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Reminder:

**October 31, 2009 is the deadline
for submissions to the
Fall Bear Fare newsletter.**

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**ALWAYS CONSULT YOUR
VETERINARIAN BEFORE
ATTEMPTING TO
DIAGNOSE OR MEDICATE
YOUR DOG.**

"If you think dogs can't count, try putting three dog biscuits in your pocket and then giving Fido only two of them. "

~Phil Pastoret

!! SAVE THE DATE !!

September 26, 2009

CNC FALL FUN DAY!!!

**PLACE: Downs Park, Pasadena, MD
at the Fernwood Pavilion**

TIME: 11:00am -- 3:00pm

Be sure to come and bring your newfies for a great day of fun and activities. We will be playing newfie games, there will be carting people for you to ask questions and see how your newf likes to pull, of course there will be a swim and there will be door prizes, a silent auction for rescue (wow, you should see some of the items!) and just all round good times for both humans and Newf's alike.

We will be serving hamburgers and hot dogs along with sodas. Please bring a side dish for everyone to share. Please take a look around your house to see if you can find anything you'd like to donate to the silent auction. There are more and more newfies who need homes in this time of financial distress. If you can't find anything, that's ok! Come bid on what we have up for auction!

Contact Diane Kayda at--diankayda@comcast.net or
Linda Terracciano lindaterra@comcast.net if you have items to help.

We could use some volunteers to help with games and door prizes, and such, so please contact us if you can lend a hand. Also, anyone with carting experience if you can, please bring equipment if possible ie; carts, harnesses etc., :)

So, save the date! Sept. 26th! Hope for a nice, cool day without rain (bet the newf's wouldn't mind though!) Come on down or up or over, whatever the case may be..... but plan on having a grand time.

Don't forget to bring your newfie a water dish and some water from home if you don't want to use the water at the Park.

Downs Park is a beautiful Park overlooking the Chesapeake Bay. The links below will get you to the park and give you more information. Once you come through the gate (there is a small fee to enter- per car, not person) drive the main road to its end. Turn right into the last parking loop. When you reach the end of the loop and must turn to head back out to the road, that's our pavilion. Just look for the newfies!

Directions: aaccounty.org/RecParks/parks/downs/directions.cfm

Park Map: aaccounty.org/RecParks/parks/downs/map_ne.cfm

-- Diane Kayda and Linda Terracciano

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Concerning the Newsletter-

Deadline date for all submissions published in Bear Fare is the LAST DAY of April, July, October and January.

The newsletter will be published to the CNC website on or about the 15th of May, August, November and February.

All members are encouraged to submit articles, Brags, news or any "finds" they think will be of significance to the membership. Virtually all formats and graphics packages may be submitted. If possible, Microsoft Word is preferred, as I do not have the capability to edit in Word Perfect.

The easiest way to send information is via e-mail, but I will gladly accept files on CD and through the USPS. If you submit a picture, please make sure I do not need to return it.

Newf Scoops is free. It covers wins, places, obedience legs, etc., at shows and trials.

New Champions and Title holding Newfs will also be announced here. You may include a photo(s) with your Brag for Newf Scoops with no charge.

Baby Bear Boom costs \$5 (payable to CNC) and is an advertisement section for breeders to announce expected or new litters.

Please contribute!

Advertising: Acceptable paid advertising will be included as space permits. The rate for CNC Members is \$20 for a full page and \$10 for one-half page. Please make checks payable to CNC. Please send all Bear Fare contributions to:

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**A man may smile and
bid you hail
Yet wish you to the
devil;
But when a good dog
wags his tail,
You know he's on the
level.
~Author Unknown**

NEWF SCOOPS

Submitted by Bruce Karger—

Lakeside Jetty of Hampton Hills,
CD, WD, DD, CGC, TDInc earned her AKC
Companion Dog title at the New Castle Cluster
in PA on May 22, 2009 finishing with a 191 ½.

Lakeside Jetty of Hampton Hills,
CD, WD, DD, CGC, TDInc earned her NCA
Draft Dog title in May 31, 2009 at the Penn
Ohio Draft Test held at Pymatuning State Park
in PA.

