



BEAR FARE

A Newsletter for CNC Members

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COLONIAL
NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB
VA-MD-DC-WV

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WELCOME NEW CNC MEMBERS!

Daniel and Jullian Gelb, Baltimore, MD
Sponsor: Paula McPherson

Emma and Jeddah Deloria, Clifton, VA
Sponsor: Jessica Regan

NEW MEMBERS FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL!

CNC's Board of Directors has given preliminary approval to this new membership applicant. Within 30 days of this newsletter's publication, members should address any comments to the Membership Chair.

Vadim & Rozalin Shun, Potomac Falls, VA | Sponsor: Membership (Paula McPherson)

Rebecca Pulles, Washington, DC

Sponsor: Membership (Paula McPherson)

Kathy & Mike Holshey, Fairfax, VA | Sponsor: Paula McPherson

Laura Feldman | Gambrills, MD | Sponsor: Michele Miller

Kat & John Lynn | Woolwich Twp, NJ | Sponsor: Dwight Gorsuch

Michele Cross | Annapolis, MD | Sponsor: Paula McPherson

Lynn Ross | Crozet, VA | Sponsor: Membership

Donna & Daniel Glembot | Beaverdam, VA | Sponsor: Christie Smith

Dawn Mich | Chesapeake, VA | Sponsor: Membership



Check CNC's Facebook page regularly for more information about Rescue, health issues, upcoming shows, club events, and grooming tips.

[Facebook.com/ColonialNewf](https://www.facebook.com/ColonialNewf) | www.cncnewfs.com

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Board of Directors

2022

OFFICERS

President	Dwight Gorsuch
Vice President	Rose Miller
Treasurer	Paul Katinas
Recording Secretary	Terry Mahon
Corresponding Secretary	Brenda McKeel
Members At Large	Bennett Alford
	Fran Millers
	Elizabeth McCully
	Don Sharkey

If you are interested in becoming a committee chair -- please let any board member know.

If you are interested in volunteering for a committee -- please contact committee chair.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND CLUB REPRESENTATIVES

- Awards - Vacant
- Brown Bag - Vacant
- Education - Cheryl Cavalier
- Historian - Kathy Paxton
- FaceBook - Dotty Hudson, Donna McConn
- Legislative Affairs - Lisa Lathrop
- Membership - Paula McPherson
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- Membership Broadcasting - Paula McPherson i.e.
broadcastcnc@gmail.com
- Membership Development - Elizabeth McCully
- NCA Regional Club Committee Representative -
Paul Katinas
- Newsletter Editor - Brenda McKeel
- Policy - Kathy Paxton
- Property - Don Sharkey
- Publicity - Kathy Paxton, Dotty Hudson
- Sunshine - Chris Gorsuch
- Supported Entries/Regionals - Don Sharkey and Cindy Flowers
- Web Site - Chuck Basham
- Working Dog - Julie Sharkey



"CHINOOK"

BY SARAH COLLINGS

In Spring of 2021, I noticed my four-year-old Newfoundland, Chinook, limping after a day of running around and playing fetch, his favorite activity after swimming. The next day his limp was gone. This continued periodically into June, every once in a while after an active day, he would have a hitch in his step. While grooming him I found a small hard bump on the top of his left rear foot. The bump continued to grow so we had it biopsied. Fortunately, the results came back as just inflammation, but this still did not provide us with a good explanation for this growth. We were referred to an Orthopedic surgeon for further investigation. Our vet suspected that the bump was a lick granuloma as a result of pain in the leg or joint. In August 2021 Chinook was diagnosed with a Cruciate Ligament tear, his TPLO surgery was conducted one week later. Nearly a year after his TPLO Chinook is doing well, he is back to running and playing again, a little less enthusiastically than before his injury, but still enjoying life to the fullest. We recently found out about a genetic study being conducted by the University of Wisconsin on ACL ruptures in Newfoundland dogs. They are trying to develop a test to help predict Cruciate tears in Newfoundlands. I am proud to say that Chinook is the very first Newf to join this study. I hope we can convince more Newfie owners to participate in this study with us to help advance the overall health of the breed we all love.

Newfoundland Owners and Lovers:

Do you have a purebred Newfoundland that has been diagnosed with an ACL injury (also known as CCL injury or cruciate rupture)? We are looking for 50 dogs to start DNA collection on for our ongoing research project regarding the genetics of ACL rupture in dogs.

Please email us today (genetics@vetmed.wisc.edu) inquiring about this study and how you can participate! We are able to have samples shipped to our laboratory, so coming to UW Madison is not necessary."



Of Newfoundlands and Picnics”

AKA

“The Secret Life of Zazu”

The CNC and CNC Rescue recently teamed up to host the Colonial Newf Appreciation Picnic at Creeks Edge Winery in Lovettsville, Virginia. The event was held April 30, 2022 and was VERY well attended. Approximately 90 people and several dozen dogs were in attendance, making it the largest Club event of it's type in this writers memory. This writer joined the CNC in 2006, so that goes back a long way.

My Newf Zazu and I left the day before the event and spent two nights in Frederick, Maryland. We decided to stay here because I was familiar with the Best Western there (its dog friendly) and the picnic venue was an easy drive from there (basically a straight shot down Route 15 and the first right IMMEDIATELY after crossing into Virginia from Maryland).

Zazu and I got up and left early for the winery the next day. As stated, it was a simple drive down Route 15 to the Virginia State Line. I must say that I was glad to have a navigation system in the car as that helped find the exact location of the winery once we turned of the main road. We got to the winery a little after 10:00AM and found lots of people and dogs already there! As stated, this was the largest CNC or CNC Rescue event that I have attended since I joined in 2006.

The picnic ended up being a blast! Zazu had a wonderful time schmoozing with the other dogs and I ended up getting some good pictures. A nice catered picnic was in store for us as well as a talk by a veterinary behaviorist and a grooming demo by our very own Don Sharkey. There was also a brown bag raffle and an auction and one of the auction items was a cart for draft work.

This year's Newf Appreciation Picnic was a wonderful event. Hopefully, this won't be the last time we have an event at this winery.

- by Brad Cole



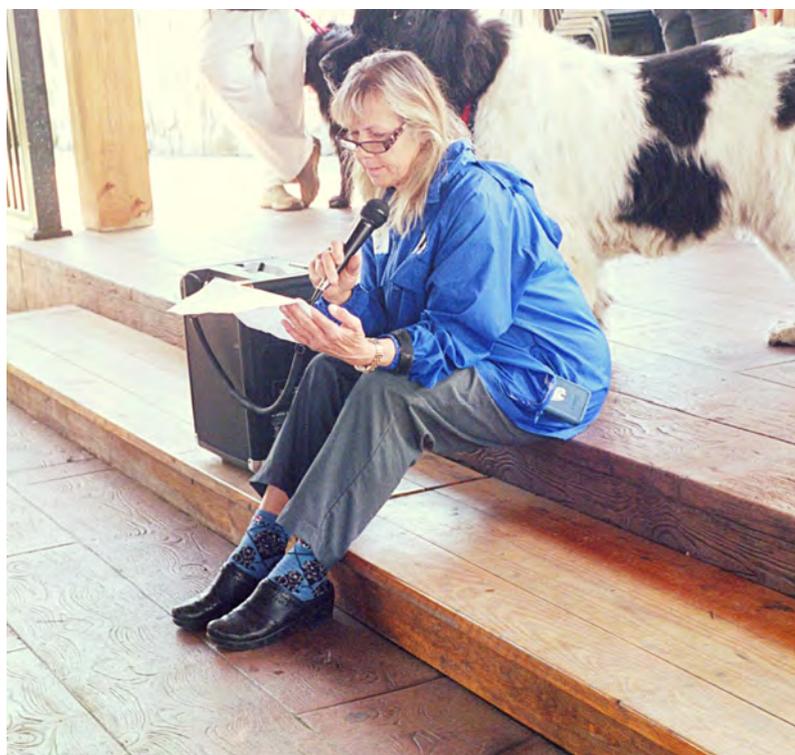
MAY 2022

NEWF APPRECIATION DAY

@ Creek's Edge Winery







A Message from the CNC President!

Colonial Newfoundland Club members,



If you're like us, the beautiful summer weather caused us to dust off all our outside dog gear and toys. Warmer days and cool evenings are perfect for most any outside Newfy activity. I hope you're able to take advantage—your Newf will enjoy the time outside with you.

Please visit CNC's wonderful new website – www.cncnewfs.com – to stay current on all our club's warm-weather activities. Thanks to CNC member Michelle Blumhagen and her committee, you may now access our new website by phone, tablet, PC, or Mac. As all the new website features come together, including online membership renewal, we'd love your input on how it's working for you and what else you'd like to see.

Last year's combined Colonial Newfoundland Rescue and Colonial Newfoundland Club Fall Fun Day and Picnic was such a success we've planned both Spring and Fall combined events for this year. All members and prospective members and families are welcome. The exact dates and location are TBA—look for details on the CNR, CNC Facebook, and websites.

The CNC Educational Committee is now sending regular emails to connect you with training tips, health and wellness webinars, and links to expanded Newf education on the CNC Website and other locations. Please take a few minutes to look these over and let us know the subjects you'd like to know more about. You may email Elizabeth McCully at elizabeth_McCully@mccormick.com or Dwight at [BearNMindNewfs@gmail.com](mailto: BearNMindNewfs@gmail.com)

As we continue the Colonial Working Dog Skills Series 2022, we'll have informal water training

sessions at Codorus State Park many weekends throughout the summer—the dates are listed on www.cncnewfs.com. CNC's formal Water Training Workshop will be held at Codorus the weekend of July 16-17, instructed again this year by Sue Marino. Details on www.cncnewfs.com

The last weekend in August we'll be at Codorus State Park near Hanover PA for our annual Water Test. Spectators are allowed, so come to see Newfoundland Water Rescue dogs in action.

CNC's resolution for 2022 was to create more fun times together, enjoying our dogs and each other's company. This is your club so let ME know what you'd like to see, do, and learn—what's important to you and your Newfoundland? My email is [BearNMindNewfs@gmail.com](mailto: BearNMindNewfs@gmail.com) – I'd love to hear from you!

Thank you for being a Colonial Newfoundland Club member! Hug your dog for me.

Dwight

CNC Board Meeting Minutes for February/March/April 2022 (including Special Meetings)

February 16, 2022 | Board of Directors Meeting | Meeting Called to order at 7:32 pm

Present: Dwight Gorsuch (DG), Rose Miller (RM), Paul Katinas (PK), Terry Mahon (TM), Brenda McKeel (BMK), Bennett Alford (BA), Fran Miller (FM), Don Sharkey (DS), Liz McCully (EM)

Absent: N/A

Guests: Lisa Lathrop (LL), Michele Miller (MM), Kathy Paxton (KP), Melanie Tipton (MT), Tracy Smith (TS)

President, Dwight Gorsuch called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm.

OFFICER REPORTS

President – Dwight Gorsuch; Included in the agenda

Recording Secretary – Terry Mahon

- Minutes from CNC regular BOD meeting on January 19 and Special BOD meeting on February 9, 2022 submitted to Board.
- Motion made (DS) to accept the January 2022 meeting minutes as presented. Seconded (FM). No objections. Motion passed.
- Motion made (RM) to accept February 9, 2022, special meeting minutes as presented. Seconded (PK). No objections. Motion passed.

