

Newfsletter

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(Under construction, so send all web info. to Kathi DeJohn for now.)

From the President: Judy's News

Dear Newf Friends:

Happy New Year to All! Hope you all had a great holiday! Our specialty was a success. Friends and food were great. Lots of beautiful dogs, all were winners!

I would like to thank Shirley and Jan for the beautiful job on our towels. I myself used them in the bathroom, instead of using them on the dogs.

More thanks to MaryBeth for her great job in the banquet room. Thanks to Ted and Kathi for the great job setting up and running the heart clinic with Dr. Tobias. Without a lot of your help, we could not have had such a great success with the specialty. Thanks again!

Fun was had by all in the Christmas City of the North Parade here in lovely Duluth. We were a big hit as always. Unlike previous years when it was downpouring big rain, the weather was great and the dogs loved it.

Hope to see everyone this year all all of our great events such as the Kenyon Cutter parade February 25 and the St. Patrick's Day parade in Crosslake on March 18th. We will be having general meeting and board meeting after the Kenyon Cutter parade.

Take care and see you soon!

Judy Soder, President

Mark Your Calendar

February 25th - Kenyon Cutter Parade, Kenyon, Minnesota

We will walk and cart our Newfs using our new carts. Only entry in the parade that has dogs - ours.

March 18th - St. Patrick's Day Parade, Crosslake, Minnesota

Another chance to walk and cart our dogs (about a one mile walk) and afterward potluck at Lintner's house.

April 23rd - River King Newf.Club, Alton, IL, Newf. Draft Test

2006 Nationals

2006 -March 27-April 1st -Colonial Newfoundland Club Cumberland, MD

Monday, March 27 - NCA Draft Test hosted by New-Pen-Del Newfoundland Club

Tuesday, March 28 - Regional Obedience Trial hosted by Newfoundland Club of New England

Wednesday, March 29 - 2006 NCA National Specialty Obedience Trial & Sweepstakes

judging; Thursday, March 30 & Friday, March 31 - Dog & Bitch judging

Saturday, April 1 - Junior Showmanship & Intersex judging

2007 - April 30th - May 5th - High Country Newfoundland Club, Boulder, Colorado

Wags and Brags:

VN Am/Can CH Kilyka's Lagniappe Pro Zack UD, WRDX, TDD

He earned the Utility Dog title (UD) at the Land O'Lakes Kennel Club obedience trial on 1/7/06.

Proud owners are Andre and Ann LaPeyre

If you have something to "bark" about, be sure to send it to me for the newsletter. We're wagging our tails already about your 'brags.'

In Memory.....

John and I would like to thank Susan and Bill Reuter for letting us have one of their wonderful dogs. From day one she warmed our hearts with her beauty and warm personality. We miss her so much.

You know it has to come, but surely not this soon,

But not without warning; you know it has to come.

But by then you will be ready. And when it comes and it is too soon,

And there is no warning.....and you are not ready. Author Unknown

Our hearts were broken on January 4, 2006 for our two beautiful girls, CH Buddybears' Classy Ebony and Hytide's Lovely Rita Meter Made. Judy and John Soder

Applications for Membership

Applications are posted in the newsletter and if there are no objections from the membership for a period of 30 days the applicants are granted membership. If there are any objections the applicants are voted on at the next meeting.

Ken & Dana Fistrovich

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Dogs Name: Xander

Sponsors: Lloyd & Mary Beth

Zieglmeier

Jerry & Deni Hall

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Duluth, MN 55804

218-525-9287

jerome.hall@duluth.k12.mn.us

Dogs name: Cole

Sponsors: Shirley & Larry Lintner

Jody Lingofelt

210 Cleveland Ave. South

St. Paul, MN 55105

651-690-4720

Dog's name: Beacon

Sponsors: Rhonda Kern &

Sue Kliewer



Welcome New Members

Dolly Uhlig

1088 Pike lake Drive

New Brighton, MN 55112-2427

651-635-0236

Dogs' names: Annie, Kofi

d_uhlig@yahoo.com

Shaleen Torjesen

10725 41st Ave.

North Plymouth, MN 55441

763-551-3688

Dogs' names: Oso, Treya

storjesen1@aol.com

Dennis & Ramona Nielsen

5477 60th St. SE

St. Cloud, MN 56304

320-252-1479

Dog's name: King

Please update your directory.

