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Newfoundland Club of Florida

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President's Report

It looks like Punxsutawney Phil was right on the mark in Florida. The weather has been gorgeous. And with the time change, it's been so nice walking the dogs after dinner and visiting with all of Raven and Buddha's friends. We even had a birthday party for Raven the first night of Daylight Savings Time, when 16 of her neighborhood and rescue friends came to have cake and ice cream. It was such a fun event.

Now is also the time to get outdoors with your dog to work with them. After all, they are working dogs. But this doesn't mean getting a cart and learning how to draft or finding a pool or body of water that doesn't have gators to learn to retrieve floats, boats, or people, unless you want to. We can do so many other things with our dogs that don't require expensive equipment.

The Canine Good Citizen test is a great place to start. The ten skills teach the dog to be a polite member of society. Disciplines such as sitting politely to be petted, walking through a crowd by your side, being groomed without wandering all over the place, or my favorite (the one that took Raven twice to pass), coming when called.

The best part is you can teach the dog yourself without a trainer. There are plenty of YouTube videos on the ten items in the test, with many great pointers. You can also go to the AKC site for a list with helpful hints.

Once you have this base, the dog can go in many directions. The one I was always interested in was Rally. This is a "team sport" where you and your dog navigate through a course of 10-20 different signs, which provides a distinct skill for you and your dog to complete. Although the event is timed, having the fastest time is not the goal. It's working together as a team to complete the task. I first saw this a couple of years ago at Nationals and thought it would be so much fun to do with Raven, but there is that coming when she wants to, not when you want her to, that we are still dealing with. Man, is she one stubborn girl.

These are just two disciplines you can do with your dog. You can have fun training with no intention of testing or training to put a couple of letters behind their name. It's all about bonding with your dog, at something they were bred to do. Which brings me to PAL numbers. Your dog must be registered with the AKC to test at an AKC event. Many of our rescues didn't come with papers, so they feel they are excluded from doing any of these fun events. That's not the case. Getting a PAL (Purebred Alternative Listing) number through the AKC is easy. Just complete the application with all the information you have about your dog, take the necessary pictures AKC requires, and submit. Once accepted, your dog will receive an official certificate that records your dog's name. From there, you can participate in many AKC events.

Just a quick note about Dog Training Clubs. These clubs are a great place to start if you want more than YouTube videos to guide you through some of the disciplines. Go to the AKC website to find a club near you.

I hope this encourages you to get out and enjoy the weather and time with your dog. My work will be to get Raven to come without a handful of treats.

Hugs,

Terry
President

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Officers, Directors and Chairpersons

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

We have changed the password to the Member Login Page of our website to Newf24Love (it's case-sensitive.) Here, you will find old Minutes, Newsletters, and a current roster. Please keep the password to yourself.



Membership Renewal

Dear Members,

We hope this finds everyone well and ready for the 2024-2025 year at the Newfoundland Club of Florida.

There are plenty of reasons to renew your membership with NEWFFLA:

1. You get 12 monthly newsletters providing information about the club and the rescue.
2. You are first to know about events and volunteer opportunities.
3. We have many fun activities, including our Annual Beach Days event in St. Petersburg and our new East Coast Beach Days in Jupiter, to name a few.
4. You can contact fellow members in your area using the membership roster behind our website's Member Login section.
5. You can participate in educational opportunities about Newfoundland topics.
6. Most of all, share in the camaraderie of owning a Newfoundland.

You will see two links and QR codes below. One is to pay via PayPal or Credit Card, and the other is by check or Zelle. We highly encourage you to use the online forms no matter your payment method. This will help us keep better track of your renewal and payment. If you cannot complete the form online, please email me, and I will send you a copy of the renewal form.

We encourage those who received a free membership through our rescue program to continue with a paid membership. For as little as \$20/year, you get a wealth of support from 150+ members in the Newfoundland Club of Florida.