Treasurer Report 2020 – Paul Katinas

- Net Receipts and Disbursements: (\$487.73)
- Cash Balance on 10/31/2021: \$33,242.47
- Motion made (TM) to approve the expenditures over one hundred dollars (\$100). Seconded (BMK). No objections. Motion passed.
- Motion made to accept the January 2022 Treasurer's Report as presented (TM). Seconded (BA). No objections. Motion passed.
- The Treasurer and Recording Secretary should send the Treasurer's report and the minutes of the meetings to the Historian, Kathy Paxton.

Corresponding Secretary Report – Brenda McKeel

COMMITTEE AND EVENT REPORTS

CNR Rescue Update: Michele Miller

- Three dogs have come in this year and two of them have been adopted.
- We are looking for a location for the spring picnic in late April, probably a winery or brewery in Loudon County.
- The spring fund raiser will be a large Newf umbrella. DG noted that the club will have a fundraiser for the Working Skills Series soon.
- PK congratulated Michele for being elected the VP for Rescue.

CNC Website Committee:

In a vote by board members in attendance on February 9, 2022, Special BOD was to accept the AE2 proposal to proceed.

PK has signed the contract and paid 50%. He also canceled contracts with Codeguard, Weebly, and Host Gator. DG suggested that we dispute the charges from these companies through our credit card company. DG will meet with Michelle Blumhagen to discuss, and PK will send the statements to DG.

During the discussion, the board requested that AE2 provide a preview of the new site for the board and a beta testing process also for the board prior to the site going live. Michelle Blumhagen will manage this process.

CNC/CNR Combined Picnics/Fun Days—2022: CNR is organizing spring; CNC will do the fall.

Annual Meeting: Date and FTF or Zoom to be decided.

Awards – Lisa Lathrop

Lisa has agreed to chair the 2022 CNC Awards committee. Fran Miller and Meredith Lynes were asked to assist. How far back do we need to go? KP knows the date range. BMK volunteered to help with a slide show presentation. DG asked the committee to

develop a list of questions for our next meeting and send them to him before the meeting. KP has some awards at her house, as well as catalogs. We will also discuss the date of the Awards Presentation.

Bear Fare – Brenda McKeel

The deadline for the next issue of the Bear Fare Newsletter is April 30, 2022.

Please email submissions for upcoming events to: bearfare@gmail.com. The next issue will be out next week.

Brown Bag – New chair and/or new Process

Christmas Tree Pulls 2022

Pancake Breakfast/Walk: Hunt Valley, MD event canceled for 2022.

Education – EM

Tracy Smith is going to help Liz. DG suggested that we look for a YouTube grooming video produced by the Newf Club of Seattle to post. He also suggested that we try to send an educational email on a monthly basis.

Facebook (Colonial Newfoundland Club) – Paula McPherson/Brad Cole/Chuck Basham

Finance – Rose Miller (ways of generating revenue)

Greg Strong offered (for a fee) to conduct another Handling Seminar for CNC. “15 points to go” seminar again. Are we interested? RM will let KP know available dates for Walkersville.

CNC Insurance – Lisa Lathrop:
lathrop6@hotmail.com

Membership – Paula McPherson

Applications for membership:

Vadim & Rozalin Shun | Potomac Falls, VA
Interested in: Draft, Water, Therapy
Sponsor: Membership (Paula McPherson)

Rebecca Pulles

Interested in Rescue | Washington, DC
20008

Sponsor: Membership (Paula McPherson)

Kathy & Mike Holshey | Fairfax, VA 22030

Interested in Breed ring, Draft, Obedience,
Water, Therapy, Rescue

Sponsor: Paula McPherson

Motion made (TM) to move the Board grant preliminary approval to the three (3) new family members presented to the Board by the membership. Seconded (EM). No objections. Motion passed.

I (TM) move to publish their names in the next issue of Bear Fare. Members opposing any new applicant have 30 days to object in writing to the membership chair. If there is no objection, the applicant(s) automatically becomes a member. Seconded (BMK). No objections. Motion passed.

Membership Broadcasting – Paula McPherson
Please email broadcastcnc@gmail.com if you would like to send out any information or updates to the club members. BMK will ask Paula if she needs help with the blast emails.

Nomination Committee: Kathy Paxton agreed to chair this committee.

Member Development Committee – Elizabeth (Liz) McCully
EM continues to call new members. BMK suggested that we send texts.

Specialties Committee 2022-2023

NCA National - Kathy Paxton (Chair), Don Sharkey (Site Chair)

Date of National Specialty - Monday, April 24, 2023 – Saturday, April 29, 2023

Location: Seven Springs Ski Resort Champion, PA

Seven Springs has been sold; the new owner is honoring all our contracts.

Celtic Classic: Premium is in; hospitality is being arranged.

Triple Crown: working on trophies; no sweeps.

- DS noted that Pat Hastings will present a Movement Seminar at this year's National.

NCA Representative – Paul Katinas

Working Dog – Melanie Tipton

- The tentative schedule of 2022 CNC Working events as of Jan 14, 2022, was attached to the January agenda announcement.
- Water Practice dates have been approved by Codorus. (4 dates were not approved.)

2021 Draft Test

- A report from the 2021 Chair, Donna Foy was sent to CNC BOD members.
- Kudos to Donna and her team for hosting the draft test for the last several years.

CNC Water Workshop Series 2022:

- Starting in January with online, indoor basic training, including Deanna Alko's series.
- In-person Draft Workshop in March, Working Skills Workshop in April, Informal Water training throughout the summer, Water Workshop in July. Water test in August. Draft test in November.
- Sign-ups for the March workshop are good. DG asked FM to start a flyer for the Water Workshop in July. Language regarding Covid for the flyer was discussed. Participants should comply with the local restrictions. Include a local website to check for the most up-to-date information.

CNC Water Test 2022:

August 26-28 dates for WT 2022 approved by NCA WDC. CNC Test will conflict with NE WT, but sites are 345 miles apart with typically little entrant overlap.

Does the WT committee want to use the 2022 working logo and relationship with Spider to sell items to benefit the WT?

CNC Draft Test 2022:

- Working on NCA application. We have used the site, Gunston Hall, near Lorton, VA before. EM and MM are working with Scott Rainey (who was the chair when we used this site). Judges have been selected. Does the DT committee want to use the 2022 working logo and relationship with Spider to sell items to benefit the DT? They plan to have a unique logo.
- A large number of refunds given out to those who withdraw from draft and water tests were discussed.

CNC Working Dog Funds:

- Would it benefit CNC to reestablish the Working Dog account within the CNC Treasury to pay for CNC Working Dog events? We still have this account. Will talk about it in March.
- Logo items and Spider Web were discussed.

Old Business:

General Social events for 2022.

Requests for volunteers from the membership failed in 2021. Suggest searching for a CNC Committee chair to organize/delegate several small events in 2022.

Secondary Water Test/Training sites:

Smithfield, VA—Donna Foy. Rocky Gap and Cascade Lake in MD. Lake Anna—Fran Miller.

Restart research in the Spring of 2022.

Action Items:

- When Spider is ready, Sweatshirts for Cassie and Mark Iken—sent by CNC in return for our 2022 Working Dog Logo.
- Club Historian Kathy Paxton is running out of room! She has 21 years of printed

Bear Fare and all minutes. She asked Board members to think about getting rid of all old newsletters. Bear Fare has been on the website since 2009.

Next scheduled Board Meeting – March 16, 2022

Adjournment - Motion made (TM) to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 pm. Seconded (EM). No objections. Motion passed.

Board of Directors Special Meeting | February 9, 2022 | Zoom Meeting

Present: Dwight Gorsuch (DG), Paul Katinas (PK), Brenda McKeel (BMK), Don Sharkey (DS), Liz McCully (EM), Bennett Alford (BA)

Absent: Rose Miller, Terry Mahon, Fran Miller

Guests: Michelle Blumhagen

President - Dwight Gorsuch called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

- After discussion, a motion was made by Don Sharkey and seconded by Elizabeth McCully to accept the proposal by AE2 to complete the construction and hosting of the updated CNC website. A vote by board members in attendance was unanimous to proceed.
- Paul Katinas will sign the proposal for the club and send it to AE2 along with a check for 50% of the cost.
- During the discussion, the board requested that AE2 provide a preview of the new site for the board and a beta testing process also for the board prior to the site going live. Michelle Blumhagen will manage this process.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

March 16, 2022 | Board of Directors Meeting | Meeting Called to order at 7:32 pm

Present: Dwight Gorsuch (DG), Rose Miller (RM), Paul Katinas (PK), Brenda McKeel (BMK), Terry Mahon (TM), Bennett Alford (BA), Fran Miller (FM), Don Sharkey (DS)

Absent: Liz McCully (EM)

Guests: Michelle Blumhagen (MB), Michelle Cross (MC), Michele Miller (MM), Donna McConn (DMC), Paula McPherson (PMP), Julia Sharkey (JS), Melanie Tipton (MT)

President - Dwight Gorsuch - open the meeting at 7:32 pm.

OFFICER REPORTS

President – Dwight Gorsuch - Included in the agenda

Recording Secretary – Terry Mahon

- Review Minutes from the February 16 meeting.
- Motion made (FM) to accept the February 2022 meeting minutes as presented. Seconded (PK).
- No objections. Motion passed.

Treasurer Report 2020 – Paul Katinas

- Review the February 2022 Treasurer's Report.
- Net receipts and disbursements: (\$857.50)
- Cash balance as of February 28, 2022: \$32,384.97

Motion made (TM) to approve the expenditures over one hundred dollars (\$100). Seconded (FM). No objections. Motion passed.

Motion made to accept the February Treasurer's Report as presented (TM). Seconded (FM). No objections. Motion passed.

Kathy Paxton and Julia Sharkey conducted the audit for 2021. All is in order.

Corresponding Secretary Report – Brenda McKeel - No Report.

COMMITTEE AND EVENT REPORTS

CNR Rescue Update: Donna McConn
Rescue update:

We have taken in 2 more dogs. 12629342, a 7-year-old male who was surrendered due to his owner's moving. His Rabies was all that was current, and he is intact and will be neutered on Monday. We have a potential adopter for him.

An 8.5-year-old male was surrendered due to his owner dying. His vaccinations were all out of date, and he had not been seen by a veterinarian since 2019. He is 30 pounds overweight and is dealing with a suspected old torn cruciate injury as well as an elbow issue. He is being fostered.

On February 26th Rescue had a "get together" in Culpeper, VA for a Mardi Gras event. A local coffee shop owner who has 3 Newfs sets this up. We met at the coffee shop. We had about 10 Newfs walk through downtown Culpeper following a Jazz Band. Then we all got together at a local brewery for lunch with our Newfs in their outside tent. We will try again for next year and maybe make this an annual event.

On March 5th, 9 Newfoundland's and owners lined up outside the church for the memorial service of Mike Weise. The family was very appreciative and so emotional to see the Newf line up when they excited the church. Mike Weise adopted a Newf from us as well as a Pyr from Appalachian Great Pyr Rescue.

The Baltimore St. Patrick's Day parade was held on the 13th. We had about 15 Newfs, some with carts, attending. Thanks, MM and EM for organizing this event.

Picnic Updates:

Spring CNC/CNR picnic will be on April 30th at 10 am at the Creeks Edge Winery in Lovettsville, VA. This is on the other side of the bridge that goes over the Potomac River to Point of Rocks, MD. We have rented a large pavilion. The winery will be serving brunch and we will charge about \$15 per person for admittance. Since CNR is a 501c3, they cannot give away food and must charge for it. We will have a brown bag auction and sell some CNR items. The rescue will be paying for the event thus having to charge the amount of the food. Donna is the chair for this event. CNR will also have its annual meeting.

