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Newfoundland Club of Florida

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President's Report

Welcome to Summer. It's the season when, while walking the dogs, we are asked a million times:

"Don't your dogs get hot walking in the sun?"

"Yes, they do. Do you get hot walking in the sun?"

"Of course. That's why I'm getting up earlier to walk before the sun gets high."

Then I wait hot second, so it clicks in.

"Us too. See you same time tomorrow."

As we enter the summer, it's crucial to be mindful of rising temperatures. Last month, we experienced the warmest May on record. If you walk your dog daily, consider adjusting your schedule to avoid the hottest parts of the day. Shorten the duration of walks and always test the pavement with your own feet. If it's too hot for you, it's definitely too hot for them. Most importantly, familiarize yourself with the signs of heat stroke.

The signs of heatstroke include:

- Excessive panting
- Reddened gums/mucous membranes
- Tachycardia (fast heart rate)
- Dehydration
- Elevated temperature (104 F and above)
- Vomiting (with or without blood)
- Diarrhea (with or without blood)
- Disorientation/stumbling
- Weakness/collapse
- Seizures/death

The club and rescue are chugging along. As you will read, we have exciting news in our working dog program, and the rescue has a BOGO. We are also proud to spotlight some of our dogs and members who attended the National Specialty in Minnesota.

As always, we continue to need volunteers to help take the load off those dedicated to our mission. Let's face it. We are an aging club (present company included.) Unless we begin focusing on getting new blood to join our club, one day soon, we may need to start reducing or eliminating some of the activities we do. I am on a NCA Regional Club Facebook group. It's amazing how many clubs have shut down their rescues because the number of rescues began to exceed the number of fosters. At the end of last year, when we took in 12 dogs during November and December, we had our dedicated fosters doubling and tripling up and were even asking the owners to hold their dogs for as long as a few weeks because there was no room at the inn.

Our community events are also beginning to feel the pinch. These events are fun and an important part of our overall mission. Many people in Florida have never seen a Newfoundland in person. We go to these events to educate and hopefully recruit new club members, fosters, and adopters. The event schedule will ramp back up in the fall. We hope you set aside one day out of your weekend to attend one or two.

Lastly, there is a virtual board meeting on Thursday, June 20th. It's a time for you to hear from us and for us to hear from you. I hope to see or hear you on the call. You can find more details about the call later in this newsletter.

Clint, Raven, Buddha, and I wish you a happy Summer. Stay cool and hug a Newfy.

Hugs,

Terry
President

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Here are your elected officers, board members and chairpersons for 2023 – 2024. Thank you to all of them for their time and dedication to the club.

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Membership

The following persons have 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.

Kelly Dehon-Fix

Frank Allen

Virtual Board Meeting

Date: June 20, 2024

Time: 7:30pm

Details: Access the meeting via Zoom.

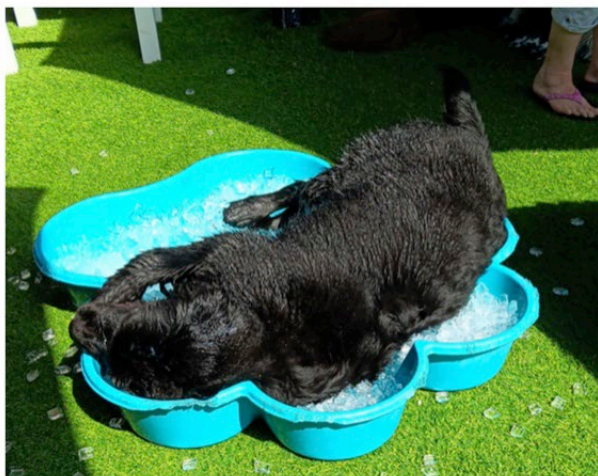
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To Call in (no video): 301-715-8592 Mtg#6407243047#

Calendar

Upcoming Events

The Heat of the Florida Summer is here!
See you in the Fall



20th Annual Brooksville Pumpkin Patch

Date: Saturday, October 19th & Saturday, October 25th

NEW LOCATION:

Masaryk Winery

19125 Phillips Rd. Masaryktown, FL 34604



Suncoast Animal League Dogtoberfest

Date: Saturday, November 16th

Place: Highlander Park

1920 Pinehurst Rd

Dunedin FL, 34698



St. Augustine Parade and Celebration Weekend

Dates: December 6-8, 2024

Annual Meeting December 6 @ 7:00pm

Parade December 7 @ 9:00am

Blessing and lunch December 7 @ TBD

Dinner and Auction December 7 @ TBD

Newfies and Friend Fort Desoto Beach Day



Working Dog Update

With NEWFFLA in need of a Working Dog Chair and to get this aspect of the club back up and running, me (Jennifer Arent) and my daughter (Taylor Vinge), have accepted the role as Co-Chairs.

For those who do not know us, I live in Melbourne, FL and am a retired PE teacher. I was also a dog groomer for 15 years. I have had Newfoundlands for the past 16 years and currently am owned by 3 Newfies (Breezy, Brim, and Bron). I have competed and titled in Draft, Rally, and Obedience. I am currently teaching Beginner and Advanced Beginner obedience classes in Palm Bay, FL at Indian River Dog Training Club. I am also a CGC evaluator.

Taylor lives in St. Augustine, FL and works at Southeast Veterinary Hospital as a Veterinarian. She has also had Newfies in her life for the past 16 years and is currently owned by her Newfie (Rosie) and cat (Oogie Boogie). She has competed and titled in Draft, Rally, Water and Obedience. She is also in the process of becoming an NCA Draft Judge.

Our goal is to start things off with those interested in Obedience training. We are planning an in-person Obedience Workshop to get a feel for where everyone is with their dogs, and then we plan to continue working with everyone through recorded videos and/or live streams. Obedience is the corner stone for normal day-to-day life and for all Newfie competitions, so we thought this would be a perfect place to start.

We know Newfie owners in Florida are really spread out across the State. We hope to incorporate Facebook for question and answers, Zoom and/or Youtube for other working dog aspects. You don't have to plan on competing to join in on the fun with us. We would love to introduce you to the world of the working Newfoundland.

Your bond with your Newfie can only grow through training, so keep your eyes and ears open to upcoming events!



The Torch Has Been Passed

By Donna Viger

Hi all, just want to share with you a story about a working rescue dog.

I adopted Barron from Newffla. He was an out of control 3 year old with not much training. Barron did what Barron wanted to do.

That first year, we took him to the parade weekend in St. Augustine. What a disaster it was. He was all over the place. But a judge/trainer took me aside and told me Barron needed a job. There was a draft test coming up in Riverview and that Barron and I should come check it out. That weekend in February changed our life!

Soon we got the equipment and started training. Barron went on to get his Beginner Draft Dog (BDD) title and would have gotten more but he got very sick with cancer and had to be put down.

Now Lynus and will continue with draft as soon as he's old enough.

If you have a rescue dog, they are probably needing an outlet. Check out draft. It may in fact change your life and as well as there's.



Celebrating Titles

Temperament

"The AKC Temperament Test (ATT) was developed to bring focus and provide a meaningful evaluation to assess the temperament of our canine companions.

The ATT tests how a dog reacts to a variety of stimuli. Desirable traits are that the dog will be emotionally stable, inquisitive, cooperative, appropriately social for its breed, biddable and demonstrates the ability to recover from a startling situation in a reasonable amount of time.

