NEWFSLETTER





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NEWFS AND NEWS...The Inside Poop

The upcoming year for the Northstar Newfoundland Club will be a year dedicated to the health and happiness of our beloved breed. I am honored to once again be afforded the privilege of working with the new incoming Board of Directors as we strive to present the membership with opportunities to learn, work and play with our Newfs. The 2009 calendar of events is designed to appeal to a wide variety of Newf enthusiasts with a little something for everyone.

One of the primary goals I have set for my tenure as President is to see increased membership and participation in both the Northstar Newfoundland Club and our parent club, the Newfoundland Club of America. I am confident that this can be achieved through improved communication, organization and the availability of information about all aspects of the Newfoundland breed. The versatile nature of our dogs makes them appealing for a multitude of reasons. As a club we need to embrace and find joy in all things "Newf" be it parades, working events, conformation shows and companion shenanigans!

Another goal I have set for the club is the building of a strong and stable rescue network for Newfs in need. Working together with the NCA and caring Northstar members, we can build a firm foundation to support Newfoundlands who need to find new, loving, forever homes. There are so many ways that each of us can expand the love of our own Newfs to include those in less fortunate circumstances. If you are interested in joining the NNC Rescue Committee, please contact either myself at: nuvonewfs@aol.com or Shirley Lintner at lslintner@charter.net

The next club event will be held on Saturday, June 20th in Cambridge, MN when NNC will once again support the conformation entry at the Cambridge MN Kennel Club all breed show. Join us as we cheer the Newfs around the ring. Afterwards, we will get together for a BBQ lunch, membership meeting and learn about the exciting new sport of Rally Obedience. More information will be posted on the website as it comes available so be sure to bookmark the site.

I look forward to seeing you and your Newfs at an upcoming club activity. Until then, if you have any comments, ideas or suggestions, feel free to contact either myself or any of your Board members. We welcome your input and encourage open communication from our members!

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View the minutes from all club/board member meetings at www.northstarnewfclub.org

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - TOPIC OF BLOAT

Saturday, March 21, 2009 Owatonna, MN

At the Annual Membership Meeting held on Saturday, March 21st in Owatonna, MN the educational topic was gastro dilation-volvulus (GDV) or bloat as it is commonly referred to. The following is a summary of the information provided.

Canine bloat is the number one cause of death for several large and giant breeds. If this painful disorder is not treated within one to two hours, it is life threatening.

Twenty five percent of bloat cases are caused by gastric dilation. This is when the stomach fills with gas. The increased pressure compresses both ends of the stomach, preventing the gas from escaping. Seventy five percent of bloat cases are due to gastric volvulus, where the stomach actually twists, crimping and cutting off the inflow and outflow from the stomach. When stomach gases cannot get out, they expand.

Affected dogs drool saliva because they cannot swallow. Also, they cannot belch or vomit, which would help relieve the mounting pressure from the stomach gases. The pressure causes the abdomen to become distended. When tapped, the abdomen can sound like a drum.

From research performed to date, several factors that, when added together, can characterize the type of dog that most often develops bloat: a deep chest, a relative that has had a bloat episode, eating quickly, an all dry food diet, a large once a day meal, stress, and a fearful, nervous or aggressive temperament.

Approximately 30 percent of dogs that develop bloat die or have to be euthanized. This can be due to shock, irregular heart beats, or the rupture or death of the stomach wall.

Emergency treatment of bloat begins with alleviating the gas pressure. This can be accomplished by passing a stomach tube. If a tube cannot be passed due to the twisting of the stomach, the use of a large hypodermic needle through the side of the abdomen can help relieve the pressure. If a dog survives decompression but the stomach is still twisted, emergency surgery is required to straighten it. Some dogs may also require removal of a damaged spleen or a portion of the stomach wall.