Fall CNC/CNR picnic will be on October 1st at Quiet Waters Park in Annapolis, MD. We have rented a large pavilion for \$180. The admission fee to get into the park is \$6 per car. The CNC Board will need to decide whether to purchase hamburgers, hot dogs, and drinks and have everyone bring a side dish OR have the event catered with the meat and have everyone bring a side dish. Either way, CNC would need to provide drinks. The only issue with CNC providing the meat is finding 2 volunteers to cook during the event. If the board decides on the catering Donna will assist with setting this up. Typically, CNC does not charge attendees for their event. Michele Cross is the chair for this event.

KP found out that attendees who are not members are covered by our insurance policy. Let Lisa Lathrop know about events so she can let the insurance company know.

CNC Website Committee – Michelle Blumhagen.

At our last meeting, the board requested that AE2 provide a preview of the new site for the board and a beta testing process also for the board prior to the site going live. Michelle Blumhagen will manage this process. MB distributed screenshots of the new website. DG suggested that each committee chair could help with editing their section. At this time, many links have been left out. Mobile optimization will come later.

CNC/CNR Combined Picnics/Fun Days — 2022

CNR (Donna) will host/chair the Spring combined event on April 30 at Creek's Edge Winery, Lovettsville, VA – near Point of Rocks MD. Open to all CNC/CNR members, CNR will manage all details and expenses.

CNC (Michelle Cross has agreed to chair) will host the combined Fall fun day at Quiet Waters Park on October 1. CNC will manage all details and expenses for this picnic. Park Pavilions are booking up so DG authorized DMC to book and pay the \$180 for the Fall event — Donna will expense to PK.

Michelle Cross has/will reapply for CNC Membership. CNC will decide if Fall Fun Day/Picnic will be catered, or the club could supply hamburgers and hot dogs.

Annual Meeting:

Date and Face to Face or Zoom to be decided.

Awards – Lisa Lathrop

Lisa has agreed to chair the 2022 CNC Awards committee. Committee members are Fran Miller, Meredith Lynes, and Brenda McKeel. The BOD should give direction to this committee as to the timing of the awards criteria. They are meeting tomorrow, March 17 by Zoom. KP will attend also – she knows how far back we need to go and has some awards and catalogs at her house. DG asked the committee to develop a list of questions for our next meeting and send them to him before the meeting.

Bear Fare – Brenda McKeel

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Brown Bag – New chair and/or new Process
Christmas Tree Pulls 2022

Pancake Breakfast/Walk: Hunt Valley, MD event canceled for 2022.

Education – Elizabeth (Liz) McCully
Recent training videos sent to CNC Membership could not be opened. PMP will look into this.

Facebook (Colonial Newfoundland Club) – Paula McPherson/Brad Cole/Chuck Basham

PMC reported that Facebook is getting a lot of interest.

Finance – Rose Miller (ways of generating revenue)

Greg Strong offered (for a fee) to conduct another Handling Seminar for CNC. “15 points to go” seminar again. Are we interested? Is anyone worried about a resurgence of COVID right now?

CNC Insurance – Lisa Lathrop:
lathrop6@hotmail.com

All planned events should be reported to Lisa.

Membership – Paula McPherson

Applications for membership:

Laura Feldman | Gambrills, MD
Interested in: Rescue
Sponsor: Michele Miller

Kat & John Lynn | Woolwich Twp, NJ
Interested in: Draft, Obedience, Water
Sponsor: Dwight Gorsuch

Michele Cross | Annapolis, MD
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Membership Broadcasting – Paula McPherson

Please email broadcastcnc@gmail.com if you would like to send out any information or updates to the club members.

Nomination Committee: Chair – Kathy Paxton.

Committee will be in place by our June meeting.

Member Development Committee – Elizabeth (Liz) McCully

Specialties Committee 2022-2023

NCA National

Kathy Paxton (Chair), Don Sharkey (Site Chair)
Date of National Specialty - Monday, April 24, 2023 – Saturday, April 29, 2023

Location: Seven Springs Ski Resort Champion, PA

Celtic Classic — York, PA. This coming Sunday. The entry is 26.

Triple Crown - on track.

NCA Representative – Paul Katinas
They meet on March 28, 2022.

Working Dog – Melanie Tipton

The tentative schedule of 2022 CNC Working events is posted on FB and CNC Website.

The link to CNC Working Dog Apparel is on the CNC website and Facebook. They will add more spring items soon. We can broadcast an email about apparel.

CNC Working Dog Shills Series 2022:

Starting in January with online, indoor basic training, including Deanna Alko's series. In-person Draft Workshop in March, Working Skills Workshop in April, Informal Water training throughout the summer, Water Workshop in July. Water test in August. Draft test in November.

CNC Draft Workshop-March 5: Christie Smith-completed

There were 5 attendees (9 had registered). Valuable feedback from attendees.

CNC Working Skills Workshop – April 9, 2022

Dual workshop for draft and water (on land). Walkersville, MD
6 people have signed up.

DG suggested those that who have their own Facebook page could add the flyer for this event.

CNC Water Workshop: July 16-17, 2022.

Codorus
7 registered so far.

CNC Water Test 2022: Scott Rainey will chair
Test Secretary – Melanie Tipton
Codorus State Park, PA
August 26-28 dates for WT 2022
Approved by NCA WDC.

CNC Draft Test: Elizabeth McCully & Michele Miller chairs.

November 18-20, 2022
Gunston Hall, Lorton, VA.
Judges are Sue Marino and Sue Mendelson
EM, MM, Scott Rainey, and PK are going to look at the site this Saturday. The application has been submitted.

Old Business:

Historian Storage – Kathy Paxton

Historian KP asked the board to think about getting rid of some of the CNC documents stored at her house. She has Bear Fare newsletters from 1986 – 2009. Bear Fare issues starting in 2009 are on the CNC website. She recommended keeping some exceedingly early newsletters, minutes, Treasurer's reports, draft test and water test catalogs, and regional catalogs, and recycling all the rest.

The board agreed.

General Social events for 2022. Requests for volunteers from the membership failed in 2021. Suggest searching for a CNC Committee chair to organize/delegate several small events in 2022.

Secondary Water Test/Training sites: Search:

Smithfield, VA — Donna Foy.
Rocky Gap and Cascade Lake in MD -
Lake Anna — Fran Miller. FM reported that Virginia state parks do not allow dogs on the beach. She will check out Pleasant Landing on Lake Anna.
Restart research in the Spring of 2022.

Action Items:

Next scheduled Board Meeting – April 20, 2022

Adjournment

Motion made (TM) to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm. Seconded (FM). No objections.
Motion passed.

March 25, 2022 | Board of Directors Special Meeting | Meeting Called to order at 7:32 pm

Present: Dwight Gorsuch (DG), Paul Katinas (PK), Terry Mahon, Bennett Alford (BA), Fran Miller (FM), Liz McCully (EM), Don Sharkey (DS)

Absent: Rose Miller, Brenda McKeel

Guests: Kathy Paxton

President Dwight Gorsuch called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm.

- TM made a motion to go into Executive Session. Seconded (BA).
- TM made a motion to come out of the Executive Session. Seconded (PK)

- While in the executive session, Kathy and Don updated the Board on the status of CNC’s contract with Seven Springs, their resignations as ’23 Specialty chairs, and the \$9,277.22 being transferred from the Specialty account into the General account.

Motion made (FM) to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 pm. Seconded (PK). No objections.
Motion passed.

April 20, 2022 | Board of Directors Meeting | Meeting Called to order at 7:30 pm

Present: Dwight Gorsuch (DG), Rose Miller (RM), Paul Katinas, Terry Mahon (TM), Bennett Alford (BA), Fran Miller (FM), Liz McCully (EM)

Absent: Brenda McKeel, Don Sharkey

Guests: Michelle Blumhagen (MB), Lisa Lathrop (LL), Donna McConn (DMC), Michele Miller (MM), Kathy Paxton (KP), Melanie Tipton (MT), Paula McPherson (PMP), Tracy Smith (TS)

President Dwight Gorsuch opened the meeting at 7:30 pm.

OFFICER REPORTS

President – Dwight Gorsuch - Included in the agenda

Recording Secretary – Terry Mahon

Minutes from CNC regular BOD meeting, March 16, 2022, and from the CNC Special BOD meeting, March 25, 2022, were submitted to the Board.

Motion made (EM) to accept the March 16, 2022, meeting minutes as presented. Seconded (PK). No objections. Motion passed

Motion made (EM) to accept the March 25, 2022, Special Meeting minutes as presented. Seconded (BA). No objections. Motion passed

Treasurer Report 2020 – Paul Katinas

The treasurer's Report for March was submitted to the board.

- Cash Balance on 3/31/2022: \$41,270.19
- Any CNC member may see itemized report for this time period by sending a request to CNC's Treasurer.
- Motion made (EM) to approve the expenditures over one hundred dollars (\$100). Seconded (TM). No objections. Motion passed.
- Motion made to accept the March Treasurer's Report as presented (BA). Seconded (TM). No objections. Motion passed.
- The Working Dog workshop was discussed. Three checks are still missing; Melanie will check with Devon. PK suggested that when checks are sent to the Treasurer, be sure to include a list of payees, and send all the checks together.
- PK commented that three of his personal checks sent in for the fall draft test were never cashed. PMP will check with Meredith who was the test secretary.
- KP suggested that we could send all checks priority mail with tracking. The flat rate envelope is \$5.95. We will discuss making this a club policy at the next meeting.
- PMP noted that expense and income forms on our new website should be fillable. You would save it on your pc and email the form to the Treasurer. She started doing that this month with membership application income. Two of

the three membership applications for this month were submitted online.

Report to BOD on Final Financial results for 2023 NCA National Specialty:

Seven Springs kept our \$5000 deposit, and expenses for the planning were \$722. Of our original \$15,000 seed money, we have \$9277 left in the National account. KP reported that we are planning a fundraiser to recoup some of the expenses.

DG reported that we were not able to get our credit card company to get our money back from Host Gator. The amount was about \$500.

Corresponding Secretary Report – Brenda McKeel

COMMITTEE AND EVENT REPORTS

CNR Rescue Update: Michele Miller

Eight dogs have come in this year; we expect three more. Two have been rehomed. Many seniors have been coming in; and also, many that need to be spayed or neutered. Tucker was found abandoned; a fundraiser is going on for his ear ablation. He is now in foster care and doing better.

CNC/CNR Combined Picnics/Fun Day:

CNR (Donna McConn) will host/chair the Spring combined event on April 30 at Creek's Edge Winery, Lovettsville, VA. This is open to all CNC/CNR members; CNR will manage all details and expenses. Sixty people have responded and paid. There will be a brown bag auction; KP has a lot of items at her house and MM volunteered to pick them up. Two speakers are lined up – a Veterinary behaviorist and Don Sharkey will give a grooming demonstration.

CNC (Michelle Cross is the chair) will host the combined Fall fun day at Quiet Waters Park on October 1. CNC will manage all details and expenses for this picnic. We will discuss the details in July or August.

