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NEWFS AND NEWS...The Inside Poop

As the holiday season fast approaches, thoughts often turn to things that we are thankful for. Family, companionship, plentiful food and a warm home are often things we take for granted. These basic blessings are equally important to the well being of our canine companions.

Recently, the number of calls I have received about Newfs in need has dramatically increased. Their stories are varied, from dogs surrendered to animal shelters to puppies needing a new home due to divorce. The one constant is their need to find a warm, safe and loving environment that recognizes the joy of having a Newf in their life.

Currently, the Northstar Newfoundland Club does not have an organized rescue program. It is my firm belief that those of us, who have the good fortune of having our lives enriched by a Newf, owe it to the breed to give something back. Those Newfs less fortunate than our own deserve a chance to live the life of a cherished companion.

When your Board of Directors meets on December 8th in St. Cloud one of the primary topics will be the development of a NNC rescue program. I invite any member with an interest in this important topic to attend. Together we can work toward providing hope for some deserving but less fortunate Newfoundlands.

In the spirit of holiday giving, the Northstar Newfoundland Club will be volunteering to work with the Salvation Army Red Kettle program on Saturday, December 15th at the Cabela's store in Rogers. More information can be found inside this issue of the newsletter. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending the cookie exchange and membership meeting being held in conjunction with this wonderful holiday event.

From my home to yours, from my Newfs to yours, we wish you a safe and happy holiday season!

Author: Susan Wagner

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NORTHSTAR NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB*Holiday Get Together***Saturday, December 15th, 2007**

Please join us in a day of giving
as we and our Newfs ring the
Salvation Army Kettle Bells at:

**Cabela's
20200 Rogers Drive
Rogers, MN 55374**



A cookie exchange (for either Newfs or their humans!)
and a Membership Meeting will be held inside
Cabela's from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm.

Please bring a dozen cookies to be exchanged.

Cabela's Chicken Wild Rice Soup & Breadsticks will be served
compliments of the club to its members. Additional food is available
for purchase at Cabela's Rainy Lake Grill.

Two hour shifts are available at the following times:

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

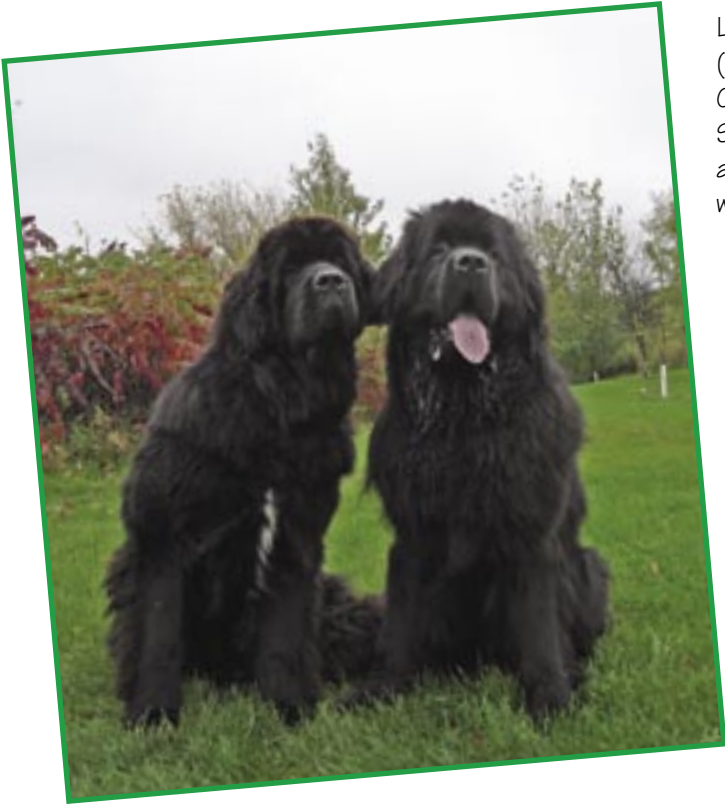
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Please contact Susan Wagner at nuvnewfs@aol.com or 320-358-4451 to sign up or for more information.

MEMBERS CORNER

Send your favorite pictures that you would like included in the newsletter to skramlinger@visi.com



Litter mates Jake (owned by Lisa Berg/Billy Kroll) & Archer (owned by Mike Sykora/Fritz Kroll) born July 18, 2006 (from Casta Newf Kennels in BC). We got the boys together last September - they arrived on the same flight - so it was quite an exciting day for all of us. Both of the boys are looking forward to attending more NNC events in the future!!