The 46th Annual Christmas City of the North Parade, Duluth, Minnesota

the Northstar Newfoundland club participated in the "Christmas City of the North" parade that was held Friday, November 18th, 2005. the temperature was good for the dogs and not too cold for the people. The weather was fairly good with only a slight mist. This did make for a sloppy bunch of dogs by the end of the parade, but everyone enjoyed themselves. The parade started promptly at 6:30pm and was televised as usual. The dogs were the usual big hit with the crowd and they got a lot of attention.

The club had a good turn out of members and some visitors. Parade participants were Tom & donna Bretl with Callie, Clayton & Yvonne Briemon with Blaze, Rich Mellon with Billy, Doris, Tim, and Isaac Saarberg and friend with Bridgette and two other dogs, (sorry, I didn't get their names), Brian and Cindy Spongberg with Jack, Judy Soder with friends Jillian * Brianna with Ozzie, Careah, and Rita, and Ted Mittelstadt with Lotta, (his Ben watched from the comfort of the van), Shaleen Torjesen, Doug Hazelton, & Jordan Torjesen Hazelton with Oso and Treya. We went to the Green Mill for pizza and fellowship after the parade. Even with the damp Duluth weather, everyone enjoyed the parade!

Parade Chair, Ted Mittelstadt

Duluth Kennel Club

Proudly Sponsors

Myra Savant-Harris

A One Day Seminar on

Canine Reproduction and Whelping Puppy Intensive Care

February 25th, 2006 Cost: \$50.00

Twin Ports Dog Training Club, 5092 Lindahl Road, Duluth, MN

Registration at 8:30. Program starts at 9am, ends about 4pm.

The morning session will cover diseases of the reproductive system, artificial insemination, progesterone testing and the use of chilled and frozen semen, removal of dew claws, sperm, and whelping.

The afternoon covers assessment of the sick newborn puppy, use of oxygen, use of fresh frozen plasma, tube feeding, bulb syringing, cord care, colostrums substitutes, subcutaneous hydration and many other topics.

Myra brings her experiences as a neonatal intensive care nurse and her dog breeding background together. She will have her books for sale as well as other items she talks about.

Contact Debbie Motley at cell # 218-780-0916 or dmotley@rangenot.com for more information or check out our web site: www.duluthkennelclub.org.

Registration Form

Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____ Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____ #

Attending: _____

Send to Debbie Motley, 3605 Scout Camp Road, Eveleth, MN 55734 by Sunday, February 18.

Did you know this is the Chinese New Year of the Dog?

A Good Idea from Meredith.....

With modern technology being what it is and most people having an e-mail address and access to the inter net... I have been thinking. Why doesn't Northstar start it's own "private" group on Yahoo? We could send out information on upcoming events and post questions to see who would like to participate in events. There is so much stuff we could post and discuss that way. If you get a chance to think about it and may be mention it to Judy, or Shirley, or let me know what you think. It would be easy to set up on Yahoo and then in the news letter, tell people about it and let them sign up.

Meredith

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And by the way.....

Meridith is interested in heading up some water work this summer. If you want to train your dog for water work, Meridith will coordinate training sites, dates, and times. Give her a call.

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Just a note on changes and enhancements to the NNC's Water Test Regulations, Section 17, paragraph two:

Care must be exercised to ensure the calling steward(s) are not overly familiar with a dog being tested. Examples include the following:

1. The calling steward has not boarded or house-sat for, personally trained, handled (in any venue), owned or co-owned the dog within the previous 6 months.
2. Calling stewards may be part of the same training groups of handlers and dogs in a given summer. However, calling stewards should avoid direct contact with the dogs they will call for at tests in that summer training season. It is therefor recommended that clubs intending to host Water Tests should consider appointing their calling stewards as early in the season as possible to avoid potential conflicts.

The length of time a calling steward must not be considered "overly familiar," as defined above was recommended by the WDC to reflect a 6 month period of time. This has been approved by the NCA Board.

Cheryl Dondino, Working Dog Committee Chair

Rescue News

Rescue Chair, Meredith Mellen-Cairns: We can always use foster homes or names of potential donations of money, time, grooming, training are all very greatly appreciated. Please contact Meridith at 612-827-7196 or newfrescueinmn@yahoo.com.