CNC Website Committee – Michelle Blumhagen

- The new website went live the weekend of April 2. Everyone thought the new website was wonderful and we've received many compliments.
- Update: MB reported that her committee had the initial training session with Andrew (AE2). He reviewed the steps to keep the website current. The website editor has a test page for us to practice on. From the analytics, MB learned that most visitors spend time on the events page, and 49% are mobile users. Visitors are coming to the website from Facebook, which was the main goal.
- DG asked the board to think about some recognition for Chuck Basham in appreciation of all his work on the old website. We will decide at the May board meeting.

Annual Meeting: Date and FTF or Zoom to be decided.

Awards – Chair Lisa Lathrop; committee members: Fran Miller and Meredith Lynes.

- Due to the pandemic, we have not had an awards ceremony for several years. The committee has been contacting vendors and is planning to find out how many recipients we might have.
- Having different awards for different titles and years was discussed. KP supplied information to the committee on what years to cover. We are using the calendar year (instead of Nov. 1 to Oct. 31). Meredith should have the criteria (created by Cindy Flowers) as a base to start. AKC and NCA have added many titles in the past few years. To get an idea of how many recipients we might have, we can put something on the website, in Bear Fare, and a blast email.

- When and where to have the ceremony will need to be decided. Ideas for awards were discussed.

Bear Fare – Brenda McKeel. The deadline for the next issue of the Bear Fare Newsletter is April 30, 2022. Please email submissions for upcoming events to: bearfare@gmail.com.

Brown Bag – New chair and/or new process needed. If you chair an event and want to have a brown bag, Kathy Paxton has items at her house.

Christmas Tree Pulls 2022

Pancake Breakfast/Walk: Hunt Valley, MD event canceled for 2022.

Education – Elizabeth (Liz) McCully

NCA Working Dog Committee just beginning the process to make training videos available to regional clubs and NCA members.

Facebook (Colonial Newfoundland Club) – Paula McPherson/Brad Cole/Chuck Basham

The water workshop flyer is on Facebook and has been shared with some working groups. PMP will put it out again next month.

Finance – Rose Miller (ways of generating revenue)

- RM reported that she thinks there is interest in a handling seminar. She will get proposals from Sara and Ariel, and Greg Strong, and update us next month. Walkersville was discussed, and KP can check on dates. RM will check on southern sites.
- DG reported that Ron Horn (Colorado) was doing a Zoom handling seminar for a fee. RM will contact him for the details.
- Grooming seminar: Is Zoom a possibility and we could also charge for this.

CNC Insurance – Lisa Lathrop:
lathrop6@hotmail.com

Membership – Paula McPherson

New Members for Preliminary Approval:

Lynn Ross | Crozet, VA
Interested in: Breed Ring, Obedience, Water,
Draft, Therapy
Sponsor: Membership (Benita Edds
recommendation)

PMP reported that this is our FIRST online membership application! It was submitted only 2 days after the new site went live! I hope this is the beginning of a trend!

Members will also be able to renew online.

Donna & Daniel Glembot | Beaverdam,
VA
Interested in: Water, Draft, Therapy
Sponsor: Christie Smith

Dawn Mich | Chesapeake, VA
Interested in: Breed Ring, Water, Draft
Sponsor: Membership

Some people are sending applications in without a sponsor. We may need to change the website to say if you don't have a sponsor, contact Paula.

Motion made (TM) to move the Board grant preliminary approval to the three (3) new family members presented to the Board by the membership. Seconded (RM), no objections. Motion passed.

I (TM) move to publish their names in the next issue of Bear Fare. Members opposing any new applicant have 30 days to object in writing to the membership chair. If there is no objection, the applicant(s) automatically becomes a member. Seconded (EM). No objections. Motion passed.

Membership Broadcasting – Paula McPherson

Please email broadcastcnc@gmail.com if you would like to send out any information or updates to the club members.

Nomination Committee: Chair Kathy Paxton. KP has secured the two alternates and one of the two members of the committee.

Member Development Committee – Elizabeth (Liz) McCully

EM and MT received positive feedback on the working workshop. One-on-one help was the best. We need to follow up on the water training.

Specialties Committee 2022-2023

NCA National Kathy Paxton (Chair), Don Sharkey (Site Chair)

- KP: The NCA asked for the judges and their information. KP discharged the judges and told them that NCA would contact them. MBF will hold a fully superintended show (not a package show) at the 23 National. All information re the show was passed on to NCA.
- KP will let DG know the judges that Penn Ohio got for their Obedience and Rally trials.
- RM made a motion that we dissolve the National Specialty Ad Hoc Committee. Seconded (EM). No objections; motion carried.
- The NCA National Specialty Committee (not the CNC committee) voted to accept CNC's withdrawal from hosting the 2023 NCA National at Seven Springs. In this same meeting, the NCA committee voted to hold the 23 National in Frankenmuth, MI May 1-7, 2023. Steve Britton will be the National Chair of this event.
- DG reported that Penn Ohio was to do two days of Rally and Obedience Trials at the National. Since the date of the National for 2023 has changed, Penn Ohio cannot do at least one of those days and maybe both days.

DG asked the board to consider CNC being the regional club that would run the Rally and Obedience Trials. Discussion: Rally and Obedience are run at the same time in adjacent rings. The regional trials would be on Tuesday and the National trials would be on Wednesday. This would be CNC's contribution to this National.

- KP gave details on what the club would need to do: supply stewards for both rings, man the catalog sales table, and supply ring favors and trophies (if we host the regional trials). The number of stewards was discussed; manpower does not have to come just from CNC.
- DG will let Robyn and Steve (NCA) know that CNC would be willing to host one day, and we prefer Wednesday. Trophies and ring favors would be supplied by NCA if we do Wednesday.
- DG will find out if NCA covers judges' expenses. KP can make phone calls for trophies and be the contact for judges.
- Paul Katinas volunteered to chair the Obedience and Rally Trials at the 23 National. Thank you, Paul!
- Fran Miller made a motion that CNC pledge to host one day of Rally and Obedience Trials at the 2023 National Specialty in Frankenmuth, MI. Seconded by Rose Miller. No objections. Motion passed.

Triple Crown

October 21 -23, 2022

KP reported that we will have Junior Showmanship on all 3 days. Peewee Juniors will be on Saturday and any breed can be shown in this class. Friday afternoon we will have Mr. Mover's demonstration, and Saturday afternoon we will have food trucks

NCA Representative – Paul Katinas

- PK attended the March 29, 2022, meeting, chaired by Sue Marino. Sue reminded clubs to maintain a list of officers with her. PMP sent our directory, which has all our members, who are NCA members, and officers, to her in January.
- Steve Britton, who has chaired the committee for 10 years, is stepping down.
- NCA has refrigerator magnets, with a Newf and info about bloat, free for each club to pick up at the National. Each club gets 35 and may purchase more. Shawna Bryant (NCA Health and Longevity Committee) is in charge. DG will pick ours up and will contact Shawna about the cost of additional magnets. PMP said we have 110 memberships. Next month at the May meeting we will discuss how to distribute the magnets to our members.
- Susan Wagner, chair of the 2022 National, asked clubs to participate in the opening ceremony and to sponsor the top dog events.
- There was a discussion on how clubs manage online payments.

Working Dog

Chair Melanie Tipton

DG asked the board to think about appointing an assistant working-dog chair since we have so many working events. This would be an official position. KP noted that any event chair can appoint an assistant without board approval. We can discuss it next month.

CNC Water Workshop Series 2022: MT

reported that they had 10 teams; 8 were CNC members, and one joined the club. This was held in Walkersville on April 9. Most work was indoors, with some outside.

CNC Water Workshop: July 16-17, 2022, at Codorus State Park. 9 teams have signed up so far. MT will take over registration. She will send a reminder to those who attended last year.

May have a brown bag auction. Information is on the website and Facebook.

CNC Water Test 2022: August 26-28, 2022. Scott Rainey is the chair.

CNC Draft Test: Elizabeth McCully & Michele Miller chairs. November 18-20, Gunston Hall, Lorton, VA. EM and MM are on track with judges, merchandise, hotels, hospitality, logo, and awards.

Old Business:

General Social events for 2022. Requests for volunteers from the membership failed in 2021. Suggest searching for a CNC Committee chair to organize/delegate several small events in 2022. We are having two picnics this year.

Secondary Water Test/Training sites: Smithfield, VA—Donna Foy. Rocky Gap and Cascade Lake in MD. Lake Anna—Fran Miller. Restart research in the Spring of 2022.

FM reported that Lake Anna is a no; VA state parks don't allow dogs in the water. Pleasant Landing is a possibility.

New Business:

TM asked if it would be OK to share CNC's Zoom password with members who want to host a committee meeting? Example - the awards committee. For now, we will keep it the way it is – TM will set up a meeting for anyone that needs it.

Action Items:

Next scheduled Board Meeting – May 18, 2022

Adjournment

Motion made (EM) to adjourn the meeting at 9:47 pm. Seconded (PK). No objections. Motion passed.

The Lowdown on Dirty Dogs

(Reprinted from NCA e-Notes April 2022)

Improper grooming causes many skin problems; in other words, a well-groomed dog

is a healthy dog. Mats collect dirt and lead to hot spots, which smell. A matted dog is not pleasant to touch or live with.

Regular grooming will give you an early warning for fleas and ticks and

reduce the amount of dog hair in the house. In addition, a well-groomed dog gets lots of attention when in public.

How Often Does My Dog Need a Bath?

Newfoundland's may be bathed as often as necessary, provided you use a good dog shampoo. Remember, when a dog is being shown, they are bathed once a week or more!



A NEWFOUNDLAND GETTING A BATH. THIS DOG LOOKS LIKE A CHALLENGE TO BATHE, BUT YOU CAN GET THE JOB DONE IF YOU FOLLOW THESE TIPS FROM EXPERTS.

We've found that Newfoundland's usually require more baths during the summer than the winter, with the heaviest grooming required during this period.

Bathing a dog is much easier if you have first combed the entire coat, removing all loose hair and mats. The two basic tools we use are a rake and fine-tooth comb. The rake removes large clumps of hair while the fine-tooth comb "fine tunes" by removing any final loose hair.

Start With a Comb to Make the Whole Job Easier

Once your dog is combed out, you will find the bathing process easier.

1. To begin grooming, start with the rake. Push up the hair on the leg with your hand and comb down, pulling lesser amounts of hair at a time. By working up, you are starting with the shorter hair on the legs and pulling the longer body hair down. This way, you are always combing through already-combed hair.
2. If you come to a mat, hold the mat between your fingers, close to the skin (to minimize pulling), and comb through lesser amounts of the mat until you have worked the mat out. It seems as though mats always form behind the ears, under the front legs, inside the back legs, and in the long hair on the front and back legs (furnishings). If you take long walks in the woods, check the furnishings often as they collect burrs and brambles.

Time for Suds: Apply Shampoo

1. Use a decent quality shampoo. Mix your shampoo with warm water in a small container. We mix about 1/4 cup of shampoo to a quart of water.
2. Thoroughly wet the dog with warm water, starting at the head and working your way back.

3. Once the dog is wet, apply the shampoo in the same manner, starting at the head and working your way back and down. A small sponge works well to apply the shampoo.
4. If you tilt the dog's head back, you won't get shampoo in the eyes. You can use a sterile eye lubricant, available at any drug store, as protection for the eyes.
5. Work the shampoo in with your sponge, getting the suds all the way to the skin.
6. Don't forget to wash the bottom of the feet. The feet can collect all kinds of debris, which, if not removed, will cause problems.