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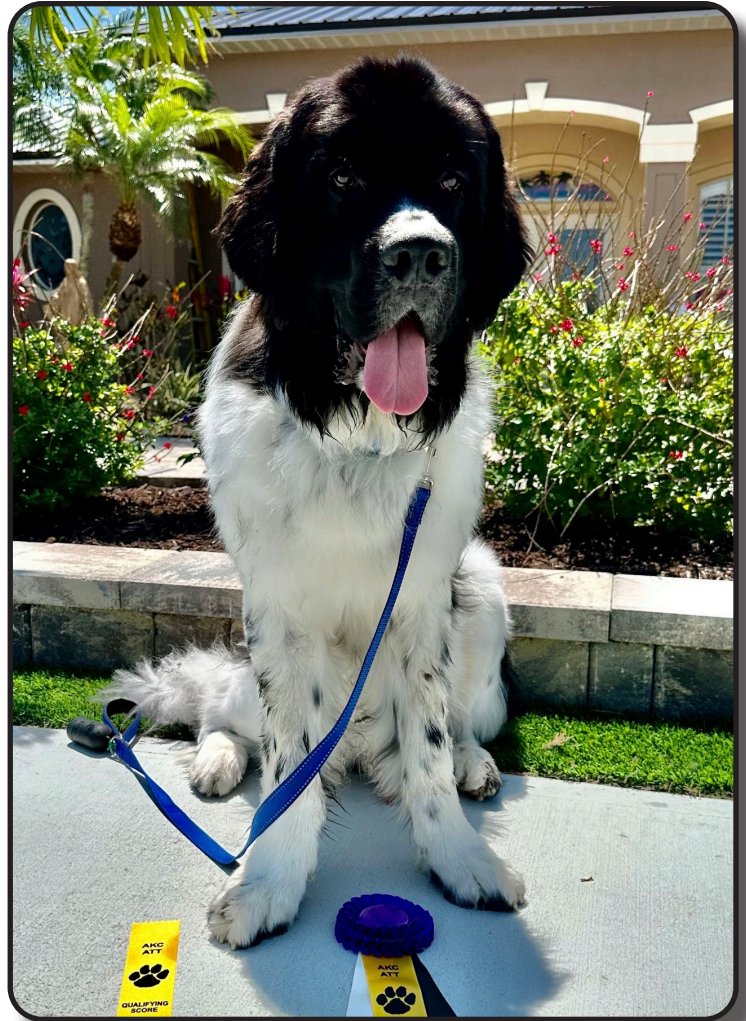
Undesirable traits are fear, shyness, lack of cooperation and an inability to recover from unfamiliar or unexpected situations. Examples of undesirable behaviors include being afraid of friendly strangers or unfamiliar stimuli, obsessive barking, and aggression.” (<https://www.akc.org/akctemptest/>)

Congratulations

“Bron” Daybreaker’s Making Waves CGC, TKI, FITB, ATT



“Brin” Lonesome Oaks Pushing The Limit
BN, CGC, TKI, ATT, FITB, CD



Obedience

“Developed in the 1930s, Obedience is one of the AKC’s oldest sporting events, and it’s open to all dogs. From walking on- and off-leash to retrieving and jumping, or demonstrating your dog’s ability to stay, Obedience trials feature dogs that are well-behaved at home, in public places, and in the presence of other dogs. It is essential that the obedience dog demonstrates willingness and enjoyment while it is working with the handler.

Whether or not you want to compete, every dog owner should consider some form of obedience training. It’s the best way to establish good communication skills between you and your dog – and to make sure that your dog is the most well-behaved one in your neighborhood!” (<https://www.akc.org/sports/obedience/>)

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Congratulations

“Brin” Lonesome Oaks Pushing The Limit BN, CGC, TKI, ATT, FITB, CD



Awards Ceremony

Sandy Hall and Taylor Vinge made the trip to receive the Versatile Newfoundland Award for their mother/daughter duo, Macy and Breezy's. “To be recognized as a Versatile Newfoundland a dog must earn the following: AKC championship, AKC obedience title, NCA Water Rescue Dog title, and NCA Draft Dog title. The awards have been presented annually at the National Specialty since 1985.” (<https://www.thenewfoundland.org/vn.php>) We are so proud of Sandy, Macy, Taylor and Breezy for working so hard to achieve this title and award.