If you completed an application between December 2023 and the present, you will not have to renew at this time. Your membership carries over to the 2024-2025 year.

The deadline for membership renewal is April 15, 2024.

We hope you continue to share your time and Newfoundland with us in 2024-2025.

Sincerely,

Jenny Schimka
Membership Chair
membership.chair@newffla.com

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Calendar

33rd Annual SPCA Tampa Bay Pet-walk

Date: Saturday, April 6, 2024
Time: 8:30 am - Noon
Place: North Straub Park
 400 Bayshore Dr.
 St Petersburg, FL 33701

Newfoundland Rescue of Florida will have a booth again this year! Hoping some Newfs and their peeps can get up early to come help to spread the word out about our NRF rescue program. This all takes place in beautiful, shaded, N. Straub Park along St Petersburg's scenic bay front.



33rd Annual
SPCA TAMPA BAY
PET WALK

Saturday, April 6
8:30AM-12PM

North Straub Park
 Saint Petersburg, Florida

Register TODAY
petwalk.org



East Coast Beach Day

Date: Saturday, April 27, 2024
Time: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Place: 2188 Marcinski Road
 Jupiter, FL 33477
[Website](#)



Everyone is invited to bring their favorite sea dogs of any size, shape, and description to enjoy a day of surf, sand, and sun on the East coast of Florida. Bring a lunch, cooler, chairs, a canopy or umbrella for shade, if you have one, (no worries if you don't, there is always extra room), and whatever you think your dogs may need, (toys, water, snacks).

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Jupiter Dog Beach is leash optional in a defined 2.5 mile stretch along the Atlantic Ocean. There are fresh water rinse off stations as you leave the beach before heading back to your car. There is paid parking lots near the south entrance where we will be set up just to the left when you come onto the beach. We are looking forward to making this a yearly tradition.

Newfie Meetup at Mutts and Martinis On Central

Date: Saturday, April 28, 2024

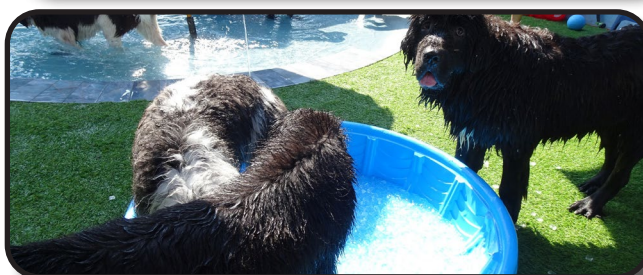
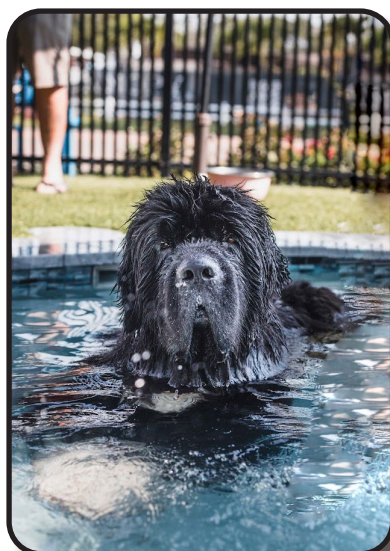
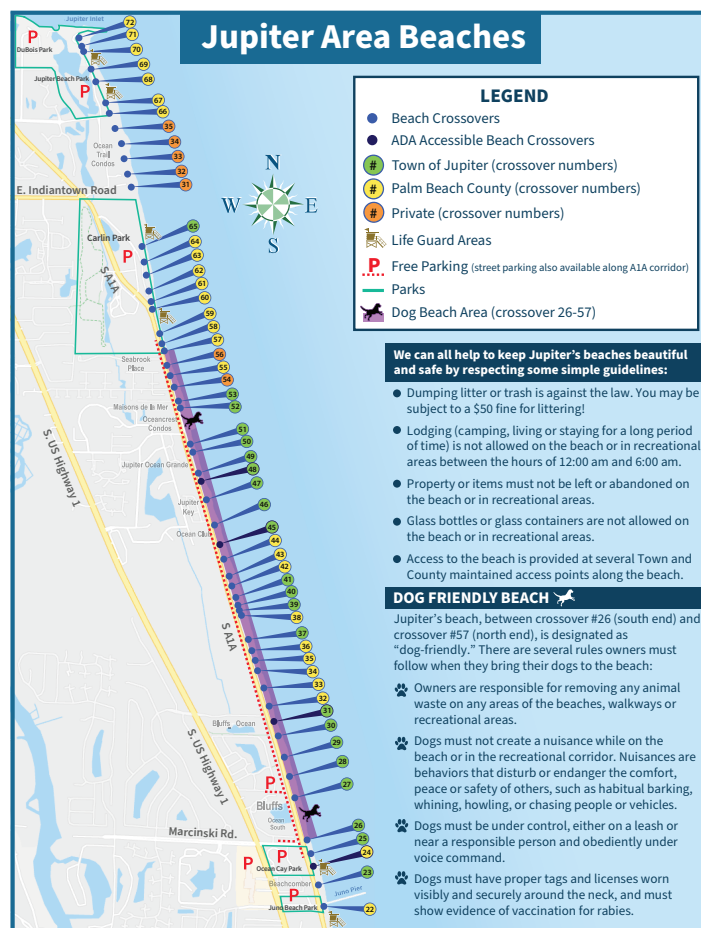
Time: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Place: 2900 Central
St Petersburg, FL 33712

