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After a hectic December, the club and rescue are settling into a nice, comfortable groove. The working dogs are gearing up for our February Draft Test in Riverview. We are severely short-handed on stewards. Come out if you can spare a day or two to help and learn (see below for more details.) I'm also attending a Scent Training Seminar in a couple of weeks to learn about this discipline for our dogs and hopefully to set up our own seminar. Let me know if you are interested in learning more about Scent training. We'll begin planning this soon.

We officially ended the year in rescue with 33 dogs. Honey was relinquished in late November and remained with the owner until we could find her a home. After a couple of weeks of no interest, I checked in with the owner, and she had made a "last ditch effort" to help Honey stay with their family. IT WORKED!!! Honey is now living her best life right where she was meant to be: Home. Read below about another amazing story from the month in rescue.

The planning for next year's parade is already underway. We are pouring over the results of the surveys sent out a couple of weeks ago. There are some interesting results that I will share below. If you want to help make this year's parade even better than last year's, give me a shout. We will begin Parade Committee meetings next month.

Terry

# Membership

The following person has requested membership consideration. In accordance with our bylaws, they must be posted in a newsletter for 30 days. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our membership chair at [membership.chair@newffla.com](mailto:membership.chair@newffla.com).

Jennifer Morris      Boca Raton, FL

The password for the Member Login page on our website has changed. The new code is **Newf24Love**. Please do not pass this along to anyone other than a member.

# Calendar

## NEWFFLA Spring Draft Test

Date: February 3-4, 2024

Time: Begins at 8:00am each day. Ends when all dogs are through testing

Place: 14116 Carrie Pauline Lane

Riverview, FL 33569

## Gulfport's Get Rescued

Date: February 24th, 2024

Time: 10am - 5pm,

Place: 3101 Beach Blvd S.  
Gulfport, FL 33707

Gulfport's Get Rescued  
Animal Rescue Festival &  
Fun-raiser Returns for 20th  
Year!

GULFPORT, FL (February 24, 2024) – Gulfport's Get Rescued Animal Rescue Festival & Fun-raiser returns for its 20th year on Saturday, February 24, 2024, from 10am to 5pm at Beach Boulevard S in Gulfport, Florida.

The event will feature:

- Up to 50 animal rescue groups
- Pet friendly vendors featuring animal related products, crafts, artwork and other curious treats
- Pet care education



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- Fun-raising raffles
- Local shops, restaurants and more



All leashed people and well-behaved pets are welcome. There is no admission fee to attend and plenty of convenient complimentary parking will be available throughout the area.

"We're so excited to be back for our 20th anniversary," said Suzanne King, founder of Get Rescued Inc. "This event is a great way to learn about animal rescue, meet adoptable pets, and support local businesses. We hope everyone will come out and join us for a fun-filled day!"

Proceeds from the event will benefit Get Rescued Inc., a Florida non-profit organization that supports animal rescue groups throughout the state.

**Need more info? Give us a yelp at our paw-ffice email [getrescuedinc@gmail.com](mailto:getrescuedinc@gmail.com) or send a text to 727-417-5494**

## Stewards Needed



Newffla's Spring Draft Test is February 3-4 in Riverview, FL. We need 4-5 stewards each day of this event. The main job of a steward is to make sure the dogs are safe at all times. Stewards watch each participant while in the test ring and are there in case one "wanders" outside the ring. They also walk behind the testers during the freight haul and stay close enough to stop the dog if they decide to venture out on their own.

This is a great way to learn about the draft and meet NEWFFLA members.

You must be at the test site by 8:00am, and we finish around 3:00pm (depending on the testing). Volunteers will get lunch and a draft shirt. You can also join us for dinner at a local Mexican restaurant Saturday evening. If you are interested, please send me a message at [president@newffla.com](mailto:president@newffla.com). Include the day or days you can volunteer.



14116 Carrie Pauline Lane  
Riverview, FL 33569

Test Site Address

## Rescue

Of the seven dogs that came into rescue in December, all are spoken for, and only one has yet to be picked up and taken to their new home. This doesn't happen without a lot of dedicated people.

We want to give a special thanks to Kim and Jessica Chonko for picking up the 4 dogs from one owner and bringing them to their place to get them ready for their new home. This was quite the task since these dogs only knew going from their kennel to a run to potty and back into the kennel. Under Jessica's guidance, within a couple of weeks they were frolicking in the yard.

Also, we want to thank the application team: Laura Feldman, Christine McConnel, and Donna Viger. They tirelessly completed all the research and phone interviews to get the applications to the Home Visit stage. That is where Doug Canney, Kim Wells, Neal, Jeff Arent, Donna Viger, Terry Boram, Janice Hoffenberg, and Celia Cunningham visited with the applicants to ensure that what the application team discovered was true. They are also there with their dog to watch the interaction of the applicant, children, and any children with an actual Newf.



Once the applicant is approved, Terry sits down with the application team to discuss which dog will work best for the applicant. Even though the applicant may have completed the application for one specific dog, that particular dog may not be the best fit for their family. The team looks at everything to make the best selection for dogs and humans.

Next up is transportation. Fortunately, the applicants pulled their weight in December, so only Terry transported dogs, Dixie and Chewy.

If you would like to help with home visits or transportation in your area, please send a note to [rescue@newfoundlandrescuefl.org](mailto:rescue@newfoundlandrescuefl.org). We will be glad to put you on the list.