Meet Archie (owned by Dave & Stacie Kramlinger)! The newest addition to the Kramlinger clan and Sully's new little brother. He is a 6 month old St. Bernard puppy that we recently adopted through rescue.



Sully Kramlinger (owned by Dave & Stacie Kramlinger) wearing his Jester costume at a Halloween Party.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR APRIL 19, 2008
DRAFT.....WATER.....OBEDIENCE
ALL IN ONE DAY AT ONE LOCATION



This day will be full of a variety of things that you and your companion dog can do together. It is for all experience levels and for dogs of all ages. This day is for those who are interested in learning more about draft and water work. Of course, there is always the basics; that is where the obedience part comes in. Water work in April. You bet! Get started on that retrieve (take, hold, give) and marking (not in the sniff and leave a scent sort of mark but in the “see that object that I’m pointing to out in the distance” sort of sense). Ever thought about hitching your pupster to a cart but are not sure how to get started. This day is for you. It is also for those who have already harnessed their dog to a cart and want to learn more.



So what’s the scoop with learning water work in April? There are lots of fun things you can practice with your pupster on land before getting them in the water in July for the water workshop. Whether you need a refresher course from last summer or you aren’t sure how to get started or you are not sure what equipment is needed, this day will be helpful for you and your pupster to work together on the “basics” before jumping in the water in July for the water workshop.

This day will cover the basic equipment needs for both draft work and water work. Don’t have any yet? Don’t worry. Minimally, you should plan to bring some yummy, tasty treats, and a variety of them. Suggestions include hot dogs, small cubes of cheese or whatever you can break into small pieces that your pupster finds irresistible. Of course, you’ll want to plan to bring a hungry dog too. You’ll also want to bring some sort of object that you can use for retrieving. It could be a toy or a bumper or a dumbbell. Of course, if you already have a harness, cart, and/or water work equipment, you should bring them. In addition, you should have a collar and a 6 foot lead (no flexi or retractable leads).

Trainers for the day include Andre Lapeyre, Ann Lapeyre, and Ann Dunnigan. They offer a variety of experience, as they have titled dogs in obedience (CD, CDX, and UD), water (WD, WRD, WRDX) and draft (DD and TDD). In addition the Lapeyres have titled dogs in conformation, CGC (Canine Good Citizen), and TDI (Therapy Dog International), and Ann Dunnigan has titled dogs in tracking (TD) and agility (OA and OAJ). Ann Dunnigan is a draft judge and Andre Lapeyre is a draft and water judge. Wow! That’s a wealth of information that will be available to help you get started, help you work through various activities, and help you break a command or exercise down in to pieces so that both you and your pupster are successful.

The day will be divided in to 3 sessions:

(1) Basic Obedience

- Heel/Let’s go/Forward/Giddy Up
- Sit, Down/Drop, Stand
- Stay
- Come/Front
- Whoa/Stop
- Gee (right), Haw (left)
- Slow/Easy
- Back
- Mark, Take/Fetch Hold, Give
- Around/Circle
- And a whole lot more



(2) Draft Work. Why? Here are a few reasons:

- The delight on a small child's face when riding in a wagon powered by a newf is unforgettable.
- Need help hauling wood? A cart and a newf is all you need.
- Can't get to the perfect Christmas tree in the woods? A newf with a harness and sled can help.
- The Kenyon Cutter Parade in February has our Club give Newf rides before the parade. Here's your chance to learn how.
- Interested in earning a DD (Draft Dog) title or a TDD (Team Draft Dog) title?
- Want to go backpacking/camping with your pupster? Learn some draft work commands that will make the journey enjoyable for both of you.

**(3) Land Work for Water Work**

Although we won't be getting in the water, there is a lot of work you can do now. Take, hold, and give are the basics for most of the exercises in water work; even if you aren't interested in earning a title on your pupster, these commands are helpful for everyday tasks around the house. Drop something or have a sore back? Ask your newf to pick it up for you.

- Interested in earning a WD (Water Dog), WRD (Water Rescue Dog), or WRDX (Water Rescue Dog Excellent) title? You'll learn what's required in the Newfoundland Tests. Land work for the NCA exercises will be demonstrated.
- Not interested in earning a title but just want to have some fun with your newf in the water? It's a whole lot more fun when that includes your companion pupster learning to retrieve something in the water and bringing it back to you.
- Want to hitch a ride from your newf while in the water? Learn how to teach your pupster to get used to hauling some weight behind them.
- Teach your pupster to go to a variety of humans (men, women, short/tall people, etc.) and then to teach them to take something to those people



Wow! That's a lot of information. The content of the day may vary from the above depending on the needs of the group while covering as much as time allows.