Once normal anatomy is reestablished, the most important aspect of bloat surgery is a gastropexy. This surgical procedure attaches the stomach wall to the body wall and prevents it from twisting in the future. Studies have shown that over 75 percent of dogs that have bloated and do not have a gastropexy will bloat again with more then 50 percent doing so within 3 months. In breeds that are at high risk such as Newfoundlands, many experts recommend having a preventative gastropexy performed instead of waiting for an episode of bloat. Many owners are electing to have this surgery done at the same time their Newfs are spayed or neutered.

It is critical to be aware of signs (see bloat quick reference guide on page 3) of distress such as excessive drooling, pacing, restlessness and gagging without vomiting and act quickly to get your Newf veterinary assistance. Time is of the essence as most the onset of bloat comes on quickly and the time to successfully treat bloat is very short.

For more information on bloat, check out the Newfoundland Club of Americas website at www.newfdogclub.org

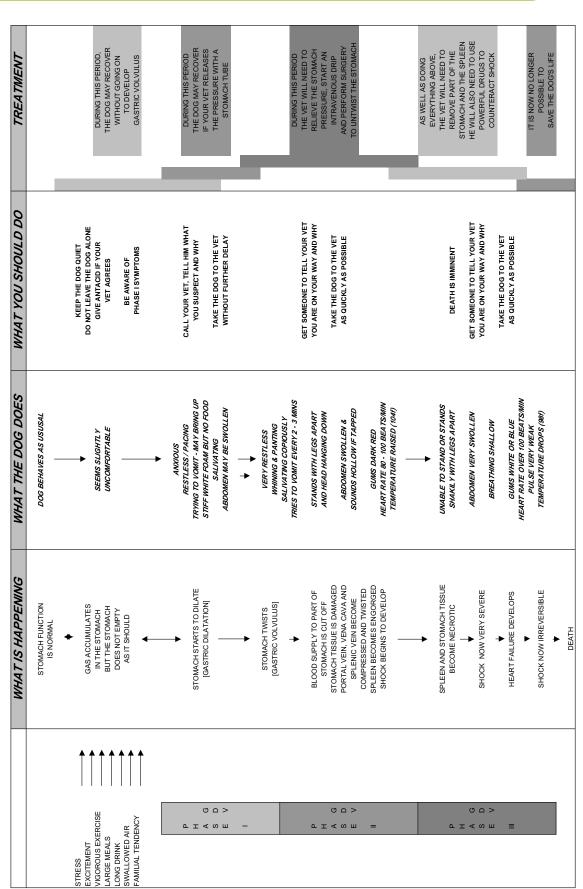






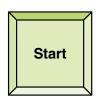
QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE FOR GDV [BLOAT]

VET'S EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBER :



Northstar Newfoundland Club Meeting & Event

BBQ Lunch & Rally Obedience Seminar



Saturday, June 20, 2009 Isanti County Fairgrounds Cambridge, MN Pond Side Shelter





12:00 - BBQ Lunch Hamburger, Hotdogs & Soft drinks provided Please bring a side dish or desert to share.



12:30 - Membership Meeting

1:00 - Rally Obedience Seminar

Brown Bag Raffle of Neat Newfie Items!!!!!



30TH ANNUAL DON KNOPF MEMORIAL CARRIAGE AND CUTTER PARADE

Saturday February 28th 2009

The Northstar Newfoundland Club participated, for the 15th time, in the Annual Carriage and Cutter Parade. This year we were again sponsored by the Veterinary Clinic so the club made some money. It was a fairly nice day for the end of February in Minnesota. The temperature was in the 30s but there was a wind to drive it through. The sun was warm and there was some snow melting on the blacktop. The crowd did enjoy meeting the dogs in the parking lot and Priscilla and Trooper did some wagon rides. This year we were asked to do something different from walking in the parade. After the street was closed to traffic we worked the street in downtown to fill time before the horses got there. This seemed to work out ok. Members that participated were: Daryl and Andrea Andersen with Bella, Tammy Corrow with Peanut, Bill DeJohn with Halle, Bill Geyer with Bell, Vickie Hartman with Kody, Dave and Stacie Kramlinger with Archie (Saint Bernard), Ted Mittelstadt with Waconia (she likes to bark at horses), Tom Smith with Ruby, Priscilla Zeller with Trooper. Proposed members at the time: Jim & Bunny Snyder with Zorro, Connie Schultz & Lynne Dablow with Teddy. Some of the group gathered at Boston Gourmet Pizza in Faribault afterwards some lively conversation and food.