We have

all been cordially invited to another Newfie Fun Day at St Petersburg's Mutts and Martinis On Central. The one year old, upscale venue boasts of a large outdoor doggy wading pool and an open air indoor bar with a separate indoor air conditioned area for cooling off, should anyone want to. Food and drinks will be available for purchase.

Newffla members attending last August's event were all in agreement on what a fun place this is for Newfs!



Newfies and Friends Gulf Beach Day**Date:** Saturday, May 25, 2024**Time:** 9:00 am - 2:00 pm**Place:** Fort Desoto Park Pet Beach
3500 Pinellas Bayway South
St Petersburg, FL 33715

Everyone is invited to bring their favorite sea dogs of any size, shape, and description to enjoy a day of surf, sand, and sun. Bring a lunch, cooler, chairs, a canopy or umbrella for shade, if you have one, (no worries if you don't, there is always extra room), and whatever you think your dogs may need, (toys, water, snacks).

The beach area is leash optional. There are fresh water hoses in the adjacent dog park for rinsing. The park charges a \$5 per car entrance fee. Rain date is Sunday, May 26th.

**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

Just Come By – You'll be Glad You Did

By Christine McConnell

It is early Saturday morning. I am heading out the door with Elsie Rose. Yes, it is before the sun comes up. Yes, I loaded up the car the night before...chair, cooler that has water and just needs the ice pack, water for dogs, a healthy snack for the car travel back, Elsie Rose's brush and spray, bags, treats....inhale as we walk to the car. I told Elsie Rose we were going to "go see friends". She perks up at that wording. She looks forward to seeing "the crew," the "family," and so do I.

I think of a kind, gentle soul that has loaded his vehicle miles away, with so much more to load than I, Bruce. If you have not met him, he is a must-meet! I think of Donna and Bob loading up their vehicle to come out as well. I think of Jean and Bennie, who have also loaded up and are en route to help. Benny and Bruce are a dynamic duo for setting up and taking down the tents and all the stuff. Jean, Donna, and I do our best to help keep all the dogs together, content, and entertained. They are a great crew and the kindest humans and dogs you could ever hang with. Everyone is like family there.

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What is this a story of? It is the start of another great day with the Newfoundland Rescue/Newfoundland Club of Florida crew, which is very pivotal for so many events. The backbone. The worker bees. The extended family. The doers and shakers. Whatever you call us, we are there, and we are all in it for them...The dogs, the Newfs, the club, the club members...We are all in.