Hampton Hills Lil John Silver,
CD, WD3, WRD, TDD, Can. WRDX, CCG,
TDInc celebrated his 12th birthday on June 10,
2009

TopShelf's Eye of the Storm WRD2,
CDX (**Beacon**) earned his CDX on July
12, 2009

Beacon's treat-dispenser is Christie Smith



Ch Old Bay's "Potter as in Harry"

Owned by Dan and Carol Stultz, Cindy Flowers and
Kathy Hamilton

Potter was born April 10, 2008 and started showing
at six months.

He finished his Championship in York, PA
on March 15, 2009.

Potter went to the National in Michigan and received a
2nd in the 12-15-month-old Puppy Sweepstakes and he
made the first cut in the breed Ring.

Potter has asked that we only state Highlights of his
Breed Awards:

Ch Old Bay's "Potter as in Harry" has earned:

Number of Points	16
Number of Major Wins	3
Number of Major Judges	3
Total Number of Judges	6

Dan and I would like to thank Cindy Flowers and Kathy
Hamilton for all their help with our boy Potter. They have
helped from the first day we saw him and have helped on
his journey to become a Champion. They are the greatest!

-Carol Stultz



Ch Old Bay's "Potter as in Harry"

Recently, CNC received this thank-you note from Dona Baker of Walworth, Wisconsin and her Newf, "Macy." Dona wanted to express her thanks after "Macy" won the NCA Specialty and was awarded a crystal decanter donated by CNC.



"Macy Mae"

Dear Colonial Newfoundland Club,
I would like to say
"Thank You" for the beautiful
crystal decanter you club
donated for NCA National
Specialty.
My girl, Bright Str Macy Mae of Bkwr
"Macy", won 1st Place Working
Bitch.
It was an amazing honor
for both of us. Macy takes
great pride in her working
abilities. Once again she has
proven that she is a "True
Working Girl"!!
Newfoundly-
Dona Baker
Macy

This issue of "Bear Fare"
will feature
the first "FFN"
**Fabulous, Featured
Newf of the CNC!!**

(If anyone has a catchier
title...please let me know!)

Our goal is to feature at least
one CNC Newf per issue.

Thanks to Judy van
Dyke and her Alfie for
volunteering to be the first!

If you would like to have
your Newf(s) appear in our
spotlight, please send me
some pictures and a short
write up about why your
Newf is so **FABULOUS!!**
Judy, Alfie and Alfie's BFF
may be found on page nine!

Editor's note—many thanks to Sue Putt, newsletter editor for the Great Lakes
Newfoundland Club, for her kind permission to reprint this article!

HINT FOR EASY TICK REMOVAL!

A School Nurse has written the info below -- good enough to share and it really works!!
I had a pediatrician tell me what she believes is the best way to remove a tick. This is
great, because it works in those places where it is sometimes difficult to get to with
tweezers: between toes, in the middle of a head full of dark hair, etc.

Apply a glob of liquid soap to a cotton ball. Cover the tick with the soap-soaked cotton
ball and swab it for a few seconds (15-20). The tick will come out on its own and be
stuck to the cotton ball when you lift it away.

This technique has worked every time I have used it (and that was frequently), and it's
much less traumatic for the patient and easier for me. Unless someone is allergic to soap,
I can't see that this would be damaging in any way. I even had my doctor's wife call me
for advice because she had one stuck to her back and she couldn't reach it with tweezers.
She used this method and immediately called me back to say, "It worked!" Please pass
on. Everyone needs this helpful hint.

IN MEMORIAM

In Loving Memory

Chance Roman

June 6, 1997 - March 25, 2009



Thank you CHANCE for enriching my
life

Love Always,
Mom
(Helynn Roman)

In Memory

"Savannah"

U-CD AG11 VN Ch Kilyka's Midnight In
Savannah CDX WRD DD NJP OAP RE
TDI W-FDM

The girl who did it all--and did it well!
And oh, could she dance...

Owned and Loved by Kandy Adams
Bred by Betty Mc Donnell

"You think dogs will not
be in heaven? I tell you,
they will be there long
before any of us."

~Robert Louis Stevenson

While creating and editing CNC's newsletter, I have made and will probably continue to make unintentional mistakes. If you spot one, please let me know and I will try to rectify it. I apologize for two errors in the Spring Bear Fare issue:

- Dru Kappe's last name was misspelled
- On the "In Memoriam" page, I neglected to note the dates of birth and death for Helynn Roman's beloved "Chance". Therefore, his memorial notice appears again in this issue, with those mistakes rectified. -Ed.