IT'S A GOOD IDEA TO LET YOUR DOG TAKE A FEW GOOD SHAKES AFTER A BATH; THIS HELPS IN THE DRYING PROCESS.

It's a good idea to let your dog take a few good shakes after a bath; this helps in the drying process.

Rinse Thoroughly (You Can Never Rinse Too Much)

Now that your dog is soaped head to toe to tail, it's time to rinse.

1. Again, tilt the head back and remove the shampoo the same way you applied it, from head to tail.
2. Rinse, rinse, rinse, rinse then rinse some more. Any shampoo left on may cause

skin irritations, itchiness and a greasy feel to the coat. Rinse until the water runs clean then rinse again. Make sure you rinse under the tummy, under the front legs, and between the rear legs.

3. Stand back and let your dog have a few good shakes. If the dog's coat seems dry, we follow with a conditioning rinse by diluting it with water, working it into the coat (especially the furnishings), then rinsing again.



LOOKING SO FLUFFY AND CLEAN AFTER A BATH.

Dry Off Your Dog

To dry your dog, there are many different techniques you may use. Towels will quickly remove most of the excess moisture, making the actual drying process easier. Human hair dryers, dog "blasters", stand dryers, or a canister-type vacuum with the hose plugged into the exhaust port all work well. Make sure you are careful if you use a human hair dryer (use only on medium) as they get very hot and can burn a dog's skin.

As you dry, comb through the dog again, removing any hair the bath has worked loose. When the dog is dry, give him a big hug and a cookie, and tell him how pretty he looks (and how wet he made you!).

This article is accurate and true to the best of the author's knowledge. It is not meant to substitute for diagnosis, prognosis, treatment, prescription, or formal and individualized advice from a veterinary medical professional. Animals exhibiting signs and symptoms of distress should be seen by a veterinarian immediately.

Your Well-Mannered Newfoundland

(Reprinted from NCA e-Notes April 2022)



ATTENTION IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF TRAINING

Often, I write articles about training for titles. However, bear in mind that the word "obedience" can also describe understanding and then compliance with any activity the owner of a dog chooses. Of course, this should include how the dog acts around the house and his manners when around others. The Newfoundland obedient enough to be welcome in any home and respected for how he conducts himself in public is as good as tested. After all, a title is simply a certificate of accomplishment in a given area.

There are dozens of books and classes dealing with manners training. I have given seminars and classes in this area myself. However, nothing can take the place of what happens in the home during the training and after the classes are over. A key word in any discussion of the dog with good manners is consistency. Once your dog understands the concept of what you want from him, do you still get compliance with your command's months later? Why is it that a dog who has resided with one owner since he was a puppy can then have the outward appearance of no manners or perhaps the inability to get along with other dogs years later?



A DOG THAT CAN WAIT QUIETLY AND PATIENTLY IS WELCOME IN MANY PLACES.

Assess Your Current Status

I have always thought of the first two years of a puppy's life as the best opportunities to cement those manners I would like to see more of, and to be careful to mold her behavior in the best ways for activities we will be involved in as she gets older.

Ask yourself whether you are pleased with the ongoing progress of your Newfoundland, whether puppy or adult. If not, consider how you would honestly respond to the following:

1. *Do you ask your dog to do something over and over again? Or will one command, given fairly quietly, be enough for compliance?*
2. *Do you have to resort to yelling or giving hard, physical corrections to get your dog to listen to you or to obey your commands?*
3. *Has your dog developed several bad habits that you are concerned about breaking? Is your dog forever in the wrong? Is your dog no longer a pleasure in your home? Do you wonder when he will be a good dog and when he will settle down?*

A dog who is always in trouble is no happier than his owner. Indeed, a dog who does not know his place in your home or in the world is

not at peace and may only contribute his restlessness to the world around him.

Training tips will help you and your Newf:

1. Don't give a command you cannot enforce. For instance, this might mean not calling a dog to you unless you can be certain he will come.

In the beginning, call a puppy to you on a leash, or in the house when you have a treat or toy and can be pretty certain of a positive response. However, if your dog is now a little older and you have allowed your dog more freedom in the yard, but he now runs off when you call or simply ignores your request, you can be certain he will do the same when you are off your own property, and you will have even less compliance and less control. Whatever earlier controls you used should continue to be used until your dog again responds quickly to your commands. Control the response to your commands as often as possible in the formative training period. This is especially true whenever you go to a new place or introduce a new skill.

2. **Try to give a command only once.** This is a hard one— something that may require someone to remind you when you are not being consistent. Your commands should be given once, in a positive and reasonable voice, and then enforced with the controls mentioned above. If you ask your Newf to sit, and he does not do so quickly, help him to sit, and then thank him for his compliance with your praise. If you ask him to come to you and he does not, bring him firmly in and then thank him with your praise.
3. **Be generous with your praise.** Just as a child cannot be told often enough how good he is, how happy you are with him, what a fine fellow he is, so a dog may fairly blossom with your positive spirit and the many ways you can show him how much he is cared about.

4. Be in charge.

Keep as steady a routine as you can for your dog without being obsessive about it. Supervise his activities. Don't give him too much time on his own to get into trouble. Keep him at things, including play that is positive. Try to prevent problems from cropping up by increasing your supervision.

5. Notice out loud when he does things that you want to see again.

This is another area that takes work on your part. Much about our world focuses on the negative. We don't pay attention to things until they are problems. As an example, when your dog is reclining in a crate or in an exercise pen in the park when you are with your friends, do you take time to praise your dog for being "quiet," or do you wait for him to bark and then correct him? Again, it is very hard to be consistent with your dog, but it pays off when you can make the effort to do so.



In Summary:

- Be happy with your Newfoundland.
- Find things he is doing right and focus on them.
- Keep a steady routine for your dog.
- Supervise his activities to prevent him from getting into trouble.
- Give your command and then enforce the command, allowing you to praise him for being right, rather than having to correct him for being wrong.
- If you have a problem in one area, go back to controlling his response as you did when he

was very young. Then, move forward very slowly.

- Praise him for being that wonderful dog you intend for him to be. Then, make sure he becomes that dog.

History of the Breed

What Color is a Newfoundland and When? - Emma H. Mellencamp PhD. History of Art '57 (Reprinted from Newf Tide Vol. 7 No. 4 1976)

A rumor has been going around for more than a century that the black Newfoundland dog was very popular in the late 18th and early 19th centuries until Sir Edwin Landseer's "Distinguished Member of the Humane Society" painted in 1838, made the black and white Newfoundland the "In" dog to have. In four years of intensive research on Edwin Landseer and his contemporary painters of animals, the breed called "Newfoundland", I have found, were not black and the painting of "Distinguished Member" had no effect upon the color of the breed whatsoever.

C. Bede Maxwell reproduced in color (1972) a pair of Newfoundland's in a painting dated 1800: the male was black and white and the bitch yellow and white. Reinagle's much published "The Newfoundland Dog" (Drury, p. 47 and Chern, 2nd ed. p 33) was first published in a magnificent edition of 1803 (Wm Taplin) in which it is clear that those dark areas on the dog which seem to be black were tawny yellow, his muzzle a steel blue.

In fact, all the early 19th century illustrations which I have found, and whose color I could authenticate were white with black or dark areas and frecklings. Not a single all-black was called a Newfoundland. One of the handsomest of these is P.E. Stroehling's "Duchess of York" (Fig. 1, detail) painted in 1807. It's true the dog does not have as handsome a coat or the magnificent feathering of that 1976 sensation "Topmast's

Pied Piper”, but the pictured dog was bred some 175 years ago.



FIG. 1- DUCHESS OF YORK (DETAIL) P.E. STROEHLING 1807. REPRODUCED BY PERMISSION OF HER GRACIOUS MAJESTY, THE QUEEN, COPYRIGHT RESERVED TO THE CROWN.

Sir Edwin made several portrayals of the black and white Newfoundland dog before the one pictured on the next page (Fig. 2), painted in 1842. I don't think his stance would get by even in an Unsanctioned Fun Match, but the artist was only 22 at the time and even the most precious of artists must have a formative period. Landseer's mature paintings show an almost photographic realism and an understanding of many breeds of dogs both in action and repose.

Our Fig. 2 is called "Lion, a Dog" which title is helpful since Sir Edwin painted also magnificent real lions and did the life-sized models for the bronze lions at the base of the Nelson monument in Trafalgar Square in London. The "Lion" in the Victoria and Albert Museum is, as are most Landseer paintings everywhere, in storage. One

climbs several enormous flights of marble stairs to the attic. The Museum attendant was even older than I; we climbed very slowly to the attic. "Lion" is hanging high on the wall. Luckily, there is a flight of iron steps opposite so that one can see the painting at eye level and luckily also, it is an enormous one - 591/2 X 771/4 inches. I saw it on a (rare) clear day with light streaming into the attic through a window on the same level as the painting. He is white with black markings and much handsomer than the photograph indicates. He was a quite famous dog in his time; many historians chronicle stories about him, describing him as "a splendid fellow powerful as he was good tempered, but he would not submit to insult."



FIG 2- LION, A DOG. CROWN COPYRIGHT. BY COURTESY OF VICTORIA & ALBERT MUSEUM. PAINTED IN 1842.

There are many lost Landseer painted treasures out there, somewhere. Sir Edwin was incredibly prolific, painted almost continuously for over 50 years, sometimes two different pictures, one with each hand at the same time. It was a parlor trick, of course, but he was a deft technician. The Graves' catalog lists over 500 major works and it is not altogether complete. His most recent biographer, Cambell Lennie (1976) reports that "the sale of Landseer's works of art, some 1,400 of them took place over seven days ... beginning 8th May 1874 at Christie's ... " Yet anyone who has tried to find information about Sir Edwin's and his contemporaries' paintings has met with exasperating obstacles. The 19th century major biographies of Sir Edwin are in storage and/or crumbling into confetti. A search for his actual

paintings is even worse: the British Museums have only several dozen among them, all but a few in storage. Many of our American museums, tired of storing Landseer's and other 19th century realistic paintings and enormous engravings, have sold them at auction. And when they have been retained, it takes perseverance, pull and patience to get them out to view. The engravings of Newfoundland dogs, both Sir Edwin's and his contemporaries, are more readily available, reproduced smaller in books, but they are, of necessity, black, gray and white. When searching for color, only the paintings themselves, or color descriptions by contemporaries, will do.

It's easy to fall into the error that a black dog in an engraving is indeed a black dog. I found an engraving of "Ptarmigan Hill" painted by Landseer in 1869, showing two shaggy black beauties I was quite certain must be early Newfs, until a color heliotype of the painting published in 1876 showed them to be a grayed violet-blue which was described as "liver-colored", and the dogs themselves identified as "retrievers."

Only a researcher in the field can know the deep satisfaction of finding a drawing or a painting of a dog, not only definitely dated but also described by 19th century viewers as a "Newfoundland."



FIG. 3- DRAWING BY SIR EDWIN LANDSEER, 1827. BY COURTESY OF BEINECKE RARE BOOK AND MANUSCRIPT LIBRARY, YALE UNIVERSITY.

Fig. 3 is a drawing by Sir Edwin for *Annals of Sporting*, 1827, showing not only that the artist had progressed in his technical ability, but also

that the black and white was the dog the British called "Newfoundland." The accompanying text:

The sense of smelling exhibited by the Newfoundland dog almost exceeds credibility; hence the value of the animal in finding wounded game of every description. "Their discrimination of scent" says Col. Hawker" in following a wounded pheasant through a furze brake, or warren of rabbits appears almost impossible." For covert shooting where strength, scent and courage are absolutely indispensable, the Newfoundland dog as a retriever has no equal ... *Annals of Sporting*, Vol. 11, p. 131.