When you are asked to come to an event for a meet-and-greet, whether it is a meeting, the breed, adoption, etc., you do not realize that it is more than just being there and present. You may find yourself



explaining some of the good and not-so-good of this dear breed we love. You may be pointing out different aspects of the breed preservation breeder's dogs versus the rescue dogs. Or you could explain our rescue needs regarding transporters, fosters, etc. Or maybe, just maybe, you may see this older person come by the tent, extend a hand to one of our dogs, and squat down and say, "Oh, I grew up next to these gentle giants..." and you see the look in their eyes going back to younger years remembering. Or how about that toddler that loves to sit and love on the

big giants as their parents are beaming and giggling, taking a photo of this cute moment? There is so much magic happening on these days.

And also the other magic. The group of folks that come out



to support this breed and each other.

We visit, exchange advice, love each other's dogs, and discuss our rescues in our foster homes or coming in and what they need. We may even have a dog pop by that was one of our rescues and now is in its happy ever-after home...and to see the transformation in them...well, it can make you turn away a moment so you don't show your happy tears welling up.



This group is a hard-working group of humans. We need more. If you ever have a free Saturday or Sunday, and you see, we have posted a meet and greet, pop by if not to help, visit, and get to know more about these events. Come by and help set up. Come by and help take it down. Just come by. If you don't know what to do to help, we are all there, ready to tell you what to help with, and so appreciate any help or time you may have.



And yes, we understand the events may be "too far to make" for some of you. However, they are so worth the drive and effort (trust me, they are a drive, and I wouldn't miss one!). The camaraderie that happens, the things you see and learn there, and maybe getting some of your questions answered while there. It is so worth every mile and moment spent traveling. Give a thought to coming out to an event to help out.

Working Dog

This year the club hosted the annual Draft Test the first weekend of February at Donna and George Norman's property in Riverview. We had an amazing turnout of exhibitors testing and to our surprise many from out of state. I was honored to be a part of this year's test as I had stepped away from being on the Draft Test committee while my husband and I moved to NC

to open a business. It was great to see so many people that have volunteered in the past step up to take on larger roles! Pete Peters and Donna Viger were our Safety Officers and Taylor Vinge was the Chief Steward following in her stepdad's footsteps.



Saturday was full of excitement as people started to arrive and the day started out chilly but warmed up nicely. We had 10 dogs entered in BDD, 1 in DD, and 5 in DDX. There were 4 titles

earned that day. All week Sunday was predicted to have some terrible storms rolling in and out all day but to our surprise, only one storm delayed our start of the BDD section of the day. During the rain delay, we all gathered under

the carports, snacked on Donna's amazing

food, got to know one another a little more, and even were able to raise some extra money with our brown bag auction items and other Newf items for sale. Sunday, we had 9 dogs entered, 3 in BDD, 2 in DD, and 4 in DDX. There were 3 titles earned that day.



We were so excited that Ron Horn agreed to judge Trick Dog for us on both Saturday and Sunday after the test. This is another fun way to bond with your Newf and bring home a new title. Jennifer Arent brought some great homemade equipment for her 2 puppies to use to test for their TKN and TKI

titles. She was so gracious to let others use these items with their dogs. It was nice to see the willingness to help one another and the many laughs shared when our Newfs just wanted to be Newfs.

All in all, it was a wonderful weekend, and it was great to see old friends and make new ones. We can't wait to see all the new Draft Dogs next year; I

know there are a few youngsters that might be testing. There aren't words to express our gratitude to all the

volunteers that help make this test a success. Without our volunteers, our amazing hosts, and judges, we wouldn't be able to have a draft test each year that people travel from all over to attend.