From the CNC President-

Glowing compliments are circulating that the July Water Workshop was a great success. Kudos to John and Cindy Flowers for their helpful instruction and to all the others who made the event such a success.

For the three past three months, there has been further controversy regarding whether CNC should allow non-members to participate in CNC events. The subject was discussed at great length at the January 2009 meeting of the club's Board of Directors and its decision was reaffirmed at our Board meeting on August 1st. Several factors entered into the decision to limit participation to CNC members, and to members of other Regional Newf Clubs on a space available/second priority basis. The exceptions are for our Spring and Fall Fun Picnics, which allow CNC to encourage Newf owners and prospective owners to meet with club members and to see what we are about. The overriding issue driving this decision is our club's liability insurance, without which the club's existence becomes vulnerable.

Any interaction with Newfs at a CNC event by non-members is considered a public event, and is not covered by our policy unless a policy rider is purchased at an additional policy expense of \$100 - \$300 for each event. This is done for the Annual Williamsburg Christmas parade and the Christmas Tree Pull Event because of the exposure between the Newfs and the public. To do this for other activities, and in particular for the every other weekend summer water training days at Lake Codorus, would be cost prohibitive. Other considerations are that CNC events are a benefit for dues paying members, and our relationship with Codorus State Park officials that grants special permission to CNC and its members to conduct water training and testing activities on specially arranged days. Our Lake Codorus privilege was earned through many years of prior activity, and we cannot afford to lose the privilege because of careless acts or behavior of a non-member who is unknowing of the rules or who chooses to ignore them.

If you live in Virginia, CNC needs a representative to the Virginia Federation of Dog Clubs and Breeders, a position that conveys information and cooperation between CNC and the VA Fed on Virginia legislative matters affecting pet owners and dog breeders. Other vacant positions best filled by CNC members living in the Virginia area are a Chairperson for the Spring Fun Picnic, and a person to chair Newf Walks or other informal events of interest to Newf "pet" owners in the Virginia area. If you might be interested in any of these opportunities to interact with other Newf owners, contact me at cncjim@comcast.net or at 443-922-9491.

Also needed, and of great importance, are foster homes for Newfs adopted into our rescue program. These are temporary homes, where rescued Newfs may be cared for between when they are received and when they are ready for adoption by a permanent home. If you think you may be able to give some of your heart, help and home environment to one of these

Newfs from time to time, please contact Dotty Hudson at newfrescue@cox.net or at (757) 233-0300.

Our Fall Fun Day is scheduled for September 26th at Downs Park in Maryland. This has always been a very fun filled and successful event, with up to 60 Newfs participating, so please bring your Newf or Newfs and come join in the fun.

I invite suggestions for club activities, which would make CNC more appealing to current and prospective members. Specifically:

What events would you like to see more of?

- ❖ What events would you attend if they were closer to your home?
- ❖ Would you informally meet other members for Newf walks or Newf get-togethers in your area?
- ❖ Is there anything we can do to enhance your experience within CNC?

Please provide me your thoughts or suggestions at the email address or phone number stated above.

- **Jim Wasson**

Newfoundland Club of America

2009 WD, WRD, and WRDX Water Tests

Codorus State Park, Hanover, PA

Sponsored by the Colonial Newfoundland Club

WRDX - Friday, August 28

WD and WRD - Saturday, August 29

WD and WRD - Sunday, August 30

Entries Open: July 14, 2009 -

Entries Close: August 14, 2009

Judges:

Cathe Archer - Portland, CT

Nancy McKee -Jeffersonville, VT

Premium list available at:

<http://www.cncnewfs.com/events/CNCWaterTestPremium2009.pdf>

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Directory Updates!

Please **ADD** These Updates
to Your Directory

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ALFIE--THE NCA RESCUE DOG--AND OUR FIRST "FFN"! --"FABULOUS, FEATURED NEWF OF THE CNC!"

Alfie is approximately 4 ½ years old. He lived in Ohio with his family but when they were evicted from their home, they left him behind, shut up in the house. When the landlord came to inspect the property, Alfie ran out the door and down the road, where he was picked up by Animal Control. The shelter contacted Newfoundland Club of America Ohio rescue representative who took care of him until he was adopted and went to his new home with Judy Van Dyke in Knoxville, Maryland on December 31, 2006.