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Jim & Bunny Snyder with Zorro.





Above: The start of the parade. Below: Priscilla Zellar with Trooper, giving out rides.



Tammy & Peanut Corrow are clownin' around.



Tom smith with Ruby.



Dave Kramlinger with Archie.



Andrea and Daryl Andersen with Bella.



Bill Geyer with Belle.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

Saturday, March 14, 2009 C

Cross Lake, MN

The Northstar Newfoundland Club participated in the Saint Patrick's Day Parade in Cross Lake, MN for the 5th time. The weather was gorgeous and we had a nice turnout of club members and their newfs.

Members participating were: Daryl and Andrea Anderson with Bella, Dave & Stacie Kramlinger with Sully, Larry & Shirley Lintner with Albert and Lillian, Ted Mittelstadt with Waconia, Judy Soder with Elenore, Brett & Krystal Koppes with Mr. Magoo. Curt & Kathy Onstad with Lucy, Tom Smith with Ruby, Tammy Corrow with Peanut, Connie Schultz and Lynne Dablow with Teddy and Jim and Bunny Snyder with Zorro.

After the conclusion of the parade everyone was invited to Larry and Shirley Lintner's home. The Lintner's have a lovely home that looks out over a bay that is part of the Mississippi River. This year besides the green beer they served some delicious home made soups and home made bread. It was followed up with St. Pat's day dessert. Not everyone that participated in the parade came over but the people that did really enjoyed the food and fellowship

Author: Ted Mittelstadt



We had a great turnout at the St. Patrick's Day Parade.



Tom Smith with Ruby.



Krystal Koppes with Mr. Magoo.



Waiting for the parade to begin.



Shirley & Larry Lintner with Albert and Lilly.



Walking in the parade.



Tammy, Ted, Bunny, Jim,& Larry chowing down at the Lintner's.

Northstar's Water Training Day & Pot Luck Lunch July 11, 2009 Kern Residence - Ham Lake, MN

Saturday, July 11th—Water Training & Pot Luck

André & Ann Lapeyre, and Ann Dunnigan will be available to assist you with training your Newf for the NCA water test exercises. This is an opportunity to get your dog in the water, to learn about NCA water tests and/or to practice what you've learned at past workshops. If your Newf has never been swimming...don't worry. They'll help you introduce your dog to the water. Be prepared to be in the water with your dog, and also to help others who are there (you "drown" for their dog, they'll drown for yours; you row the boat for their dog, they'll row for yours...the more willing people are to help, the more successful the training session will be).

Dogs of all ages & experience levels may participate. Bring you own chair, and a crate for your dog (for those times that you are drowning for someone else's dog). Canned cheese ("Easy Cheese", available in the cracker section at the grocery store) works well as a training treat for water work—no need to refrigerate, doesn't get soggy when wet, and most importantly ...the can floats! Participants MUST have their own life jacket and protective footgear to wear in the water. A nylon or cotton web leash and collar are useful in the water. (Leather is slippery when wet ... and stiff when it dries!) Each handler is responsible for their own dog's equipment.*

Junior Division Equipment:

- buoyant boat bumper, canvas or plastic (short line may be attached)
- 8 foot floating line with plastic or canvas boat bumper attached
- floating line (may be knotted at one end), minimum length of 75 feet
- approved Coast Guard (American or Canadian) boat cushion and approved Coast Guard (American or Canadian) life jacket**. Loose straps may be tied or stitched.