Krystle Stamps
Draft Test Committee Chairperson



Test Results

Montlake's Some Kind Of Wonderful At Point Break RN CGCA
CGCU TKN ATT BDD

Call Name: Neo

Earned New DD

Breeder: Sandy Hall

Owner: Linda Seales

Handler: Linda Seales

Sea Worthy's Riot Grrrl CD RE CGCA TKE WD1 DD1 DDX2

Call Name: Poppy

Earned DDX Requal

Breeder: KATHE FOGLEMAN & Mary Bylone & JAY FOGLEMAN

Owner: Margaret Clayton & Mary Bylone

Handler: Margaret Clayton

Montlake's Almost A Carbon Copy With
Point Break CD RN CGC TKN BDD DD

Call Name Darci

Earned New DDX

Breeder: Sandy Hall

Owner: Sandy Hall

Handler: Taylor Vinge

CH Bear N Mind's Off The Charts!

Call Name: Dyland

Earned New BDD

Breeder: Christine & Dwight Gorsuch

Owner: Christine & Dwight Gorsuch

Handler: Dwight Gorsuch

GCH CH Bear N Mind's Got A Hold On Me! CD BN RE
Taco

Earned New BDD

Breeder: Christine & Dwight Gorsuch

Owner: Christine & Dwight Gorsuch

Handler: Dwight Gorsuch

CH Bear N Mind's Off The Charts! BDD

Dylan

Earned New DD

Breeder: Christine & Dwight Gorsuch

Owner: Christine & Dwight Gorsuch

Handler: Dwight Gorsuch

Montlake's Almost A Carbon Copy With Point Break CD RN CGC
TKN BDD DD DDX

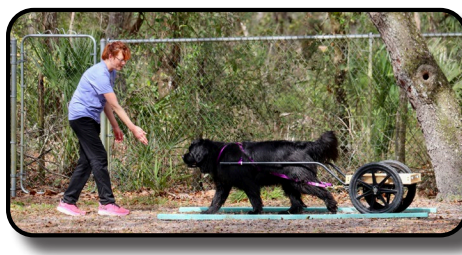
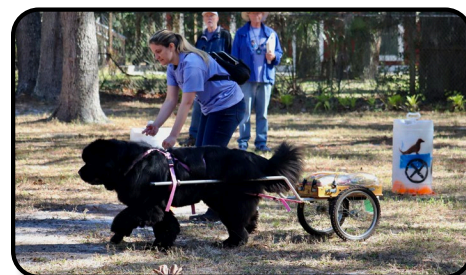
Darci

Earned New DDX Requal

Breeder: Sandy Hall

Owner: Sandy Hall

Handler: Taylor Vinge



Check Out Your Local Dog Club

By Jennifer Arent

As a member of this club and new mommy to two newfie puppies, I highly recommend joining a local dog training club. I have had my pups in beginner obedience, advanced obedience, ATT temperament class (which helps dogs get use to so many textures, sounds, strangers, distractions etc), and beginner novice /novice competition classes. I have learned so much from each of the different instructors and my pups are blossoming.

Most recently, Brim got her Beginner Novice title and first leg toward her CD and Bron got his first 2 legs toward his Beginner Novice title.

Both pups have their CGC, trick dog novice and intermediate, fit dog bronze titles.

We will be headed to compete in obedience again in 2 weeks. Wish us luck!