ALFIE

Alfie passed his Canine Good Citizen and Therapy Dog International tests at the CNC 2007 Fall Fun Day. Although he came with no registration papers, Judy was able to enroll him in the American Kennel Club PAL/ILP Program* which allows him to compete in the AKC Obedience Ring. Judy and Alfie have been taking Novice Obedience Classes and will soon be ready for the ring. Alfie is not very enthusiastic about water work, but enjoys pulling his cart and in the fall will start training for the draft test, which CNC holds every year in Colonial Williamsburg the day after the annual Christmas Parade.

Judy & Alfie Take His TDI



Alfie is very well behaved and makes friends wherever he goes. He is frequently seen at Harpers Ferry National Park where he has been a re-enactor playing the role of Seaman the Newf who accompanied Lewis & Clark on their Voyage of Discovery (Lewis visited Harpers Ferry twice to procure provisions for the journey.) Alfie's housemates are Ace, a 10-year-old Lab-mix, and Rikki, 16-1/2 year old Wooly Husky, and often a foster dog (Currently Lucy, the 2 year old English Foxhound). His favorite activities are snacking, going for a stroll, sleeping, and squeaking his stuffed frog and rubber chicken. ***Alternative Listing/Indefinite Listing Privilege (PAL/ILP) For more information about this program, follow this link to the American Kennel Club's website: <http://www.akc.org/reg/ilpex.cfm>**



Alfie and his BFF!!

The New Adventures of “Vinnie”

by Brad Cole

One of my favorite events is the Summer Blast Festival, held at Codorus State Park. Codorus State Park is in Hanover, Pennsylvania. For those who are not familiar with Hanover, it is near Gettysburg and is the town where many of your favorite snack foods are made, like Utz pretzels and potato chips. This year marked the eighth anniversary of the Summer Blast Festival. To celebrate this milestone, the “Summer Blast” lasted Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the last weekend in June.

The CNC is invited to the Summer Blast Festival every year in order to put on a Water Rescue Demonstration with our Newfoundlands. For those not in the know, Codorus State Park is where the CNC’s annual water test is held and where the CNC’s water practices take place. The CNC therefore reciprocates by putting on a presentation during the “Summer Blast.”

This year saw a few changes to my annual pilgrimage to this event. The first change is that I have a new dog. Previously, Blue Heaven’s Zeus of Mt. Bear (Zeus) went with me to this event. Zeus went to the Bridge last Thanksgiving, so I now have Zeus’ son, Mount Bear’s Vincent Van Gogh (Vinnie). He is the Landseer who traveled with me to this year’s event. I also brought my niece. This is the first year that a family member has come to one of these events. Vinnie, my niece and I left for Pennsylvania early on Friday morning.

We wanted to enjoy Friday’s activities at the Summer Blast Festival. We arrived at Codorus just as most of the vendors and rides were setting up around 1:30. We were able to make good time. We checked into our motel in York, seeing that we were so early to the event. We

went back later in the day to walk the dog and take in some of the events.

Saturday was the big day for the Demo and Vinnie, my niece and me got to the event nice and early. My niece had volunteered to help in any way needed to put on the demo. The first was scheduled for 11:00, but was moved around a bit during the morning. The first annual Summer Blast Triathlon began in “our water” this year, meaning that some juggling was needed. It turned out that the demo went off without a hitch at the regularly scheduled time of 11:00



The second demo was scheduled for 1:00 PM. Unlike the earlier demo, a LOT of CNC members showed up for the 1:00PM demo to watch. The extra members made the event even MORE exciting. Unfortunately, it was a hot afternoon at Codorus and the three of us left after the second water demo. It was a bit hot for Vinnie especially.

Sunday saw the three of us tour Gettysburg on our way home to Williamsburg. My niece had never been to Gettysburg and had been studying the Civil War in school. We are glad that the three of us had the privilege of attending this event.