VN GCHS CH Timberknolls It's All About The Parade BN CD RN FDC
CGC TKN WDR1 WRDX DD TDD

“Macy”

Owned by: Sandy Hall

VN CH Montlake's Easy Breezy Covergirl at Point Break CGC, TKN,
TKI, BN, DD, CD, RN, RI, WD, WRD

“Breezy”

Owned by: Jennifer Arent, Taylor Vinge and Heidi Peterson

National Specialty – Duluth, MN

The National Specialty is the premier event in the Newfoundland world. It is an event where all who love the breed, whether enjoying Newfoundlands as pets, competing with them in the show ring, or partnering with them in working activities, come together. The Newfoundland Club of Florida was well represented during the Awards Ceremony and in the show ring. We are so proud of our Florida Newfs.



Also that evening, Ch Beach Bears Miss Independent (“Indie”) was awarded the Register of Merit Award (ROM) and the Top Producing Dam for 2023 by having seven (7) of her offspring achieve their Champion title in that year. The Register of Merit program recognizes dogs that have made an impact on their breed in America. Breeder, Kim Chonko was at the ceremony to receive Indie’s awards.



In the Show Ring in Duluth

Beach Bears Cornerstone took 4th in Sweepstakes and 3rd in 9-12 class.

Beach Bears Pencil Thin Mustache participated but no placements.

Beach Bears Bow Down took 4th in Sweepstakes and 2nd in BBE class

Beach Bears Ivy Got the Look took 2nd in Sweepstakes and 2nd in 12-15 class.

Ch Beach Bears Rain Dance took 2nd in Brood Bitch class and participated in BOB class and made the first cut.

Conformation

Following the Nationals several Beach Bear dogs made their way to Fletcher, NC.

Results

Beach Bears Ivy Got the Look took WB for her first major and several Reserve WB.
Beach Bears Cornerstone also took a WB for her first major and a few Reserve WB.
Beach Bears Pencil Thin Mustache took 4 WD and BOW earning the required points to get his Champion title.



Upcoming All Breed Shows

Come support our show dogs this summer at either one of these events. Ring times will be posted on our Facebook page.

Date	Show	Presented by	Location
July 5-7, 2024	Horseshoe Cluster	Citrus County Kennel Club	World Equestrian Center 1750 NW 80th Avenue Ocala, FL 34482
July 12 - 14, 2024	Paw Prints in the Sand	Jupiter-Tequesta Dog Club	South Florida Fairgrounds 9067 Southern Blvd. West Palm Beach, FL 33407

Newfoundland Rescue of Florida

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Rescue Report

We want to begin by thanking those who have done home visits or transported dogs this past month. Thank you to Sandy Miller, Christine McConnell, Donna Viger, Janice Hoffman, and Andre Feldman. Without them, a wonderful, new applicant wouldn't have adopted Blue, and Lucy would have needed to find another ride from the shelter to her foster.

This past month, the rescue took in two dogs with heartbreaking and interesting journeys. Andre the Giant began his rescue journey when he was found wandering a neighborhood in Jacksonville. A lady, who rescues smaller dogs, got him off the streets and started looking, unsuccessfully, for his owner. After a couple of weeks, the husband told her she needed to find him another foster or adopter. With five rescues already in the house, this sixth one was his limit.

Now enters a kind, 78-year-old woman who admittedly is a bit frail and extremely petite answered the ad on a neighborhood

platform. She never had a Newfoundland but had larger dogs when she was in her 20s. After one week, she called our rescue because she realized she couldn't handle Andre and even said, "I thought about what would happen if he knocked me over and I hit my head and was unconscious." There was just one "minor" thing she wanted us know. Andre bit her once when he was growling at a person, who he didn't know, when he entered the house, uninvited. She chose that moment to grab his collar to put him in another room, and Andre turned and bit her.

Was it Andre's fault or a handler's error? We needed to find out before placing him. Andre is with our friend Travis Peppercorn at Unleashed Fido. Travis reports that Andre is the epitome of a sweet, gentle Newf but is taking a while to warm up to strangers. Once he warms up, he's their friend for life.