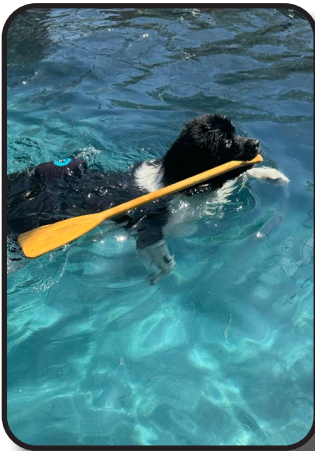
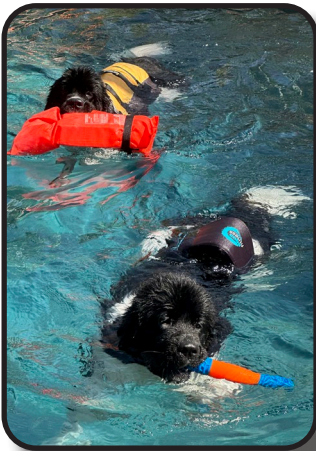
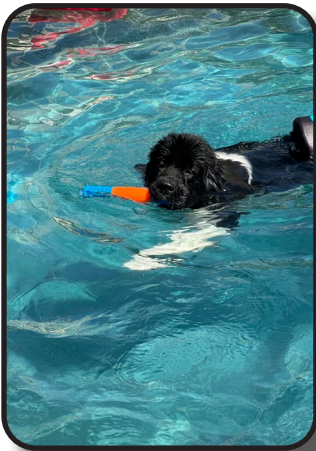
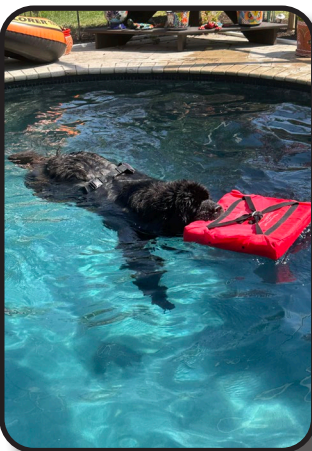
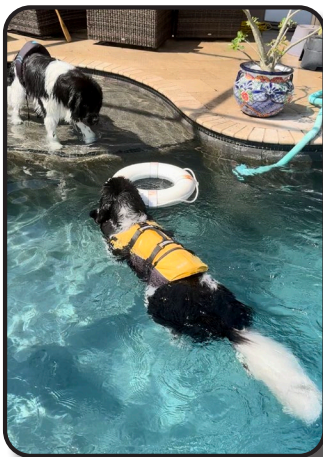


Time for Water Training

By Jennifer Arent

It isn't too early to start water training. Today, we worked on retrieving items that could fall from a boat (seat cushion, safety vest, life ring, oars, and bumpers.)

Start with teaching "Hold" and "Release" with their favorite toy, ball or bumper. We have now advanced into our pool.



Newfoundland Rescue of Florida

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Report

As you can see above, we have reorganized the Board of Directors and added Laura Feldman as a Director. We also have a new mailing address and phone number to use when applying for sponsorship/grants and on our new website and soon-to-be Instagram page. It's these little changes that take NRF to a new level.

Of the seven (7) dogs we neutered or spayed in 2023, the average cost was \$472.53. That is a 60% increase over last year. In the first 75 days of this year, we have already spent \$3,811.99 on five (5) spays and neuters. That averages out to \$762.40. That is a 60% increase already over last year. The same is happening with wellness checks, which include vaccinations.

At last count, we have seven (7) current dogs yet to be spayed/neutered in the coming year. Donna Viger is spearheading the project of finding low-cost spay/neuter and vaccination clinics in each county throughout Florida. Once we have this information, we will steer our fosters and adopters towards these options. If you have any knowledge of low-cost clinics in your area, please contact Donna at dmv1984@yahoo.com.

With the increase in cost across the board, we have begun applying for grants. Club member and adopter of Ellie has volunteered her time to seek out and write the grants. Grant writing is an art, and it takes time to research the organization and write specifically about our organization to meet the criteria of the specific grant. We await a reply from our first go at a grant from a Florida organization. If you know any organization or corporation you think we should apply to, send that information to info@newfoundlandrescuefl.org.

Currently in Rescue

We have five (5) dogs in 2024 and two (2) from 2023 in rescue.

Blue has been moved to a new foster to get better treatment options. This change seems to be working ever so slightly. We are now seeing some hair growth on his back, and he is beginning to put on weight. Blue will be ready to adopt after his "low-cost" neuter at the end of April.

Dixie has been with us since the end of December, and we recently moved to a second foster. What we thought were behavioral issues may be health-related issues. Dixie will see a cardiologist soon for a definitive diagnosis so we and future adopters can move forward.