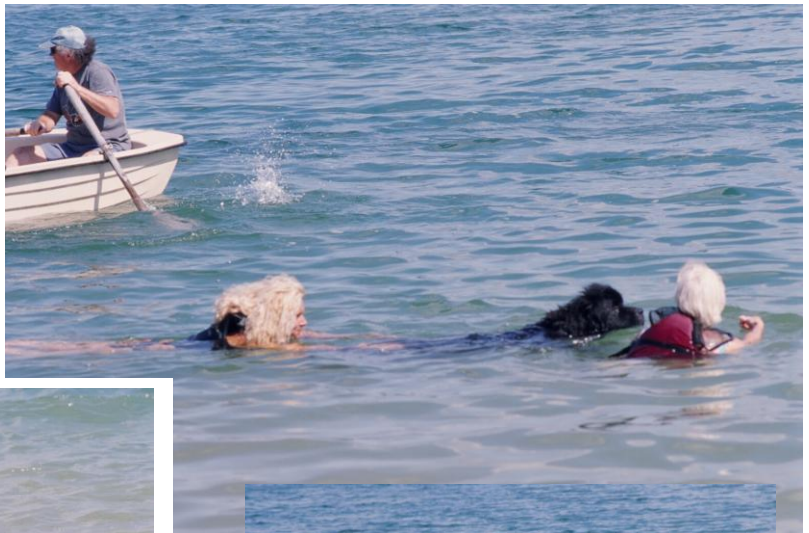
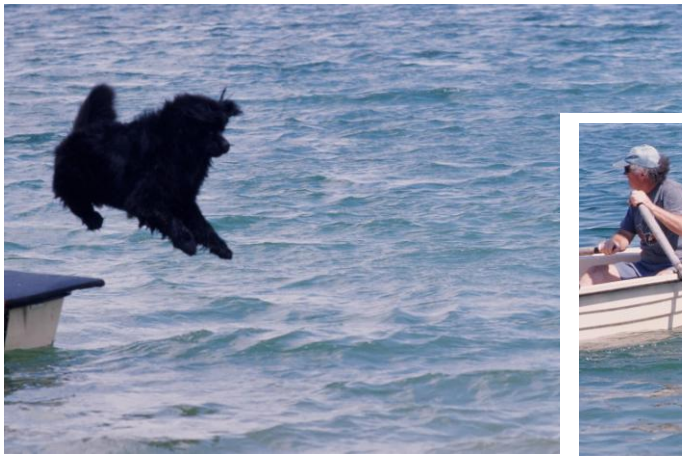


**SUMMER BLAST
FESTIVAL**

July 27th

**Codorus State Park
HANOVER, PA**





"A man is not a good man to me because he will warm me if I should be freezing or pull me out of a ditch if I should ever fall into one. I can find you a Newfoundland dog that will do as much."
Henry David Thoreau - Walden

Brown Bag Donations are needed

for the upcoming

CNC Water Tests

Codorus State Park

Aug. 28th, 29th & 30th

If you're planning to attend the CNC Water Tests,

please consider bring an item(s) to donate for the Brown Bag Raffles on

Saturday and Sunday

This is a wonderful fundraising event in our continuing efforts to raise funds for Newf Rescue.

2010 Election Nominations and Solicitation for Additional Nominees

The CNC nominating committee hereby submits the following slate of officers and at-large Board Members for 2010:

President	John Flowers
Vice President	Kathy Hamilton
Treasurer	Judy Van Dyke
Recording Secretary	Dru Kappe
Corresponding Secretary	Charles Carnagey
Members at Large:	Dotty Hudson, Carol Keightley, Kathy Paxton

In accordance with the CNC By-laws, additional nominations of eligible members may be made by written petition, addressed to the Recording Secretary, and received at the regular address of the Recording Secretary on or before September 20th, and accompanied by the written acceptance of each such additional nominee signifying willingness to be a candidate.

Recording Secretary: Dru Kappe,
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**LOOKING FOR HELP TO BEAUTIFY YOUR
NEWF?**

TRIMMING for upcoming shows
or to neaten that special pet.

25+ years experience.

References available from successful
show dogs, happy pets AND their owners!
Your dog must be clean and combed out before coming for trimming.



Show Handling or Handling Instruction

20+ years experience.

References available from happy show dogs and their owners.

Karen Parry

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Avoiding Heat Related Injuries in Dogs

by Nate Baxter, DVM Lebanon, OH
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Avoiding Heat Related Injuries in Dogs

by Nate Baxter, DVM
Lebanon, OH
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The first thing that needs to be understood is that dogs and people are different enough that most of the info cannot cross lines. I do not profess to know what the appropriate procedures are for people other than what I learned in first aid. Dogs do not lose enough electrolytes thru exercise to make a difference, but if the dog gets truly into heat stroke, the physiology changes will make them necessary. BUT oral replacement at that point is futile, they need intravenous fluids and electrolytes and lots of it.