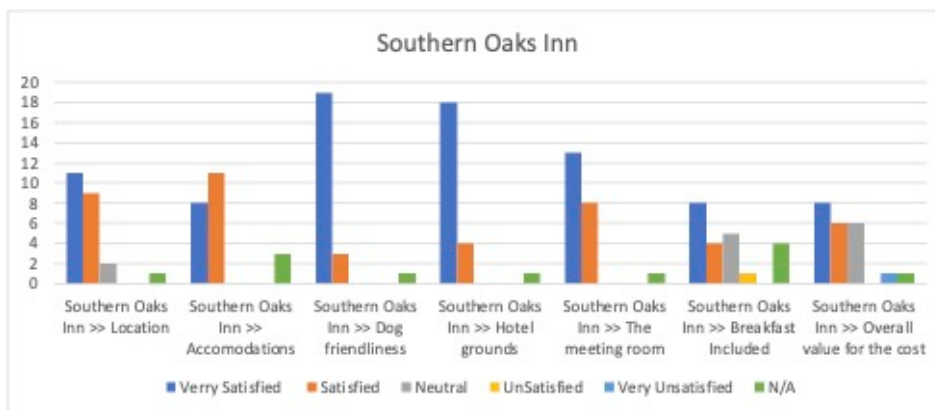
# Survey

Here is a quick insight into the Parade Survey results so far. The final deadline to complete a survey is January 19, 2024. If you want to be heard, click on the survey link below that pertains to you. The final results will be coming soon.

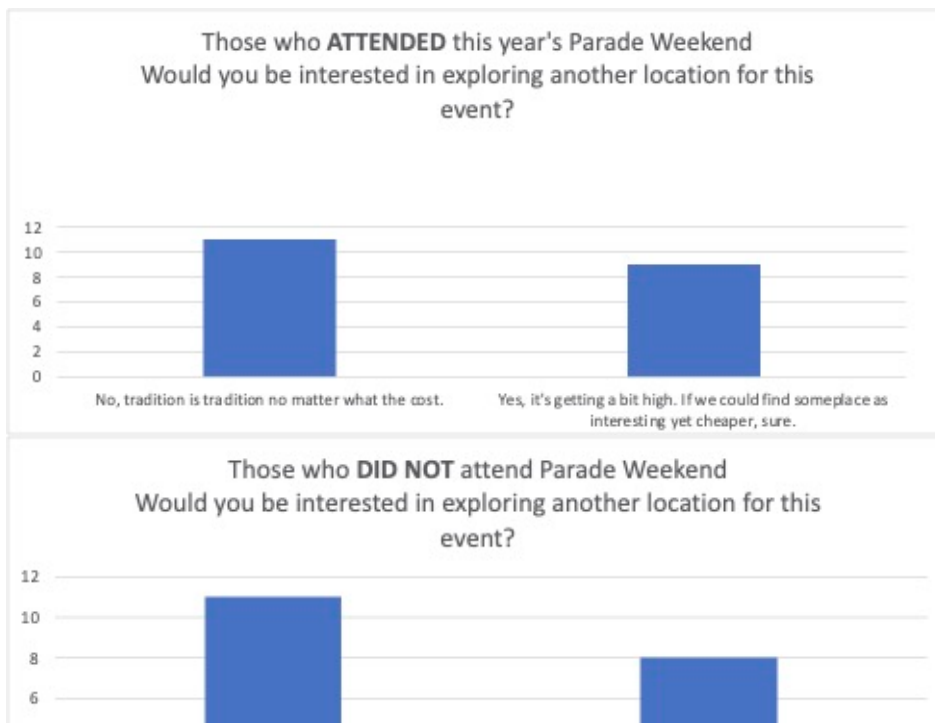
[Survey For Those Who Did Not Attended](#)

[Survey For Those Who Attended the Parade Weekend](#)

So far it seems like Southern Oaks Inn was a better hotel than the Ponce however, the overall value is not clear cut.



This is too close to say definitely if we should begin looking for another location. What was clear, Orlando is NOT a place many wish to go to.





# How To Get Out of The Dog House for Dummies

*By Gerry Canavan*

For those members unable to join us for the Christmas live auction, you are probably not aware that my lovely wife won the drawing for both beautiful blankets that were handmade by our good friend Jean. You also are not aware that in the absence of Laura and with no guidance, I promptly and proudly offered up the second blanket for the live auction. This all is actually covered in the previous article for How To Get Into The Dog House for Dummies. At least for the men in the group, you are also not aware that my wife attended the Women's Institute for Tactical Subliminal Warfare, although I think it's mandatory for all of them. Thus, for the next several weeks, I found myself under a constant barrage of psychological attacks, with Laura telling me there are "12 Newfs in the Rescue."



I'm fairly certain that I awoke one night with her over me saying, "There are 12 Newfs in the Rescue". Understanding that my fate was already decided and there is no such thing as losing the battle to win the war (this is a fool's thought), I decided to wave the white flag and offered up my agreement to foster one of the dogs. Yes, I know that this is but another battle that I lost once before with Gypsie, "we'll transport and foster she said," that was just under 2 years ago. As I hoped to negotiate my surrender, I did ask that we consider me slightly younger Newf this time, and somehow Laura decided to throw me a bone!

After looking at all the dogs we decided to pitch our name in for "Orso" and I started pummeling Terry with text messaging and emails. Obviously, Terry being tired of dealing with me, offered up Kim as the sacrificial lamb for my pestering want for information. Christmas Eve my wife, daughter, friend, and I piled into the car for our long trek across the state to Webster. After only one call to her stating that we had no idea where we were and the only thing around us was cows, we finally arrived to the sound of the Newf calls. Jessica kindly brought the baby out to see us, and my fate was done? I knew that one last gesture of good faith was required to ensure my dog house exit, so choking the words out, I asked Kim, "Any puppies?"



To keep this short, let me just say that I believe there was more drooling from the girls than the pups themselves. "Orso" is home now and has settled well, even claiming my side of the bed, and for the other Irishmen in the group, "Orso" is Italian for "Bear".  
**Welcome home Bear!**

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