When Lena came in at the beginning of February, she had a severely infected ear and some skin issues. It turned out that some of the infection was coming from the 12 stitches the previous owner had left in her ear from draining a hematoma. All but two stitches have been removed (the current vet could not extract them and said they would work out on their own), and Lena is ready for adoption. She will need to get spayed at NRF expense.

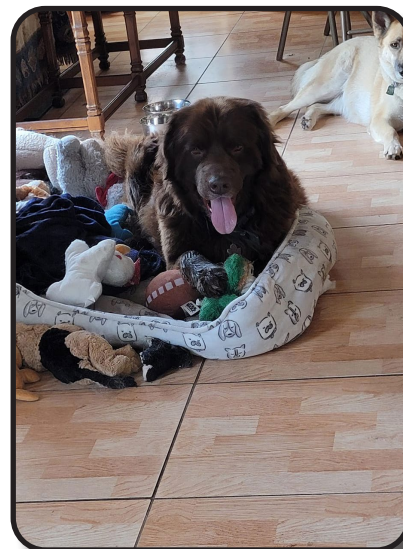
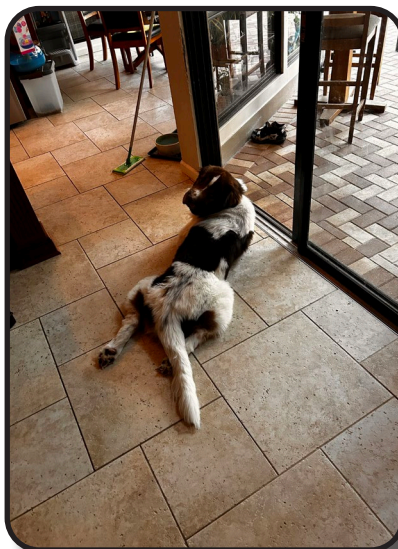
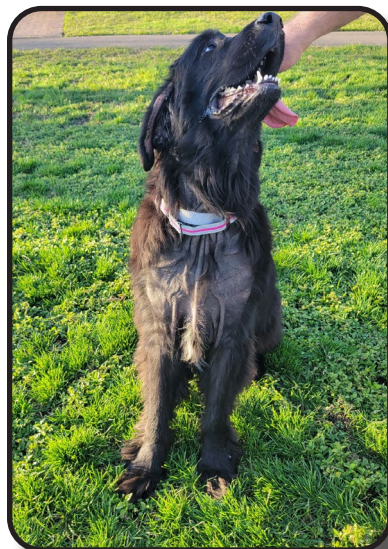
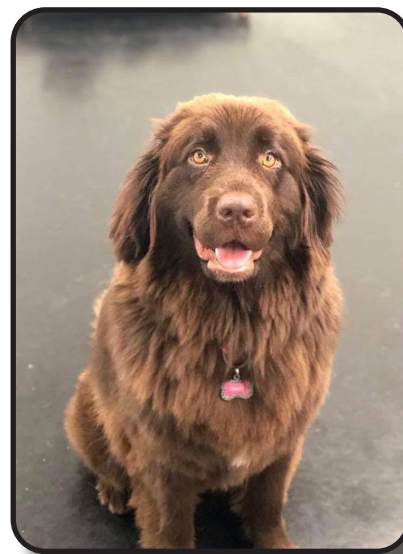
Macy is brand new to rescue and is looking for a foster to do further evaluation. What we know now is that she is up-to-date on shots, spayed, and on preventatives. She does have ear infections from time to time that Zymox takes care of. Macy has a “sister,” a 10-year-old Schnauzer who is also being rehomed due to this family life change. If you are interested in fostering Macy or adopting her straight out, contact rescue@newfoundlandrescuefl.org.



Pepper arrived shortly after Lena and is now with the same foster. She also came with severe ear infections that had migrated into her skin. Her chest and parts of her ears are practically bare. But don't let her appearance deceive you. She is all Newf. Pepper is already spayed and ready for her forever home.