Vero Shaw, in his *Illustrated Book of the Dog* (1890) says that Landseer "corrupted the public mind upon the subject of the Newfoundland. A vast number of people, without troubling themselves to inquire into the matter, have associated the black & white dog with the correct type of Newfoundland, utterly regardless of the fact that Sir Edwin may have selected this color as brighter and more suitable for the object he had in view." Shaw, possibly also without "troubling himself to inquire into the matter" copied this thought from Stonehenge (J.H. Walsh) in his 3rd ed. of 1878. The opinion continues to be repeated endlessly into our own times.

Given the perspective of almost a century, it is clear that Shaw and Stonehenge were writing at a time when the black Newfoundland was indeed replacing the formerly popular black & white. Stonehenge himself admits that he has changed his illustration of the black Newfoundland of his first edition to one of an improved breeding.

Both dog historians have themselves not troubled "to inquire into the matter" that Sir Edwin could and did produce a large number of black animals, magnificently recreated in paint during his mature period: Prince Albert's stunning black "Eos", a greyhound, "Dash", the Duchess of Beaufort's coal-black spaniel, and "Flora", a silky-black spaniel in "Prince George's Favorites". The latter includes an all-white pony named "Selim" and a black & white Newfoundland named "Nelson." It is true all of

these were so-to-speak "portraits" commissioned by the nobility. But Sir Edwin also painted black dogs by his own choice: "Two Dogs Setting a Hare" one very black and the other white with dark freckling. "Jack in Office" includes two all-black dogs. "Laying Down the Law" has two black dogs in the group surrounding the amusing white poodle "Judge."

The paintings cited above are only a very small sampling of the black dogs Sir Edwin produced. He was a master painter and would not have stooped to change the color of his dogs to suit "the object he had in view". He changed the background to suit the actual color of his dogs. Even in his early painting, note that in "Lion" the white area of the dog is against a dark background, while the dark head is silhouetted against the light sky: Let us hope that this evidence will lay to rest the misconception that Sir Edwin painted black & white dogs because he was unwilling or unable to paint an all-black.

Sadly enough, Stonehenge in his first edition of 1865 was writing at a time when it was fashionable to downgrade Sir Edwin who was rapidly falling from the position of most sought-after animal painter of his time, into ill-health, alcoholism, periods of insanity and death in 1873. "Few painters" says Campbell Lennie "are remembered more for their execrations and less for their excellencies than Sir Edwin Landseer." Sir Edwin's Newfoundland's, to whom he gave the name "Landseer" decades after his own death, were black and white. The black Newfoundland began to gain prominence during the last several decades of the 19th century. But were all of those black engravings of Newfoundland's really black? Surprisingly enough, I have at this writing, a color photograph of a dog called a Newfoundland by 19th century catalogers, the original painting of which I have seen, but whose color no one of the later 20th century would believe.

Did you notice that in the last issue of NEWF TIDE, Vol. 7, No.3, that the black & white dog in "Old Newf Tales" was called a "Newfoundland" and that the book was published in 1872? I can vouch for its

authenticity, I submitted it. And of all five stories about Newfoundland's, which were illustrated therein, all were black & white.

Now that color has become a compelling issue among breeders of the Newfoundland dog, may I suggest that a look backward, with definitely dated pictures, plus contemporary documentation, may give a key to the present and the future of our breed? As an art historian of more than 35 years, I can assure you there will be surprises. After all, if the 20th century Labrador dog is a "kissing cousin" of the contemporary black Newf, what is the origin of the increasingly popular yellow Labrador?

Bouncer & Cabot

(Reprinted from [NCA Website](#) Historical Heroes)



BOUNCER, THE NEWFOUNDLAND PRESENTED BY THE CHILDREN OF ST. JOHN'S TO THE CHILDREN OF THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES.

November 9, 1901 - "Bouncer is the Newfoundland presented to T.H.R. the Prince and Princess of Wales on their tour of the Colonies by the children of St John's, Newfoundland's, together with a cart and harness for the little Princes. He is a great favorite with the royal children, who are devoted to him and to whom he is devoted, but he has never been in harness since he was taken on board to come to England. Bouncer is of amiable and affectionate disposition, and extremely well suited by nature to his duties of guardian and companion. The little cart and harness are treasured possessions of little Prince Edward and his brother David, and of their sister the

charming little Princess Mary, but they are regarded more as curios than as furniture of draught, their young English minds finding it impossible to conceive of a dog being put to any other purpose than those of the gun and sport, where he is not, as is Bouncer, purely a friend and companion of busy as well as idle hours. In their new occupation of learning to ride, the Royal children are becoming familiarized with other traits of animals, and their dispositions, but enchanting as are the ways of ponies, the dog, and notable Bouncer, will always have first place in their affections."



The carriage and harness presented with Bouncer was constructed at the Oke's Carriage Factory in St John. The Oke's were known for their carriage painting, and the detail work in this two-wheel child's carriage is evident.



Newfoundland Dog presented to Prince of Wales on his visit to St. John's Nfld., October 1901

The children of the Colony of Newfoundland subscribed a cent each to purchase the gift. There were 4000 children at the presentation held in the skating rink, St. John's, Newfoundland. The Hon. Harold MacPherson was one of the committees that chose Bouncer for the gift but there is no

mention of who bred him. It is said that Sable Chief, the World War One mascot of the Newfoundland Regiment was from the same bloodline as Bouncer.



All was not without some bumps in the road however, local news of the day includes this: "A Disappointment, The Newfoundland dog Bouncer, which with a beautiful little cart and harness was given to the Duke and Duchess at St. John's Newfoundland as a present for their Royal Highnesses' children, has been prohibited from landing at Portsmouth, under the regulations of the Board of Agriculture affecting the importation of dogs."



The gift of Bouncer followed in a tradition set by a former Prince of Wales on an earlier Royal tour, the November 3, 1860, issue of Harper's Weekly has a front-page story of the tour of the Prince of Wales and features this illustration of his Newfoundland dog aboard his ship. This Newfoundland was gifted upon the Prince of Wales visit to Halifax, and became popular with the crew aboard the Prince's ship the Hero. (*The Prince of Hearts: Remembering Canada's First Royal Tour 160 Years Later* by Hugh Brewster) The Newfoundland dog was presented with a silver collar that was custom made by Tiffany & Co. to fit the dog's 24-inch neck. The center plate of the collar was inscribed "'Presented to his Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales, by the inhabitants of Newfoundland.'" The value of the collar and accompanying 6-foot polished cast-steel chain was close to \$300. (NY Times, July 18, 1860). The name given the dog by the Prince is "Cabot", after the celebrated Sebastian Cabot, the discoverer of the island..." (*The Tour of HRH the Prince of Wales Through British America and the United States* by Henry James Morgan)



CDV Portrait King Edward VII Prince of Wales and Dog by AH Clarke Royalty - this is possibly a photo of "Cabot" who was gifted to Edward by the people of Newfoundland in 1860



In the present day, the Newfoundland Club in the UK has funded the purchase of a replica of Bouncer created by the contemporary sculptor Dominic Gubb. This very unusual life-like, life-size model is sculptured from used gym climbing ropes, dyed black. The Club negotiated to have Bouncer displayed, in the shafts of the original 1901 Royal Cart, at the Carriage Museum, Arlington Court, Barnstable, Devon, part of the National Trust. As part of the display agreement, if the Royal Cart is ever loaned to another museum or display, Bouncer will always go with the cart.

Search and Rescue Dogs in World War II

by Mary Jane Spackman & Sue Miller from the 4Q 2003 Newf Tide. Throughout the history of our country Newfoundland's have always played a role in the challenges we have faced, from the revolutionary war through 9/11. The following is a memory of how one Newfoundland served with our soldiers in WWII.

Over 30,000 dogs have served in the U.S. Military, but it wasn't until they established DFD, (Dogs for Defense) in 1942 that more dogs became part of our armed services. At first dogs were used as sentries, however problems arose as the trained dogs outnumbered the trained handlers. It was then decided to use the dogs as search and rescue sled dogs, roving patrols and for messenger services, in addition to serving as companions for the soldiers.



The first training centers for dogs were established in Front Royal, Virginia, Camp Rimini, Montana, Fort Robinson, Nebraska and San Carlos, California. The following year an additional center was established at Cat Island off the coast of Mississippi. This photo shows soldiers presenting dogs for induction into the U.S. Army in 1942 in Front Royal, Virginia. After Pearl Harbor, Americans were encouraged to donate their dogs to the Army. Dogs sent from all 48 states were trained for patrol, sentry duty, mine detection, and as messengers. (Photo courtesy National Geographic)

Camp Rimini is where the few Newfoundland's that served our country were trained. They were trained as sled and pack dogs. These dogs were destined for Newfoundland, Greenland and

Iceland. At first 32 varieties of purebred dogs and crosses were accepted into the program. Within a few months it was shortened to 18 purebreds. Late in 1944 it was again shortened to seven breeds.

Our breed did serve during World War II and the following is a memory from Sgt. Major Hank Comerer, who is the father of one of our NCA members, Linda Kenavey.

"During World War II thousands of airplanes, mostly 1317 and B-24 bombers, flew to airfields in England. Between Presque Isle Maine and their destinations, the United States, Army Air Corps maintained bases in Northeastern Canada, Newfoundland, Labrador, Iceland and Greenland. Their primary mission was to support transient aircraft with weather information and keep landing strips open at all times for emergency landing's ... even in a blizzard at 50 below!

A vital part of each base was the Search & Rescue Unit. Every dog had his own Serial Number and Service Record, the same as the men. These soldiers trained constantly, in weather conditions that immobilized everyone else! When a plane went down, or a crew parachuted, they had to be located in a vast wilderness and brought in. every man, every time.

The head of our Search & Rescue Unit at Mingan, Canada was Sgt. James Laughey who lived in Baudette, Minnesota, the Lake of the Woods country on the Canadian border. Jim spoke several Indian dialects, plus he certainly knew how to speak "dog language." I'm still convinced that the dogs understood every word that Jim or his men said.

Their barracks and kennels were located at our transmitter, the other end of the Base. We had three sled dog teams of Huskies, plus eight pack dogs: Newfoundland's, Siberians and St. Bernard's. Those pack dogs could carry an unbelievable amount of weight ... and go all day! The performance of this unit was so excellent that they earned a Presidential Citation.

In a top-secret operation, this unit was flown to participate in the Battle of The Bulge-nothing else could move in the snowstorm. After completing their supply and rescue mission, they were quietly returned to our base. Only a few top commanders ever knew it happened!

When Jim came into Headquarters, he would sometimes bring his favorite Newfoundland. After a few visits he would just open the front door and say, "go see Hank." The Newf would lumber down the hall, hit the office door, pass several desks, make a right turn to my desk, sit and put his big paw on top ... as if he belonged there!

One time a U.S.O. troupe of girls on their way to Europe came to our base for a performance. They were standing at the Colonel's desk, about ten feet to the right of mine. Suddenly the door banged open, and this big black "bear" bounded into the room, heading in our direction. The visitors dove behind the Colonel's desk ... who was just as surprised because he was never there when the Newf came in. Jim stood there laughing while his dog ambled over to see Hank.

