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Newfoundland Club of Florida

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President's Report

Wow, guys! Summer has blown by and our busiest time of the year is upon us. The parade packets will be out shortly as final preparations begin for our biggest fundraiser of the year. Working dogs are heading to a water test in October and once back will begin training for our draft test in February. The show season starts up again at the end of September with some of our dogs strutting their stuff. Then in October and November there are four or five community events from Pumpkin festivals to Blessings of the Animals. And while all this is going on, our rescue volunteers continue to help the needs of dogs we take in. We can't do any of this without the extraordinary members who we can count on when things need to get done.

Take, for instance, Janine Packard, a member of the club since the early 2000. Recently, I placed a call to her because I needed to put "eyes" on a potential rescue to get a clear understanding what the dog's needs were. Janine was at this dog's home the next day. Her experience with Newfoundlands was critical in helping us evaluate what was happening with the dog and what the best path forward was. Without Janine looking at this dog first, there is every chance we would have done a disservice to the dog and a potential foster and adopter.

Then there is Miles and Jackie Conway. They endured losing two of their Newfoundlands within weeks of each other in the Spring. But when a call came from our Rescue Chair saying we needed to find another foster family for one of our dogs in rescue, they took a deep breath and took in Roxy. Miles and Jackie immediately addressed Roxy's ear infections and got her on a treatment plan to end the chronic cycle. They fell in love with this girl, and who wouldn't, but knew they were not ready emotionally to make

her a part of their home. When the time came for Roxy to be adopted, they wrote a detailed manual, of sorts, of all her likes, dislikes, routine and of course her medical needs. Roxy is a better dog because Miles and Jackie answered the call.

And I can't forget our working dog program. I called Jennifer Arent when the previous chair stepped down. When she and I talked about this position, she was extremely hesitant and took a couple of days to give me an answer. I am so thankful she took the position. Jennifer is bringing more attention to working dogs and getting more people involved in disciplines other than draft and water. She's leading by example, working her own dog Breezy in anything that sounds fun for them to do. The working dog program is all the better because Jennifer answered the call.

Every week, there is something that comes up in the club that needs a level of expertise, special care or just plain grunt work to make it happen. What do you bring to the club that we can tap into? I would sure love to hear from you and brag about you in the next newsletter.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at one of the many events this fall.

Hugs,

Terry

President

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Officers, Directors and Chairpersons

Here are your elected officers, board members and chairpersons for 2022 – 2023. Thank you to all of them for their time and dedication to the club.

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The latest spam email using the President's email is asking you to help me sort out something soon. Again, I would never send a message like this. You can clearly see it is from an address other than the address above. DELETE IMMEDIATELY!

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.

Kimberly Mayer



Calendar

September 23 – 25

West Volusia Kennel Club Annual Dog Show

Volusia County Fairgrounds
3150 E New York Avenue
DeLand, FL

(Keep checking our FB page for the Newfoundland time.)

October 1, 2022

Orange County Choppers Roadhouse Pet Adoption Event

Time: 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

Place: 10575 49th St. N
Clearwater, FL 33762

Newfla rescue will be hosting a table at this event. There will be a Yappy Hour, Pet Adoptions, Pet themed vendors, Raffles, The Florida Wiener Dog Derby and a Petting Zoo. Everyone is invited! Bring a chair and a Newfie (our Newfla rescue dogs are ESPECIALLY welcome), and spend the afternoon.

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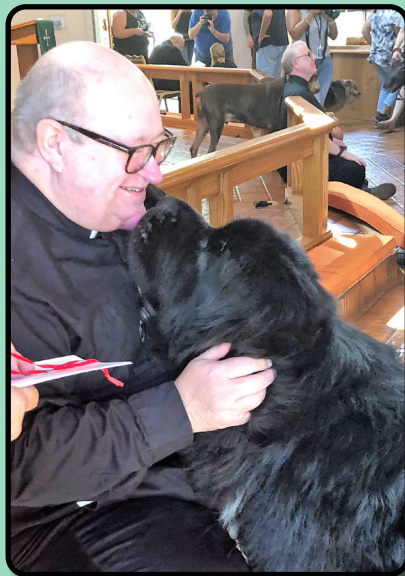
Blessing of the Animals Celebration St Clement's Episcopal Church

Time: 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

Place: 706 W. 113th Ave, Tampa, FL 33612

St Clement's Episcopal Church has graciously invited the Newfies to their 35th Annual Blessing of the Animals Celebration. The Blessing of the Animals will be inside the church where each blessed animal will receive a St. Francis medal and treats.

After the blessing, a free lunch will be available in the Parish Hall, where animals are welcome.