Senior Division Equipment:

- canoe or raft paddle, wood or plastic, at least 2 1/2 feet long
- 8 foot floating line with plastic or canvas boat bumper attached
- approved Coast Guard (American or Canadian) boat cushion and approved Coast Guard (American or Canadian) life jacket**. Loose straps may be tied or stitched.
- ring-type life preserver, minimum diameter 20 inches. (American or Canadian Coast Guard, or made to Coast Guard specifications) with 3-5 foot line attached. Line may be knotted at end.
- -underwater retrieve article that is no more than 12 inches long and 4 inches tall. When submerged, it should extend no more than 4 inches from the bottom, and should be weighted evenly so it will sink immediately.

*Bring whatever equipment that you plan on having your dog use. There will not be any equipment for general use provided. If your only goal is to get your Newf in the water & comfortable with swimming, you would not need all the test equipment, but canned cheese would be helpful. If you want help with the preliminary steps of teaching a retrieve, you would need a bumper with a short line attached and canned cheese. If you want to work on specific junior or senior level exercises, you will need your own equipment for the specific exercises.

**The life jacket the dog retrieves is in addition to the one the handler must wear. The one the dog retrieves may be child size.

 ABOUT THE SITE: The City of Ham Lake is a northern suburb of the Twin Cities area. The lake (also called Ham Lake) is located just off the northbound lane of 65 (Central Avenue). The site is on an island (accessible via footbridge) and has over 100 feet of sandy shoreline. The test site does not accommodate RVs.

LUNCH will be a pot luck. The Kerns will provide sandwich fixins' (buns, meat, condiments), beverages (water and soft drinks), and paper products (plates, etc). The rest of the lunch is pot luck, so those attending will need to bring something to share—salads or chips or desserts.....we're sure you'll think of something great to bring! © There will be a refrigerator available if needed.

MORNING SHUTTLE SERVICE from the parking area to the Kerns' home will be available 8:00a.m.—9:00 a.m. We will start promptly at 9:00 a.m. Please allow time to get you and your dog "situated", get your crate and chair set up, and be ready at the start time. Unless other arrangements are made in advance, late arrivals will be responsible for getting their own gear to the site.

A map with directions to the site will be included with your registration confirmation.

For more information contact Rhonda Kern: 763-434-4330 or e-mail: Rhonda.Kern@anokaramsey.edu

If you have questions the day of the workshop try either Rhonda's cell phone: 763-242-5101 or Gary's cell phone: 612-377-5843

REGISTRATION IS LIMITED. To register, complete the form on the following page. Registration deadline is July 1st, 2009. Don't wait until the deadline to send in your registration and find out the participant spots have been filled. No cancellations/refunds after July 1, 2009.

Come prepared to learn, to have a good time with your dog and other Newfy owners...and to get wet!!



To the rescue with a life ring



"I'll take you to shore"



JUMP!



"Don't worry, I'll save you!"

REGISTRATION FORM

NORTHSTAR NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB'S WATER TRAINING DAY & POT LUCK LUNCH July 11, 2009 - HAM LAKE, MN - TRAINING WILL START AT 9:00 A.M. *****Complete the following form and return by July 1st, 2009****

Checks payable to Northstar Newfoundland Club should be sent to: Rhonda Kern; 1739 Island Dr. NE; Ham Lake, MN 55304 Registration is limited. We MUST have your check BY THE DEADLINE (NO EXCEPTIONS).

Questions? E-mail Rhonda Kern at Rhonda.Kern@anokaramsey.edu or contact her by phone at 763-434-4330