Newf Puppies by NNC Breeders:

If you have puppies & wish to advertise, contact Ed.Shirley. Listings posted here in this space.....
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The reason a dog has so many friends is that he wags his tail instead of his tongue. Anonymous.

There is no psychiatrist in the world like a puppy licking your face.
Ben Williams

Anybody who doesn't know what soap tastes like never washed a dog. Franklin Jones

Does the Oldest Newf Live with You?

"We are looking for nominations for the Newfoundland Club of America's Oldest Living Newfoundland Award for 2005. [Send your information to Ingrid Lyden, NCA Awards Chair, by Feb. 10, 2006. [Mail to: 30206-118th Ave. S.E. Auburn, WA 98092. [Submit your dog's registered and call name, along with titles and date of birth. [Include a veterinarian statement verifying that your dog was alive as of 12/31/05 and a copy of your AKC registration, along with the owner's name, and contact information. [To be eligible at least one of the dog's owners needs to be a NCA member. [The winner will be honored with a page and picture in Newf Tide, along with a plaque presented at the Annual Meeting of the NCA in Maryland in March."

For more information, you can contact Ingrid at nakiska@comcast.net



Marylou Zimmerman.....marylouz@marylouz.com

This is a first request for photos to be used on the new design of [the NCA website. [We are currently developing a library of photos to be used throughout the site. [If you would like to submit a photo or photos to appear on the NCA website here are the guidelines:

1. Please send .jpg files, with a resolution of 72 dpi. [If you have photos that need to be modified and you need assistance, please contact me for instructions. It is preferable to have photos too large that we edit down, than to have images too small to be useful.

(picture request continued).....

2. Please include the subject line "site photo"
3. Please mail to : webmaster@newfdogclub.org
4. Please include the following information:

Your first name, Your last name, How do you want your name displayed in the photo credit-Full Name, First Name only, Your dog's name and a little information about the dog and activity. (A short paragraph is preferable -two or three sentences is perfect.) This information may appear in a caption and may be edited as needed; it may be used to determine an appropriate placement for the photo. Please insert this phrase: "I certify that I am the author or sole owner of the material I am submitting to the NCA Website. The NCA may reproduce, display, edit, modify, create derivative works and otherwise use the material on the NCA website. I agree to indemnify the NCA for all damages and expenses that may be incurred in connection with the material."

** Please note- if you are submitting a picture of your dog taken by someone else- you need the permission of the photographer.

5. Photos with obvious advertising (your dog sitting in front of a 20 foot sign for your kennel) will not be used.

We are looking for photos which portray the wide range of Newfs and newf activities. Action shots are preferred. The photos will be rotated through various pages on the site, depending of the content and composition. The choice of photos used on each page will be the decision of the Internet Committee and will be based on clarity, composition and connection to the page content. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Marylou Zimmerman, NCA Member, Internet Development Team, Newfoundland Club of Seattle, Board of Directors



Momma said when I grow up I can be anything I want to be, so I want to be a yo-yo spinning Newfy! (No other pictures were submitted at this time.)

Living with Newfs.....

Albert is just 3 and has taught me so much. Lily is just 2 and the kinder, gentler one of the species. I never paid much time to learn about dogs until we starting paying more attention to them. Learning what they could do in the show ring, what they could do in the water for rescues, learning what they could do pulling a cart. Learning how much they understood our language and what our bodies communicated to them without speaking. True working dogs.

They know how to haul wood to the wood boiler in the garage, one log at a time. Albert is a therapy dog, listening to kindergartners read their books each week. Lily is the greatest comfort for this tired and aching body still abed. She comes, seeks me out, jumps up and investigates the matter. Finding no harm or ill, with much kissing and snuffling, she nestles down to comfort. And then when too warm, romps off to seek out the other animals of the house, the other human and Albert, her best friend. Both bring the mail from the mail box. But his joyful love-for-life sends him flying to the neighbors to chase the bunnies before depositing his butt at the mailbox for his select piece of junk mail by his owner. They protect the garbage each and every day of the week and bark their dislike to the man who steals it every Thursday. True working dogs.

Albert still watches with those big brown eyes and she is the champion of "where there's food- the Queen begger and Getter." She hates to sit at obedience classes, because conformation bitches never sit! He only moans quietly in his crate at the shows because he used to rule the ring, he as the king strutter. And now with his Champion title, there's no competition for him and he has to wait for her to compete in the working dog ring.