Very little has been said about the importance of dogs in the over-all history of World War II. Maybe that's the way it should be. But for those of us who were in it with them, the dogs of Search & Rescue units earned our life-long love and respect."

6 Human Behaviors Dogs

Hate

(Posts by: Mychelle Blake, MSW, CDBC, Lifestyle Contributor and Pet Behavior Expert)

Dogs have lived side by side with humans for at least 10,000 years or more, according to thescientist.com. Despite living in close quarters with each other for so long, humans often do

things to dogs that they believe dogs love, but dogs distinctly dislike.

Misinterpretation and anthropomorphism lead to dogs that are forced to tolerate undesirable behaviors which eventually can cause fearful, anxious and even aggressive responses.

1. **Hugging**

We often hug our dogs because, as people, we enjoy hugs with each other, and it follows logically to us that dogs would love this too. Most dogs, in fact, do not enjoy this and while some will quietly tolerate the behavior, other dogs can become fearful or anxious when held and may act out to let you know they are unhappy. An even more serious issue is children hugging dogs. According to the American Veterinary Medical Association, children are the victims of the most dog bites each year by far, and this is often due to children handling dogs in ways that make their canine friends uncomfortable.

2. **Rough handling**

In addition to not liking hugs, dogs also are often subjected to handling that can be stressful. Having strangers and even familiar humans reaching their hands right into a dog's face in an attempt to pet their head can feel very intimidating from a dog's point of view. Dogs that haven't been properly desensitized to other forms of handling, such as grooming, nail trimming and veterinary exams can find these situations extremely frightening. It's important to work with dogs, particularly as puppies, to get them to enjoy handling and to make vet and grooming visits more pleasant in the future.

3. **"Old School" communication**

Our understanding of dogs has really changed over the years, particularly recently with the focus on canine cognitive cognition in many research universities. Still, despite this gain in knowledge, many humans still cling to disproven beliefs about dogs and dominance and their relationship to wolves. This philosophy can lead to dogs being handled and trained inappropriately and

developing fearful and/or aggressive behavior. One example of this type of thinking is staring into a dog's eyes to let the dog know "you are boss." This type of body language is quite intimidating to a dog and can make a dog very uneasy. It's important to use sound science to learn more about how a dog sees the world and relates to other dogs and people to improve our interspecies communication.

4. **Poor training techniques**

Along with the change in our thinking about dogs, training has really evolved over the past decades to emphasize positive reinforcement and kinder methods of getting dogs to do the behaviors we want. Dogs do best in an environment where they are encouraged to do behaviors and rewarded for them with whatever they find most pleasing:

- Food
- Toys
- Affection
- Praise

Every dog is an individual and should be treated as such. Likewise, training that focuses on punishing dogs for behaviors, rather than teaching them what you want them to do, can lead to even more inappropriate behaviors because dogs find this threatening and unpleasant. Dogs are also often subject to "trendy" techniques, such as being asked to stand on a post or wall for a period of time with no reinforcement to "build confidence." These techniques have no basis in science, yet humans are all too quick to be lulled by marketing messages. Always look for a qualified, educated professional when looking for a training class or private consultation. Visit the websites of the American College of Veterinary Behaviorists, the Animal Behavior Society, and the IAABC to find someone near you.

5. **Inactivity**

A big one for dogs, particularly dogs bred for activity, is not being given enough physical and mental stimulation by guardians. As a

behavior consultant, I can say it's very normal to meet with a dog's family and find out that the dog is never taken on walks, and they consider free run of the yard an appropriate amount of exercise. Meanwhile, Fido is destroying their home and their yard due to boredom and too much excess energy. If you have a specific breed, find out more about why the breed was created and provide your dog with activities that meet that need. For example, some breeds were created to run for miles a day (such as Dalmatians) and a quick 10-minute walk around the block isn't going to give this dog what he needs to be healthy and happy. Likewise, dogs need to have mental stimulation – this can mean interactive toys, a variety of chew items, play with other dogs, and training. A dog wants to be fully engaged with life and hopes that human guardians will fill this need instead of relegating the dog to the backyard, the couch and general boredom.

6. **Inconsistency**

Dogs have a hard time understanding what we want from them, and when a guardian, or an entire household, is inconsistent, this makes it much harder for a dog to figure us out. If you have a dog, make sure you, and anyone involved with the dog, are all on the same page about hand signals, voice cues and how the dog can live in your home. Giving mixed signals isn't fair to the dog – imagine if you had one person in your household encouraging you to sit on the couch while others yelled at you when they see you sitting there! A great way to keep consistent is to write everything down in a chart or use a whiteboard on your fridge and go over it with everyone in the household. It's our job to make our dogs' lives fulfilled and earn their trust and make our human lives less confusing to them.

If you have any questions or concerns, you should always visit or call your veterinarian -- they are your best resource to ensure the health and well-being of your pets.

Do Dogs Dream?

(Posts by: Dr. Nancy Kay, DVM, DACVIM)

Whether or not dogs dream isn't known with scientific certainty, but it sure is difficult to imagine that they don't. We've all watched our dogs demonstrate behaviors in their sleep that resemble what they do in a fully awake state. Paddling legs, whining, growling, wagging tails, chewing jowls, and twitching noses inspire us to wonder what our dogs are dreaming about.

What we know about dogs and dreams

While our knowledge on this topic is very limited, the following known information helps us believe that dogs do indeed experience dreams. According to MIT News, Matthew Wilson, a professor of neuroscience at MIT, and Kenway Louie, a graduate student in 2001, have studied the relationships between memory, sleep and dreams. They found that when rats were trained to run along a circular track for food rewards, their brains created a distinctive firing pattern of neurons (brain cells). The researchers repeated the brain monitoring while the rats were sleeping. Low and behold, they observed the same signature brain activity pattern associated with running whether the rats were awake or asleep. In fact, the memories played at approximately the same speed during sleep as when the rats were awake.

Can we apply this to dogs?

Can we take what is known about dreaming in rats and humans and apply the information to dogs? Wilson believes that we can. "My guess is — unless there is something special about rats and humans — that cats and dogs are doing exactly the same thing," he said, according to USA Today's website.

It is known that the hippocampus, the portion of the brain that collects and stores memories, is wired much the same way in all mammals. According to healthday.com, Professor Wilson says, "If you compared a hippocampus in a rat to a dog; in a cat to a human, they contain all of the same pieces." He believes that as dogs sleep, images of past events replay in their minds,

much the same way people recall experiences while dreaming.

In people it is known that most dreams occur during REM (rapid eye movement) sleep, according to the National Institutes of Health. Dogs also experience periods of REM sleep. Psychology Today's website says that during REM their breathing becomes more irregular and shallower. There may be muscle twitching during REM and, when one looks closely, rapid eye movements behind closed eyelids can often be observed. It is during REM sleep that behaviors thought to be associated with dreaming (legs paddling, twitching, vocalizing, etc.) are most commonly observed.

What we want to believe about dog dreams

When we observe our dogs as they sleep, it's just about impossible to imagine that they are not dreaming. Just like the rats studied by Wilson and Louie, it is tempting to believe that our four-legged best buddies are reenacting their recent experiences, playing at the dog park, sniffing in the woods, chewing on a treasured bone, and chasing squirrels.

The National Institutes of Health says that Sigmund Freud theorized that dreaming was a "safety valve" for our unconscious desires. Perhaps he is correct, and, when our dogs sleep, they dream about catching the neighbor's pesky cat, continuous belly rubs in conjunction with unlimited dog treats, and stealing the Thanksgiving turkey from the dining room table.

If you have any questions or concerns, you should always visit or call your veterinarian -- they are your best resource to ensure the health and well-being of your pets.

Why Does My Dog Eat Dirt and Other Gross Things?

Posts by: Dr. Justine A. Lee, DVM, DACVECC
Sigh. Dogs will be dogs, won't they?

Unfortunately, there's no rhyme or reason to why your dog eats certain things, like used

tissues or tampons from the bathroom trash (yes, they do it, and it's disgusting), compost and even moldy kitchen garbage. Most of the time, this is due to the strange smells that tempt them, their curious nature and boredom.

The safest things you can do.

- Keep trash stored in closed pantry closets or out of reach
- Dump your trash frequently to avoid tempting your dog
- If you have a motivated Labrador retriever or chowhound, crate train your dog while you're gone during the day to avoid an accidental poisoning.
- Make sure you have pet-proofed (or child-proofed) your house. While ingesting a used tissue isn't directly harmful, we still want to minimize your dog's chances of getting into things (some objects will get stuck in the stomach and intestines requiring emergency abdominal surgery).

What is it about eating dirt?

Once in a while, we'll see dogs eating dirt. While dirt doesn't get "stuck" in the stomach the way other foreign material can, this is still abnormal. However, if your dog eats dirt, this may be due to an underlying medical reason — not just a curious schmooze!

When animals eat unusual substances compulsively (such as dirt, kitty litter, gravel, etc.), we call this pica. In some species (e.g., horses), it's often out of boredom. While pica can sometimes be associated with behavioral idiosyncrasies (like if you have a very bored dog), it's often more likely due to anemia or rare iron or mineral deficiencies. As an emergency critical care veterinarian, I occasionally see pica due to severe, life-threatening anemia secondary to immune-mediated hemolytic anemia.

Likewise, if you are cooking a homemade diet or feeding your dog a frozen or raw food diet (Editor's Note: Ask your veterinarian before trying any new diet), make sure to get the diet

assessed for trace mineral or vitamin deficiencies or excesses, as this can also result in pica.

So, if your dog is eating dirt, make sure to do the following:

- Check your dog's gum color to make sure that his gums don't appear too pale or jaundiced – if they do, an immediate veterinary visit is a must!
- Check the diet – if it's an AAFCO balanced diet, it's unlikely that there is a vitamin or mineral deficiency. However, if it's a homemade food, consider consulting with a veterinary nutritionist. The American College of Veterinary Nutrition offers a list here.
- Visit your veterinarian for blood work or x-rays, especially if you notice other signs of lethargy, decreased appetite, or weight loss. The sooner a medical problem is identified, the sooner we can treat it and often the better (and less expensive) the outcome!
- If your dog is doing great, eating well and not showing any clinical signs, add in some environmental enrichment instead. Prevent your dog from eating the dirt and offer him a treat like a Buster Ball filled with his favorite canned food instead – it'll provide hours of fun as he tries to work the food out.

When in doubt, talk to your veterinarian about this unusual – but potentially medical – cause for eating dirt!

If you have any questions or concerns, you should always visit or call your veterinarian -- they are your best resource to ensure the health and well-being of your pets.

What Happened to My Well-Mannered Puppy?

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OK, we've all heard of the "terrible twos" that often overtake previously happy and contented little babies. Well, the same thing happens with our canine friends, just a little sooner than with their human counterparts.

Depending on the pup, sometimes around 6 or 7 months old a previously well-mannered puppy can turn into a terror. House-training accidents, chewing, barking, the bossing around of other pets, and generally unruly behaviors might start to surface. You might find your dog doing things he hasn't done since you first brought him home or even things he's never done before.

Sadly, it's during this particular time that many dog owners give up and give a dog away or surrender the dog to a shelter. Dogs of this age are among the most commonly surrendered to shelters.

However, with some work, you can get through the terrible twos and end up with an even better-behaved dog. Below are some tips to help you out.

Start early and maintain consistency.