October 22 and 29, 2022

Brooksville Pumpkin Patch

Time: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Place: Christ Lutheran Church
475 North Avenue West
Brooksville FL, 34601

There will be food, games, a hayride, petting zoo, raffles, all sorts of vendors, and some of our draft dogs will be carting pumpkins out to people's cars in return for donations to the club's rescue and working dog programs.



November 12, 2022

Suncoast Animal League Dogtoberfest

Time: 11:00am – 5:00pm

Highlander Park
Dunedin, FL



December 2 – 4, 2022

Celebration Weekend and St. Augustine Parade

Place: The Ponce Hotel, St. Augustine

February 4 & 5, 2023

Draft Test for BDD, DD/TDD, and DDX/TDDX

Place: Eagle Farms
14116 Carrie Pauline Lane
Riverview, FL 33569

Rescue

There are currently no dogs in rescue:

If Not NEWFFLA then Who?

Over the past two years, NEWFFLA has rescued 30 Newfoundlands and have found loving, caring homes for all. For an organization with 140 members, many who already having multiple Newfs, this shows the heart and dedication we have to our rescue mission. But what happens when a dog comes into our rescue, goes through our foster system, becomes available for adoption, and we can't find them a home? Believe it or not, this has happened leaving us scrambling to find other resources.

National Newfoundland Rescue (NNR) was founded early this year by rescue volunteers from across the country who saw a void in areas where regional clubs did not cover and for mix breed Newfoundlands that regional clubs do not handle. NNR has been clear from the beginning; to not overstep the great work the regional clubs are doing and forge partnerships with the clubs to work for the betterment of all Newfoundlands and the organizations that support them.

We have worked with NNR several times over the past couple of months. They reached out to us when they had a purebred Newfoundland being relinquished in Florida. We did a rescue to rescue transfer, and now the dog is happy in her new forever home with one of our members. With another dog, NNR provided a local applicant to us that suited the needs of rescue we had. She is now living her best life in Orlando with a new NEWFFLA member. NNR has also been there when every attempt to place a dog within our system, fails. They are able to cast a wider net to help find the dog the best home possible. We have also provided transportation support for a mixed Newf in St. Petersburg that needed to get to their new home.

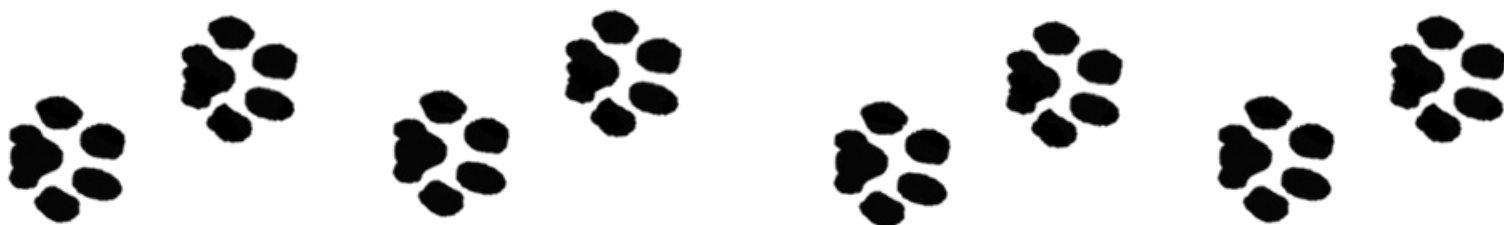
Though it is our mission to find homes for all the dogs we take in, sometimes we need help to assure the dogs are properly placed. We have created a great partnership with NNR, one we hope to have for a long time. At the end of the day, "It's all about the dogs."

Working Dog

TITLES, TITLES, TITLES!!!!

Anyone who has achieved a NEW working title in 2022, please email Jennifer Arent at jvinge@bellsouth.net with the details: Full registered name, call name, title(s) earned, where and when they were earned, and any other information.

We will be giving out acknowledgements at our annual meeting in December! If you cannot make it, your certificates will be mailed.



Draft Test

The NCA has approved our request to hold our annual draft test on February 4 & 5, 2023.

- Entries for all 3 testing levels; Beginner, Draft, and Advanced are limited to a total of 15 per day combined.
- Entries open for NCA Members Monday, December 19, 2022 (postmark or electronic date).
- Entries open for non-NCA Members Thursday, December 29, 2022
- Entries for all tests close on Wednesday, January 18, 2023 at 6:00 PM.

The full premium is available [here](#).

Parade

PARADE PACKETS ARE COMING VIA EMAIL SOON.

This year our registration has been automated and you will be able to complete all the forms online. If you choose not to use the online option, print out the registration forms and mail back to the address at the bottom of the form. Registration will close November 1, 2022 in order to fill the t-shirt order.

