\$12.00	
<b>Dyson V11 Vacuum w/Pet Grooming Kit Raffle Ticket</b>			\$10.00	
<b>Postage (If you wish us to mail to you)</b>		1-2 Items	\$10.00	
		3+ Items	\$15.00	
			<b>Total</b>	

### Adult Short Sleeve

	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL	5XL
Width (in)	18	20	22	24	26	28	30	32
Length (in)	28	29	30	31	32	33	24	35
Sleeve (in)	15.125	16.5	18	19.5	21	22.375	23.675	25

### Youth

	XS	S	M	L	XL
Width (in)	16	17	18	19	20
Length (in)	20.5	22	23.5	25	26.5
Sleeve (in)	13.25	14.25	15.25	16.25	17.25



## Picnic at Southern Oaks

This year, we will be getting box lunches from Firehouse Subs. Lunches will include an 8" sub, chips, and a cookie. Sandwiches will have lettuce, tomato, onions and cheese, and condiments **are on the side**. Kid's lunches will include a 4" sub. We will have bottled water available to drink. Please mark quantity next to sandwich. Please indicate any special dietary requirements (i.e. no tomato...)

Adult Lunches	Bread	Quantity	Cost	Total
Turkey	White/Wheat/Gluten Free		\$12.00	
Roast Beef	White/Wheat/Gluten Free		\$12.00	
Ham	White/Wheat/Gluten Free		\$12.00	
Veggie	White/Wheat/Gluten Free		\$12.00	
<b>Kids Lunches</b>				
Turkey	White/Wheat/Gluten Free		\$10.00	
Roast Beef	White/Wheat/Gluten Free		\$10.00	
Ham	White/Wheat/Gluten Free		\$10.00	
Veggie	White/Wheat/Gluten Free		\$10.00	
<b>Total</b>				

## Dinner and Fine Arts Auction

The dinner and fine arts auction will be held at our host hotel, Southern Oaks Inn. Cocktail Hour with appetizers, beer and wine will kick off the evening followed by a Build Your Own Burger Bar by Outback Steakhouse (see menu under the General Information.) **Please advise if there are any special dietary needs such as No Dairy, No Meat, or Gluten Free.**

The auction will begin immediately following dinner. **Please join us, even if you don't wish to purchase dinner. The auction is the biggest fundraiser of the year for our rescue.**

	Quantity	Cost	Total
Dinner		\$25.00	
Special Dietary Needs:			

	Yes/No	For Friday Night	For Saturday Night
Are you bringing a dessert item to share?			

## Canine Good Citizen Testing (CGC & CGCA)

	Quantity	Cost	Total
CGC		\$10.00	
CGCA		\$10.00	

## Volunteer Form

It's volunteers like you that make this weekend a success. Please consider helping! We promise you will have fun.

**Set-up** (Friday Morning): Create welcome bags, set up tables in hospitality, put out and price brown bag items

**Hospitality:** Hand out welcome bags, receive brown bag items (Friday), sell brown bag raffle tickets, sell Dyson Vacuum raffle tickets, answer questions (or find the answer)

Friday	9:00 am – 12:00 pm (Set up)	
	2:00 – 4:00 pm	
	4:00 – 6:00 pm	
	After Mtg – 10:00 pm	
Saturday	11:00 am – 12:45 pm	
	3:00 – 5:00 pm	
	After Auction – 10:00 pm	
Sunday	7:00 – 8:30 am	
	8:30 – 10:00 am	

**Parade Safety Patrol** - Hand out water, monitor dogs/humans, assist tow vehicles.

Saturday	7:30 – 10:30 am	
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**Auction Setup at Southern Oaks Breakfast Room**

Saturday	4:00 – 5:00 pm	
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**Grounds clean-up** - Meet a designated Board Member at the hospitality suite and go as a group to clean up trash and any missed doggie doo-doo.

Sunday	8:00 – 9:00 am	
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**Hospitality Clean-up - Tear down tables and load onto trailer.**

Sunday	9:00 am – until	
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DEADLINE FOR ALL FORMS AND PAYMENT IS NOVEMBER 1, 2025

	Total
Registration Total (\$15/pp Max \$60.00)	
Shirt /Raffle/Postage	
Lunch Total	
Dinner Total	
CGC Testing	
Donation	
Grand Total	

### Preferred Method

The two online registration options:

[Register and Pay Online](#)

[Register and Mail Check.](#)

### Optional Method

Complete the registration forms in this packet and mail with a check payable to Newfoundland Rescue of Florida.  
**Please text Sandy Miller at (904) 813-5362 to let her know to be on the lookout for your registration.**

Newfoundland Rescue of Florida, Inc.  
 5899 White Sands Road  
 Keystone Heights, FL 32656

For more information about the parade send an email to [parade@newfoundlandrescuefl.org](mailto:parade@newfoundlandrescuefl.org)

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