Jager is new to the rescue and has not found his way to a foster yet. From what we know, he is surrounded by kids and other dogs and craves to be loved as much as he loves you. He would be good in a home with kids and dogs or without as long as he is loved and valued as a family member. If you can foster Jager or wish to adopt him, please reach out to rescue@newfoundlandrescuefl.org

Yogi is currently in a foster home, getting up-to-date on shots and neutered. By all accounts, through private messages and pictures placed on our Facebook page, he is a love bug and will fit right into any family. Yogi's “low-cost” neuter isn't until early May, so he will not be available until mid-May.



Foster to Friend

By Jennifer Morse

Our 160 lb Great Dane Virgil is a lot like Scooby Doo, nervous until he gets to know you. So we weren't sure how he would react to a foster Newf since he lost his Newf big sister Abbey many months ago. Virgil was suspicious of Ellie when she arrived, a very shy 2 year old Landseer. Ellie gave Virgil a wide berth. Virgil was jealous whenever Ellie came near his human Dad, or his food. There were skirmishes, every day at first. But we kept a close eye on the dogs, fed them separately and the fights became few and far between. After a few weeks we took Ellie to be spayed. We were worried that Virgil might try to attack her when she came home from surgery. But he took one look at the cone on her head and stayed away. After the cone came off I heard some snorting sounds behind me. I turned around to see Ellie and Virgil playing! They've been pals ever since. We had not seen Virgil play like that since he lost his big sister. Two months after Ellie came to our home as a foster, we officially adopted her. We are thrilled to have a Newf again. And we are especially happy that we were able to rescue a Newf in need.



Parade

Some of you have reached out to us saying that when making a reservation the person answering the call is saying you must register for a minimum of three (3) nights. That is 100% incorrect. We have hopefully corrected this on their end so you will not get any push back. The rates for the dates December 4 – 8, 2024 are:

\$179.00/Friday and Saturday for King (24 first floor rooms being held)

\$189.00/Friday and Saturday for 2 Queens (10 first floor rooms being held)

\$92.65/Wednesday and Thursday Night for King (5 first floor rooms being held)

\$101.15/ Wednesday and Thursday Night for 2 Queens ((5 first floor rooms being held)

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

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

Call (904) 342-2354 and ask for the Newfoundland Club/Rescue Block.

T-Shirt and Bib Design

For our 30th anniversary last year, we solicited the help of famed Newfoundland artist Patricia Eubanks. This year, we want to take it back to the group to develop a fun t-shirt and bib design that represents the Newfoundland Club and the Newfoundland Rescue of Florida on a weekend when we participate in the 69th Annual St. Augustine Christmas Parade. We can even have a different design for the shirt and bib, but ask that it be cohesive. The design must have:

- Newfoundlands (well, duh)
- A Christmas element (Ornaments, Santa, The Grinch, Frosty...)
- Limited colors (the more colors, the more expensive the shirt)



THAT'S IT! Let your imagination go. We can even have one design for the T-shirts and another for the dog bibs.

You don't have to be an artist to participate. You can use stick figures, cut stuff out of a magazine, or write down your idea in great detail. We'll accept it all.

Send your design to parade@newfoundlandrescuefl.org by May 1, 2024. Indicate whether the design is for the shirt, bib, or both. The winner (s) will receive a free shirt.

Sponsors



Order a custom-made piece of jewelry with your pet's nose print, paw print, or image at Forged&Formed.com.

Available in pendants, bracelets, keychains, and more.

Use code:
NEWFIE
to get 10% off at checkout and 10% of your order will go back to the Newfoundland Rescue of Florida.



foragedformed.com

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[Newfoundland Coffee Company](#) donates 20% of their profits go to seven Newfoundland rescues, which we are a part of. Try their Saint Patrick Collection and donate to a good cause.



www.greenlinepetsupply.com

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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