NO CANCELLATIONS OR REFUNDS AFTER JULY 1, 2009

Name	Northstar's Safety Policy: • all dogs must be on leash or in crates at all
Address	times
CityStateZip	when on leash, dogs must be under control at
Phone ()E-mail Registration fee: \$15 per person attending number attending X \$15 each Total enclosed: \$	all times dogs displaying uncontrolled or aggressive behavior may be asked to leave the event by the chairperson or any club official a current rabies certificate must be furnished upon request of the event chairperson failure to comply with the above may result in disciplinary action
Number of working dogs attending: Dog's name:	There will be occasions when the event chair- person will permit dogs to be off leash or on a retractable leash.
Number of people attending as: handlers observers only For the pot luck I will be bringing: Note: Handlers are responsible for their own equipment, including life crate for your dog, and your own chair. There will be times that handle need to be crated when their handlers are working with other dogs.	jackets & protective foot gear. Please bring a
At what level is your dog working? Never been in the water? Just lean Level? Ready to test at the Senior Level? WRDX? Some idea of your EXPERIENCE LEVEL OF HANDLER AND DOG:	•
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Initial receipt of registration will be provided by e-mail, if e-mail address provided.

Snail mail confirmations, along with a map and directions to the site, will be sent on July 1st.



APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

The following individuals have applied for membership. In accordance with NNC's By-Laws, if no objections to the applicants are received by the Membership Chair within 30 days of this publication, election to membership is automatic. If an objection is received by the Membership Chair, the objection will be discussed, the application reviewed and voted on by the membership at the next general membership meeting.

Their were no new applicants.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The people listed below were voted upon at the annual meeting.

Charles & Martha Turner

3830 – 89th St. East • Inver Grove, MN 55076 651-967-1942 • cpturner@turnlink.net

Dogs Name: Olivia

Sponsors: Chris Plum, Susan Wagner

Connie Schultz & Lynne Dablow

12533 – 355th St. • Avon, MN 56310

320-363-1105 • connie@tamarixcounseling.com

Dogs Name: Teddy

Sponsors: Bill Geyer, Stanton Smith

Brett & Krystal Koppes

14120 Junkite St. NW • Ramsey, MN 55303 612-702-8842 • brett_and_krystal@yahoo.com

Dogs Name: Mr. Magoo (Magoo)

Sponsors: Dave & Stacie Kramlinger, Shirley & Larry Lintner

Mike & Beth Delfs

3 – 9th Ave NW • Aitkin, MN 56431

218-927-3439 • dresdendreams@yahoo.com

Dogs Name: Remy

Sponsors: Nancy Johnsted, Ted Mittelstadt

Duane & Susie Manke

13877 Irvine Ave NW • Annadale, MN 55302 • 320-558-6585 • dmanke@frontiernet.net

Sponsors: Missy Manke & Cindy Spongberg

The people listed below were posted in the last newsletter and were also voted at the annual meeting

Jim & Beverly "Bunny" Snyder

PO Box 566 • Osakis, MN 56360

 $320-859-5309 \bullet Btheshopper@aol.com$

Dogs Name: Zorro

Sponsors: Daryl Andersen, Ted Mittelstadt

Urban L Plain and Barbara S Farrell

1555 Bellows St., Apt 204 • West St Paul, MN 55118-3329

651-457-3639

Sponsors: Daryl Andersen, Ted Mittelstadt

Christopher Plum

923 Crabapple Dr. • State College, PA 16801 • 814-235-7449 • c.plum@verizon.net

Dogs Names: Nemo, Odeyssey, Rosebud, Rhamnovs • Sponsors: Susan Wagner, Richard & Sandy Donney

Please update your directory.

The Heart of America Newfoundland club is offering a two-day Draft and Water workshop with Cheryl Dondina, May 23 and 24. The registration form is available from the HANC web site (http://www.hanc.net/PDFs/DraftWater-Wrkshp.pdf) or go to the event's page http://www.hanc.net/Events/DraftWater2009.html of www.hanc.net.



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Check out the new website at www.northstarnewfclub.org

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

June 20, 2009 – Membership Meeting/Supported Entry/Newf Obedience – Isanti County Fairgrounds, Cambridge, MN

July 11, 2009 – Water Training Workshop – Ham Lake, MN - Event Hosts: Gary & Rhonda Kern (see more details and registration form inside)

September 12, 2009 – Drafting & Parades Workshop & Membership Meeting – St. Cloud, MN - Event Host: Not yet determined

October 3, 2009 - NCA draft test - Stay tuned for more information on this event

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