A Draft Life for Barron

My Name is Donna Viger and many of you know me by my dog Barron. We have been members of Newffla since 1999.

I first started my journey with Newfoundland dogs back in Colorado. My first Newf was JoeJoe and my only puppy. He was from a breeder that was producing PDA pups. Boy, I wish I would have known of the health risks back then. He underwent 2 heart surgeries before the age of 1 at Colorado State.

We moved to Florida in 2006 and of course JoeJoe came with along with several other housemates. JoeJoe also had severe hip dysplasia. He developed bone cancer in 2010 when we had to say goodbye. My journey had just begun

Over the years I have adopted a few more Newfs from Newffla and other rescue places. I have also fostered several until forever homes were found. I was also Rescue Chair for the club for a while so you can say rescue is in my blood.

We adopted Barron from Newffla in 2017 when he was three years old. I brought Barron with me to the 2019 Draft Test where I volunteered as a steward. Barron got to meet a lot of new people and I learned a lot about draft and thought Barron would enjoy the work. We ordered him a harness and won the bid for a cart at the 2019 St. Augustine Christmas Parade Auction. Barron absolutely loved to train and I loved being a part of the draft dog.

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Last year, at the age of seven, Barron earned his Beginner Draft Dog title. He was the only rescue to receive the title that year. Our journey will continue in February 2023 as we go for his Draft Dog title.

It's a fun sport that the dogs love to do. Reach out to speak to me or anyone in the working dog program if interested to learn more.



A Newf Story *by Sharon Lynch*

We have been lucky enough to share our lives with Newfs. But, as you all know, when their time comes it is devastating for the owner and for the mate left behind. We have always had our Newfs in pairs (for their companionship). When our wonderful boy, Harry, left the earth we were so devastated we thought that terrible thought (nothing would replace him.) My husband, myself and our girl dog, Stella languished for months. Then, on petfinders, I found him. They said he was a Newf and had been returned, he was really funny looking; short legs, black and white hair and named Chumley. We didn't care, off we went and Chumley became family.

As the months went by we found out Chumley wasn't 2 years old but 9 months and he was a Landseer. Our Stella was no longer alone and Chumley grew into the handsome boy he now is.

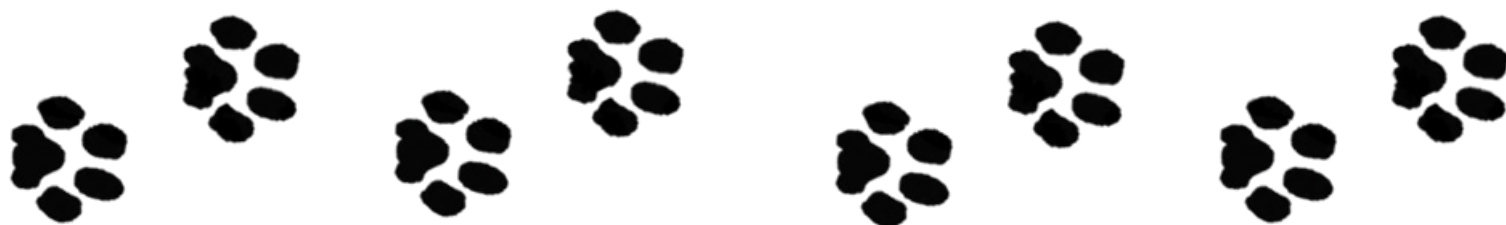
During Covid, Stella passed at the age of 13 years old and once again we found ourselves heartbroken. Because of Covid there were no rescue Newfs to be found so like everyone else we went to the internet. There we found our puppy, Rosie, at an Amish Puppy Mill. When we picked her up I told the owner, Chumley would treat her well (he had to think we were crazy.)

Now the strangest occurrence was when we drove to the exit ramp; we realized that the shelter we got Chumley from was at the next exit. There were horrible storms from Florida to Ohio and we were so intent on picking up Rosie we hadn't paid any attention to where Chumley had come from.

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.Now, we didn't try and match them, we never would. But, as Rosie grew, Chumley and her markings became so similar that everyone thinks they are related. (Personally, I think he may be her Great Uncle.)

Well, I send this as only Newfparents would understand this story. There is no difference where your Newfs come from; we are just blessed to be a part of their lives.



A Newfie Haiku *by Dixie Huey*

(I heard my 8 year-old son say to his grandmother while on the phone.)

Floating in the air.
Getting in my eyes.
Invading my personal space.
Newf hair.

Do you have anything you would like to share with this the group? It could be a story about you, your dog, or even a family vacation with your dog. Share a favorite recipe your dog loves or a funny story about something they did. Do you have knowledge to share about therapy, working dog disciplines or grooming techniques. We would love to hear from you. Send to editor@newffla.com