Andre will be available soon.



Then there is Miss Lucy (sorry, Andre Feldman, Sierra didn't stick.) Her story is very similar to Andre's. She was found on the streets in Apollo Beach with nine other dogs ranging in age from four months to one year. It was apparent that Lucy had a previous litter, but it wasn't obvious that any of the other nine youngins were hers. All of these dogs were completely emaciated, and Lucy weighed only 74 pounds. Another rescue pulled all ten dogs since we hadn't been able to establish rights at that facility yet and transferred Lucy to us. After several phone calls searching for a foster, the couple who just adopted Blue responded with an overwhelming yes, and Lucy was transported to them.

Several days later, we received a phone call from the foster, saying they were at the emergency vet because Lucy had eaten an entire bag of treats and feared she had also eaten the plastic bag. A little frazzled, the foster called from the emergency vet's parking lot, saying, "They didn't find the bag, but she has a single puppy in her belly. Now what do I do?" We got Kim Chonko on the phone immediately and developed a game plan.

We are happy to report that Miss Lucy and baby girl Lucky are doing well.

We sense that Lucy and Lucky will not be available for adoption, but we will keep everyone posted if things change.



Adopting and Fostering

If you want to add to your family now or in the future, it doesn't hurt to submit an adoption application now. You will automatically be approved if you have adopted or fostered with us and live in the same location. If you haven't adopted or fostered with us, the application process is straightforward and can take up to two weeks to complete.

We are always looking for folks who will be fosters only. Fosters make sure the dog is up-to-date on shots, attend to any known medical needs, such as skin or ear infections, and assess temperament. Depending on the dog, a foster could have a dog for two weeks to two months. The rescue pays for all the medical needs and will pay for food if requested. If you no longer want to own a Newf but miss having one around, on occasions, fostering is the way to go.

And a final note. This week we heard from an adopter who adopted Sully in August 2023. Sully suddenly began breathing hard so they took him to the emergency vet. His fever was high, he had low blood pressure and was in a lot of pain. After x-rays, the news was grim. Sully crossed over the rainbow bridge that evening.

Sully was a special dog who touched the hearts of all who transported and cared for him. Please keep the adopters in your hearts as they mourn his loss.

Sponsors

Supporting our sponsors is a way to give back to our rescue. Each of these sponsors provides the rescue with a percentage of the sale with some giving you an extra discount when you purchase. These companies have great gifts for Birthdays, Anniversaries, or Holidays. Right now, Newfoundland Coffee Company has special bundles at great prices so get yours today.



GO GREEN

The average dog owner throws away over 1,000 poop bags per year. For just the dogs in NEWFFLA/NRF that's 194,000 bags/yr. Greenline has made a bag using new technology that breaks down within 48 months. That's 8-18 years faster than the average plastic bag. They even make a bag large enough for our "heavy loads" (12"x20") Win-Win!

Greenline, a proud sponsor of the Newfoundland Rescue of Florida, has offered everyone a 15% discount on any product in their store using code **NRF15**. A portion of the sale is donated back to NRF so that we can help more dogs that also poop. Go to www.greenlinepetsupply.com and save our landfills.

Code: NRF15







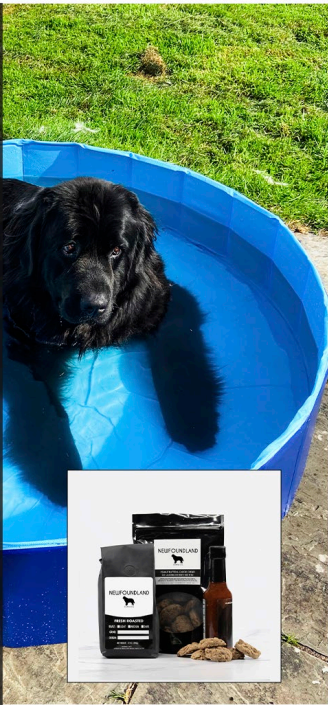



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