How they watch us. They know when we're going away. He stands in the way when I'm folding laundry to take on the trip. She has already investigated all my collections on the bed ready to go in the suitcase. They know. What is sadder is daily going off to work and leaving the dejected big brown eyes behind in the kennel. They know we were leaving. And sad but hopeful that we will return. And the joyous barking....."Oh, yes! They did return and even honked their horn." Oh, the romping and dancing and barking of joy....."They're home! They still love us! We knew it! Oh, yes! We can quit worrying about our masters' safety. They're home!"

Newf drool on the table. Did you ever wonder of their huge size and dropping their mutts on the table was just a resting place for the nose? The nose which alerted Albert and Lily that this was the pay-off place if they just looked sad enough. The size.....,my, God, the size! He outweighs some of my human friends and she comes in like a fullback, a big, blocky dog built like a brick outhouse. I'm the Alpha female and still he thinks he can romp and roll me especially when I'm bent down to about his height, planting flowers. Her bite is the grip of her ancestors who pulled in fishing nets and saved sailors. But today her bite mistakenly put black and blue welts on my hands, offering her a treat. Both of them work hard at their play, work hard at their begging. True working dogs.

In all the years we had dogs in our lives (since I was a kid), I never much paid attention to grooming. We had pets, loved and cared for. But these giants require meticulous grooming. And daily, all the better! I cut Lily's toenails to the quick and then-some. She never said a word of protest but bled all over the grooming table and I felt so bad. She only licked my face to say gently "All forgiven!" Show grooming is such an art and a lifetime of learning the tricks. Once I bragged to a friend that our dogs were clean and without mats for a show. She came up with one

huge mat under the armpit and I felt like I was blind - I missed it! Albert and Lily never complained of the matts or a bit-too-long toe nails and "party favors" -feet fur that exploded on their paws.

I am in awe of their gentleness. I forget their quiet presence sometimes and accidentally walk on a tail or an ear. No sharp yapping or yowling, just "wince!" Almost like they can't get close enough to us humans they adore so much. They play with children and knock them over, not in meanness, but as a tribute to the innocence of their dog play with another 'child-dog.' They are solid walls, blocking the way between children and the water - watching and protecting. They let themselves become big, wooly playrugs for the grandkids. "Ah, this is heaven," they dream as the 'child-dog' crawls all over them. Extra benefits for these working dogs.

I'm looking down at my black coat in church at the short fibers of the weave. And looking at all the stray, long black fibers that don't belong to the coat, but to the owner of a Newf. I wonder how many stray, long black fibers I've cooked, eaten, swept and vaccumed, and made into Newf yarn? I've slicker-brushed our carpet in the house and the carpet in the car. Include in that the headliner of the car and the doormats to the house. Spring comes and he and she have blown their coats. The neighbors have accused us of killing some small black furry creature and of spreading the furry remains all over their yards. The birds love Albert and Lily for the gift of soft nesting material. True working dogs not even working at it.

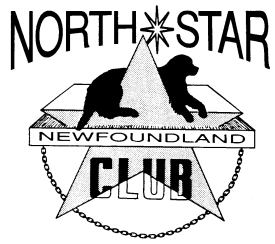
There was time when Albert wouldn't look you in the eye, not wanting to behave and trying you out to see who was boss. He knows now to watch me, to hear my command, and try in his all "teenager" personality to try to disoabey, only to know he will lose and still be loved. Lily's still a kid and the most stubborn, willful dog I've ever seen! She won't carry anything for you when you want her to, but carries the mail without fail, safely deposited at the door for her treat reward. Lily insists there's food anywhere you are and she will succeed in finding it -her mission in life. She swims and squeaks like he does when swimming and is all about "mothering" any puppies in the water, although she will never have her own. He will never father any puppies either. Both failed OFA's. Our hopes of puppies here right now are only pipe dreams..

What journey has begun and unfolds each day, living with a Newf. And Albert and Lily are still loved.

Shirley

(This is a tribute to all the dogs we have ever loved. Those that have crossed the rainbow bridge and those that live daily with us in this journey of life. How comforting to know we have these great creatures of giant stature who are constant, loving foot prints on our hearts.)

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