Cooling: Evaporative cooling is the most efficient means of cooling. However, in a muggy environment, the moisture will not evaporate so cooling does not happen well. I cool with the coldest water I can find and will use ice depending on the situation. The best way is to run water over the dog, so there is always fresh water in contact with the skin. When you immerse a dog in a tub, the water trapped in the hair coat will get warm next to the dog, and act as an insulator against the cool water and cooling stops. The best method is running water over the dog and placing the dog in front of a fan. Misting the dog with water will only help if you are in a dry environment or in front of a fan. Just get-ting the dog wet is not the point, you want the water to be cool itself, or to evaporate. For MOST situations, all you will need to do is get the dog in a cooler environment, in shade, or in the cab of the truck with the air conditioning on (driving around so the truck does not overheat and the AC is more efficient). Up until a couple of years ago, I was very concerned about my dogs getting too hot in the back of my black pickup with a black cap. New

white truck fixed a lot of that problem. When I had one dog I just pulled the wire crate out of the car and put it in some shade and hopefully a breeze. But having 2 dogs and running from one stake to another was not feasible. So I built a platform to put the wire crates on. This raises the dog up in the truck box where the airflow is better.

Then I placed a 3 speed box fan in front blowing on the dogs with a foot of space to allow better airflow. I purchased a power inverter that connects to the battery and allows the 3 speed fan to run from the truck power. It has an automatic feature that prevents it from draining the battery. When I turned that fan on medium I would find that the dogs where asleep, breathing slowly and appeared very relaxed and comfortable in a matter of 20 minutes or less, even on very hot muggy days.

Alcohol: I do carry it for emergencies. It is very effective at cooling due to the rapid evaporation. It should be used when other methods are not working. You should be on your way to the veterinarian before you get to this point. We recommend using rubbing alcohol, which is propylene alcohol, not ethyl, for those of you not aware. So do not try to drink it. Alcohol should be used on the pads and lower feet area where there is little more than skin and blood vessels over the bones. Use a little bit and let it evaporate. You can use too much as some is absorbed through the skin. There are concerns about toxicity, but you have to get the temperature down.

I purchased those cooling pads that you soak in cold water, but found that the dogs would not lay on them. I would hold them on the back of a dog that just worked to get a quick cool, but have not use them for years. I also bought a pair of battery operated fans but found them pretty useless. Spend your money on the power inverter and get a real fan.

Watching temperature: If you feel your dog is in danger of heat injury, check its temp and write it down. Keep checking the temp every 3 minutes. I recommend to get a "rectal glass thermometer. I have found the digital ones from the drug store to be very unreliable. Don't forget to shake it down completely each time. Sounds silly, but when you are worried about your companion, things tend to get mixed up.

This is VERY IMPORTANT**once the temp STARTS to drop, STOP ALL COOLING EFFORTS.

The cooling process will continue even though you have stopped. If the temp starts at 106.5, and then next time it drops to 105.5, stop cooling the dog, dry it off, and continue monitoring. You will be amazed how it continues to go down. If you do not stop until the temp is 102, the temp will drop way too low. I cannot emphasize this point enough. When the dog is so heated that it is panting severely, only let it have a few laps of water. Water in the stomach does not cool the dog, you just need to keep the mouth wet so the panting is more effective.

Do not worry about hydration until the temp has started down. A dog panting heavily, taking in large amounts of water is at risk of bloat. Due to the heavy panting they will swallow air. Mixed with a large amount of water they can bloat. Once the temp is going down and panting has slowed to more normal panting then allow water. The dog will rehydrate it self after temp is normal. If the dog has a serious problem and even though you have gotten the temp to normal, get the dog to a vet, as it can still need IV fluids and some medication. Also, a case of heat stroke can induce a case of hemorrhagic gastroenteritis (not parvo), with a ton of very bloody diarrhea and a lot of fluid and electrolyte loss. These cases need aggressive treatment.