You should start working on behavior and obedience training with your puppy from the moment he enters your home. It is never too early. House training comes first, followed by basic obedience – commands like "come," "sit," and "stay." Even puppies who are a couple of months old can learn these behaviors quickly and easily. And starting early will help establish your position as "the leader of the pack," which will help when your dog tries to test your limits.

Find your puppy's weak spot.

It's probably going to be food, but some puppies respond more to praise or physical interaction with their owner (a pat on the head or a big hug). You need to understand what is going to be most valuable to your puppy when you want him to

stop doing something undesirable and get him to pay attention to you. Digging a hole in the yard might be fun, but a piece of a hot dog or pepperoni might be 10 times better.

Develop a simple and consistent set of words and commands that you use with your dog.

Use the right equipment.

Keep it simple and always use the same words. "Sit," "stay," "no," and "come" are obvious choices; but also remember "leave it" (for when you want the dog to ignore something or leave it alone), "no bark" (for when you want him to be quiet), and "drop it" (when you want him to release whatever is in his mouth). When your dog complies with any of these instructions, give him lots of praise and a treat.

During training sessions or while walking, make sure you use the right equipment to manage your dog. Such equipment may include different collars or harnesses. Your veterinarian or a professional dog training expert can help you figure out what is right for you and your pet. For more information about safe, comfortable, and effective training equipment, visit www.aspcabehavior.org.

Make sure the glass stays half full.

Positive, rewards-based training always works best. Negative or punishment-oriented training will make your dog fearful of you and lessen the bond you have with him rather than strengthen it. It could also lead to aggressive behaviors in the future. You want to be your puppy's center of attention and the person he wants to please and looks to for love and satisfaction, not fear and punishment.

Correct bad behavior

Many dogs of this age will exhibit certain behaviors that you want to make sure you correct:

1. Resource guarding or being possessive of food or toys. You should ensure that your dog doesn't get possessive of his food and that you can always get between your dog and his dinner. Make your dog wait while

you get his food ready, seated and calm. When you put his dish on the floor, make him wait until you give him whatever your command is to tell him it's OK to begin eating. Then gently interrupt your dog's dinner a couple of times.

If your dog begins guarding toys, the best correction is elimination of the toys in question. Growling or other aggressive expressions shouldn't be tolerated, and you should correct the dog with a firm "no" and then remove the toy. Once he has relinquished the toy in question, praise him and give him a treat.

We know a lot of doggie daycare facilities that "outlaw" toys altogether to avoid such conflicts and almost none of them have rawhide toys, as they seem to encourage this kind of possessiveness more than any other toy.

2. Tugging, pulling, and generally bad on-leash behavior. If your dog pulls when on a leash, don't pull back. Instead, stop where you are and let the dog realize that returning to you is the way to get you to move forward. Once he stops pulling and returns to you, praise him and give him a treat. That makes you the reward, rather than just the person tugging him in the direction he doesn't want to go.

If the tugging or pulling is directed at something like a dog or person, give your dog a verbal correction and walk him in the opposite direction. He'll begin to realize, "hey, when I lunge toward something, I don't get to check it out." Most dogs quickly understand that if they don't pull, they will get to greet the other person or pet, and if they pull, they head in the other direction. Utilizing the right training equipment can help correct this problem.

3. Jumping and overly excited greetings. While it's cute to have a 10-pound puppy jump on your leg when greeting you, it's a lot less fun for you and your guests when that puppy is 70 pounds. This behavior is generally easily

cured by a verbal correction ("no," "off," "down") followed by a firm but gentle physical correction. The physical correction needs to be clear to the dog that this is a "don't do this" correction vs. "we're playing a game of push and shove." Take the dog by his shoulders and firmly place all four feet on the ground or block the dog by turning or raising your leg in front of you so he can't place his feet on your chest. Also consider turning your back when your dog begins to jump and ignore the behavior. Doing this repeatedly will generally end the behavior fairly quickly.

4. Aggression is never good. This is probably the toughest problem – outright aggression on your dog's part toward another pet or toward people. Because this is probably the most serious of dog behaviors, we recommend talking with your veterinarian right away; he or she can help assess your dog's behavior and make recommendations, including directing you to a professional, certified trainer. This isn't a problem to try to solve on your own.

If nothing else...

Remember the four most important things in training and caring for your pooch:

- Consistency. Dogs are creatures of habit and consistency is probably the single most important part of training. Make sure that EVERYONE who is part of your dog's life on a regular basis is part of his training. Don't let kids or relatives allow bad behavior. Everyone should participate in his training and understand what is allowed and not allowed.
- Patience. If you're impatient or stressed while training your dog, he'll sense it and it will make him anxious, as well.
- Positive correction vs. punishment. Your dog will never understand why you're angry, punishing him, or hurting him. It will just make him fearful and confused.

- Love. Show your pup love at appropriate times and make sure you give him tons of praise. Love and affection work magic!

When you have a problem, you just can't manage on your own, give your veterinarian a call and they'll be able to help! Never be embarrassed to ask for help.

If you have any questions or concerns, you should always visit or call your veterinarian – they are your best resource to ensure the health and well-being of your pets.

Help! My Dog Eats Poop, why?

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Disgusting to us humans, “coprophagy” or the act of eating fecal matter, is a common dog behavior—so when you see your dog snacking out of the litter box or stopping for a mid-walk nosh, understand that this is in his nature.

That being said, this is a behavior that you'll want to change for reasons beyond the “yuck” factor. Coprophagy is a behavior that can spread nasty intestinal parasites among pets so, unfortunately, you can't turn a blind eye to this disgusting habit.

Ways to manage this behavior include keeping your yard clean, watching your dog when he is outdoors to make sure he doesn't hunt down his favorite snack and, if you have furry feline friends in addition to your dog, keep their litter box unavailable to enquiring snouts.

Make sure to talk with your veterinarian about possible solutions to this problem and possible medical causes. They can work with you to determine that your dog is healthy, receiving a nutritionally balanced diet, and is free of parasites. There are also commercial products available through your veterinarian that can help deter coprophagy.

If you have any questions or concerns, you should always visit or call your veterinarian – they are your best resource to ensure the health and well-being of your pets.

Poolside Pet Safety: What You Need to Know

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Summer is here so bring on the pool parties, beach days and long summer nights! If you're enjoying the summertime alongside some furry friends, it's important to know how to keep them safe while having fun. Thankfully, the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center (APCC) has everything you need to know right here!

Bring Drinking Water

Water play is a particularly effective way to beat the heat, but be sure to take plenty of fresh, potable water with you. Lapping up pool water or water found outdoors could create a hazard for your pets.

Pool water contains chlorine and algicides to make the water suitable for swimming. These chemicals are usually greatly diluted in the pool itself and will only result in stomach upset if large amounts are consumed. But the undiluted pool chemicals (algicide, pool shock and chlorine tablets) are extremely corrosive, and if ingested will cause severe ulcers in the mouth, throat and esophagus. These can become life-threatening.

Keep Your Poolside Products and Beverages Out of Paws' Reach

Products we use to keep ourselves safe outdoors—specifically, sunscreens and bug sprays—don't always work for our pets. Both products may contain chemicals that could be harmful to pets when ingested or applied on their skin. Don't use any sunscreens or bug repellants on your pets unless they are specifically marked as safe for animals. When lounging outside or participating in outdoor activities, be sure to put your products away securely after use.

Also, if you're enjoying a few alcoholic beverages by the pool, be sure to keep your drinks up and away from any curious noses and clean up any spills.

Never Leave Your Pet Unattended by the Pool

Even if your pool is covered, pool covers themselves can be a safety hazard if your pet falls in and slips beneath the cover. If this were to happen, your pet could become disoriented, and can drown while trying to climb out. Consider a safety cover to prevent this hazard from leading to tragedy.

To further protect your pets, you could consider using pool alarms or pool turtles (a device that the pet wears on the collar that sounds an alarm when it gets wet) to protect your pet and alert you if they are in trouble.

Follow these few poolside safety tips to have a fun, safe and healthy summer!

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OPEN SWIM DATES 2022

(SHARED WATER PRACTICE DATES
WITH KEYSTONE PORTUGUESE WATER DOGS (KPWD)
AT CODORUS STATE PARK, PA)

Saturday, May 21 | Sunday, May 22

Tuesday, May 31 | Wednesday, June 1 | Saturday, June 4

Sunday, June 5 (must vacate the area before 4 pm)

Tuesday, June 7 | Saturday, June 11

Sunday, June 12 (must vacate the area before 4 pm)

Saturday, June 25

Sunday, June 26 (must vacate the area before 4 pm)

Wednesday, July 6 | Saturday, July 9

Sunday, July 10 (must vacate the area before 4 pm)

Tuesday, July 12 | Wednesday, July 13

Tuesday, July 19 | Wednesday, July 20 | Saturday, July 23

Sunday, July 24 (must vacate the area before 4 pm)

Tuesday, July 26 | Wednesday, July 27

Saturday, July 30

Sunday, July 31 (must vacate the area before 4 pm)

Tuesday, August 2 | Wednesday, August 3

Saturday, August 6

Sunday, August 7 (must vacate the area before 4 pm)

Tuesday, August 9 | Wednesday, August 10

Saturday, August 13

Sunday, August 14 (must vacate the area before 4 pm)

Sunday, August 21 (must vacate the area before 4 pm)

Wednesday, August 31

Tuesday, September 6 (must vacate the area before 4 pm)

Sunday, September 25 (must vacate the area before 4 pm)

Saturday, October 1 (not shared)

Sunday, October 2 (not shared)

2022 Upcoming CNC Events

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MARCH

CNC 2022 Draft Workshop
Pole Green Park
Mechanicsville VA

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APRIL

Working Dog Workshop
Walkersville Volunteer Fire
Company | Walkersville, MD

16-17

JULY

Water Workshop

26-28

AUGUST

Water Test

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OCTOBER

FALL CNC/CNR PICNIC
Quiet Water Park, Annapolis,
MD

21-23

OCTOBER

**TRIPLE CROWN REGIONAL
COMPETITION**
Walkersville, MD

TBD

OCTOBER

MALL WALK
Washington, DC

11-13

NOVEMBER

Maryland Irish Festival
State Fairgrounds, Timonium,
MD

18-20

NOVEMBER

CNC Draft Test

TBD

DECEMBER

CNC Christmas Tree Pull



BEAR FARE

INFO

Bear Fare is the quarterly newsletter for Colonial Newfoundland Club members.

This is your newsletter - so your input is always appreciated. We encourage all members to submit articles/brags/news to make the Bear Fare interesting. We can accept virtually all formats from word processors & graphics packages. The easiest way to get us the information is via email.

Newf Scoops is FREE & cover wins, places, obedience legs, etc., at shows & trials. New Champions & Title holding Newfs will also be announced here.

Baby Bear Boom cost \$5 (payable to Colonial Newfoundland Club) & is an advertisement section for breeders to announce expected or new litters.

Advertising: Acceptable paid advertising will be included as space permits. Ads will be placed at the discretion of the editors. The advertising rate for CNC members is \$20 for a full page and \$10 for a half page. Checks payable to Colonial Newfoundland Club.

BEAR FARE Newsletter: Dates for all submissions published in Bear Fare are the LAST DAY of April (Spring Issue), July (Summer Issue), October (Fall Issue) and January (Winter Issue).

The newsletter will become available on or about the 15th of May, August, November and February and is a “.pdf.” file that is accessible via the www.cncnewfs.com website.

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