So where is all this happening? Owatonna at the Izaak Walton Environmental Center which is about 3 miles south of Owatonna. There is an enclosed building in the event the weather is not favorable for humans; however, some activities will take place outside so you'll want to dress appropriately for the unpredictable weather that can happen in Minnesota in April.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
APRIL 19, 2008
OWATONNA, MINNESOTA
SEE YOU THERE!



Halcyon's Henry W. Longfellow, CGC, TD1

June 14, 1995 to November 2, 2007

Twelve and half years ago, Bobbi Jarel met me at the Washington County Fairgrounds with 30 pounds of black fluff. Henry, our journey together would span the challenges and excitement of puppy hood, obedience, agility, tracking classes and water rescue workshops. You were a clever, cunning, carefree clown whether tracking butterflies instead

of the glove; fishing, your favorite sport, instead of swimming during the water rescue workshops and jumping out of the ring during recalls at fun matches.

A source of entertainment and a goodwill ambassador, you were always my gentle sweet boy and loved by so many. As a neighbor wrote in her sympathy card, "this is a sad time for the entire neighborhood as Henry was such a treasure".



This memorial to you would be incomplete if I did not describe your love of food which is why you earned from me the beloved nickname of "Hankster the Gangster". Clever boy, you outwitted your mom at every opportunity over the years. At dinner parties, someone was always assigned to watch you... especially when I went to answer the front door, as that was your signal to go for the dining room table.

Thank you to Bobbi Jarel and Judy Soder for this lovely companion. Thank you to the Northstar Newfoundland Club for providing so many wonderful learning activities, especially for a first time Newfoundland owner, the experience was very helpful. Many thanks to Ann and Andre Lapeyre and Ann Dunnigan whose advice I have sought over the years. And, a special thank you to Kathy Luce of Dingle Farm in Massachusetts, who met Henry years ago and has been my mentor.

Now Henry, there is no arthritis to slow your steps; run, fish and eat well, my dear boy. I miss you so.

Newfoundly, Mary Jeanne Levitt

NATIONAL 2008 ROOM OR QUILT RAFFLE – 2 PRIZE WINNERS!

Guaranteed Reservation at the Crowne Plaza with the first night free or a Handmade Newfoundland themed Quilt

Due to current postal regulations NCNE was not allowed to include a raffle flyer in the National Registration Packet. We are therefore using other methods of distribution to bring this exciting offer to you.

DRAWING: Sunday, February 24, 2008.

Tickets are \$5 each or 6 for \$25. You select the prize for each ticket!

Tickets **MUST** be received by Thursday, February 21, 2008.

Visit the National Website to download tickets: <http://www.ncanationalspecialty.org>

We appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you in April!



WAGS 'N BRAGS

Halcyon Days Halle Bearry finished her CH the end of May.
A big thank you to her breeders: Bobbi Jarel and Mary Price for letting me add this sweet girl to our family.

Owners: Kathi & Bill DeJohn



Please submit your brags to Stacie at skramlinger@visi.com. Please include: dog's registered name, call name, sire & dam, breeder, owner and brag.



2007 NNC ANNUAL AWARDS

In recognition of the accomplishments of NNC Newfs and their owners, NNC will once again be recognizing these special dogs. This year, awards will be presented at the Annual Meeting to be held in March, 2008.

If your Newf has earned an AKC title or an NCA working title in the 2007 calendar year, please submit the details of their accomplishments on the following form. Deadline for submission is January 15, 2008.

Congratulations to all the talented and hard working Newfs & their owners!

2007 NNC Annual Awards

Dogs Registered Name: _____

Call Name: _____

Breeder: _____

Owner(s): _____

Owners Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Title Earned: _____ Date: _____

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website at
www.northstarnewfclub.org

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Friday, December 7, 2007 – NCA Regional Specialty – St. Cloud, MN

Saturday, December 15, 2007 – Holiday Get Together/Salvation Army Bell Ringing and General Membership Meeting – Cabela's in Rogers, MN - *Event Host: Susan Wagner*

Saturday, January 26, 2008 – St. Paul Winter Carnival – St. Paul, MN - *Event Host: Ted Mittelstadt*

Saturday, February 23, 2008 – 28th Annual Don Knopf Memorial Carriage and Cutter Parade – Kenyon, MN - *Event Host: Ted Mittelstadt*

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