The best method of treatment is prevention. Learn to watch your dog, and see the changes in the size of the tongue, and how quickly it goes down. Learn your dog's response to the different environments, and be careful when you head south for an early season hunt test or trial. I have

been to Nashville at the end of May, only 5 hours away, but the difference in temp and humidity did affect the dogs as they were used to cooler spring weather in Ohio.

Try different things in training to help the dog cool and learn what works better. **Another very important point--Do not swim your hot dog to cool it then put in put in a box/ tight crate.** Remember, evaporation cannot take place in a tight space, and the box will turn into a sauna and you will cook your dog.

Carry a stake out chain, and let the dog cool and dry before putting it up. I demonstrated this lesson this spring with my 10 month old pup. After doing a 15 minute session in yard drill on a warm 70+ degree day, she was panting pretty hard and was pretty hot.. She was OK but it was time to stop. Just for the heck of it I took her temp. She was 103.6, above normal but not too bad for a dog that had just finished working. In my back yard I have a 300 gallon Rubbermaid tub filled with water. I took her to it and she jumped in and out 3-4 times. She appeared totally improved, tongue was much smaller, and eyes brighter and her full spring was back into her step. So I re-took her temp and it was 104.2, so even though she looked better she was hotter.

This is a perfect lesson to show how not to get a hot dog wet and then put them in a box. The water on her skin caused the blood vessels to constrict, decreasing blood flow to the skin. Therefore the hot blood was shunted back to the dog's core retaining the heat.

You may have felt the same thing, after exercising but still being very warm, taking a shower, getting cooled off but as soon as you turn the shower off you start sweating again. I know this is a bit long, but hopefully this is easy to understand and helps provide some useful information.

Remember: Prevention, learn your dog. It is worth the time and effort.



Quick Reference Guide For GDV BLOAT

Vet's Emergency Telephone Number...

	What Is Happening	What The Dog Does	What You Should Do	Treatment
Stress ▶▶▶▶ Excitement ▶▶▶▶ Vigorous Exercise ▶▶▶▶ Large Meals ▶▶▶▶ Long Drink ▶▶▶▶ Swallowed Air ▶▶▶▶ Familial Tendency ▶▶▶▶	Stomach function is normal. Gas accumulates in the stomach but the stomach does not empty as it should.	Dog behaves as usual. Seems slightly uncomfortable.	Keep the dog quiet; Do not leave the dog alone; Give Antacid if your vet agrees. Be aware of Phase I symptoms.	During this period the dog may recover without going on to develop Gastric Volvulus.
PHASE I GDV	Stomach starts to dilate. (Gastric Dilatation) Stomach twists. (Gastric Volvulus)	Anxious, restless, pacing; Trying to vomit-may bring up stiff white foam but no food; Salivating; Abdomen may be swollen.	Call your vet, tell him what you suspect and why. Take the dog to the vet without further delay.	During this period the dog may recover if your vet releases the pressure with a stomach tube.
PHASE II GDV	Blood supply to part of stomach is cut off. Stomach tissue is damaged. Portal vein, vena cava and splenic vein become compressed and twisted. Spleen becomes engorged. Shock begins to develop	Very restless; whining & panting; Salivating copiously; Tries to vomit every 2-3 min; Stands with legs apart & head hanging down; Abdomen swollen & sounds hollow if tapped; Gums dark red; Heart rate 80-100 beats/min; Temperature raised (104°F)	Get someone to tell your vet you are on your way and why. Take the dog to the vet as quickly as possible.	During this period the vet will need to relieve the stomach pressure, start an intravenous drip and perform surgery to untwist the stomach.
PHASE III GDV	Spleen and stomach tissue become Necrotic. Shock now very severe. Heart failure develops. Shock now irreversible. Death	Unable to stand or stands shakily with legs apart; Abdomen very swollen; Breathing shallow; Gums white or blue; Heart rate over 100 beats/minute; Pulse very weak; Temperature drops (98°F)	Death is imminent. Get someone to tell your vet you are your way and why. Take the dog to the vet as quickly as possible.	As well as doing everything above, the vet will need to remove part of the stomach and the spleen. He will also need to use powerful drugs to counteract shock. It is no longer possible to save the dog's life.

You can find various types of Bloat Charts on the Internet. This one seems to be a little easier to read than others. It did not reproduce as well as I would have liked, because I had to scan it to insert into the newsletter. If you'd like to print a clearer copy, the website address is: bouvier.net/dogblog/files/bloatchart.pdf

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