



# 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!

### 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.

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

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



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](http://www.cncnewfs.com)

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# Board of Directors

2022

## OFFICERS

President .....Dwight Gorsuch  
Vice President .....Rose Miller  
Treasurer .....Paul Katinan  
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  
i.e. membershipcnc@gmail.com
- 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





Leesburg  
Christmas  
Parade



December  
2021

# A Message from the CNC President!

Colonial Newfoundland Club members,



**D**o you make resolutions at the beginning of the New Year? The Colonial Newfoundland Club has resolutions for 2022—to do more, get together more often and learn more. To just get out more to be with our great dogs and great friends more often in 2022! Some of our plans for this year are...

Something new is the Colonial Working Skills Series. Starting this month, the CNC Working Dog Committee put together an educational series of online resources, active online training, in person training and in the water training for Water and Draft Work. With in-person training events starting in March, April and through September, the series will take you from the very first training steps to all levels of Water and Draft testing if that's your goal. Look for more information on CNC's Website and FB page.

Recently the CNC Board of Directors voted to continue the upgrade of our club's website. Coming over the next few months, our website will be totally new, with access for you by phone, tablet, PC or Mac. Want to renew your membership on-line? We'll be able to do that! How about a CNC dedicated YouTube channel and Instagram account—that's all coming too! As all this comes together, we'd love your input on how it's working for you so don't be shy and let us know.

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 TBA—look for details on the CNR, CNC Facebook and web sites.

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.

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](mailto:elizabeth_McCully@mccormick.com) or Dwight at [BearNMindNewfs@gmail.com](mailto: BearNMindNewfs@gmail.com)

CNC's resolution for 2022 is 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, 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

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## CNC Board Meeting Minutes for November-December 2021, January 2022

**November 17, 2021 | Board of Directors Meeting | Meeting Called to order at 7:30 pm**

**Present:** Dwight Gorsuch (DG), Rose Miller (RM), Mike Paxton (MP), Terry Mahon (TM),

Bennett Alford (BA), Paul Katinas (PK), Don Sharkey (DS), Liz McCully (EM).

**Absent:** Brenda McKeel

**Guests:** Julia Sharkey (JS), Michelle Blumhagen (MB), Lisa Lathrop (LL), Donna McConn (DMC), Michele Miller (MM), Kathy Paxton (KP), Melanie Tipton (MT), Jim Wasson (JW)

**President** – Dwight Gorsuch - open meeting at 7:30 pm.

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### OFFICER REPORTS

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**President** – Dwight Gorsuch - Included in the agenda

**Recording Secretary** – Terry Mahon  
Minutes of October Board Meeting submitted to Board. Motion made (RM) to accept the October 2021 meeting minutes as presented. Seconded (BA). No objections. Motion passed.

**Treasurer Report** – Mike Paxton

- Net Receipts and Disbursements: (\$410.62)
- Cash Balance on 10/31/2021: \$44,891.01
- Motion made (TM) to approve the expenditures over one hundred dollars (\$100). Seconded (RM). No objections. Motion passed.
- Motion made to accept the October Treasurer's Report as presented (TM). Seconded (RM). No objections. Motion passed.
- Any CNC member may see the itemized report for this time period by sending a request to the CNC Treasurer.
- MP reported that the account for the 2023 National Specialty will be set up next week. Then MP will transfer \$9359 from the CNC account (Specialty line item) to the new account. KP and DS can

write checks, and both will have a credit card.

- Transfer of CNC Treasurer Duties: In early December MP will start to work with PK to transfer the CNC checking account to PK's name. MP and PK will meet and go over the Treasurer's duties, review tax filing, and any other responsibilities.
- KP noted that all new officers and board members take over at the Annual Meeting.

**Corresponding Secretary Report** – Brenda McKeel – no report.

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### COMMITTEE AND EVENT REPORTS

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**CNR Rescue Update** - Donna McConn  
Three dogs are in rescue; 2 have been adopted; 1 is in foster care.

**CNC/CNR Combined Fall Picnics/Fun Day** – Donna McConn

The picnic had a great turnout – about 100 people. This was the best attendance for any club or rescue picnic. All COVID testing was negative. We had a speaker on massage therapy and Mandy Walters did face and paw painting. CNR and CNC spent a total of about \$1200. Both the club and rescue are open to having combined picnics in the spring and fall and will discuss later. CNR needs to have their annual meeting in March, April, or May, so they may want to be in charge of a spring picnic. We will keep this on the agenda and discuss in January.

**Alexandria Christmas Parade** - Donna McConn  
CNC/CNR combined participation; Mandy Walters reported that about 25 have signed up so far. Jess reserved an outdoor restaurant in Old Town where we can meet after the parade. Rescue will also participate in the Leesburg

Saturday night parade (the week after Alexandria).

DMC has the rescue banners, and DS will send a club banner to her.

**CNC Website Committee** – Michelle Blumhagen  
Much of the design is done and they are making decisions regarding migration. Paula McPherson is working on cognito forms (online fillable forms); we will use Stripe for payments.

Proposed Website privacy policy - attachment sent with agenda. KP commented that this document was clear and understandable; excellent job. MB explained the CNC Website data collection purpose. Data is encrypted and stored on the provider's account. We want members to know that we take their privacy seriously. We may ask what skills (that the club could use) on the membership renewal form.

EM made a motion to approve the Privacy Policy as written by Michelle Blumhagen; seconded (MP); no objections; motion carried.

Non-Member participation in CNC Events—  
statement on CNC Website – KP

Statement says that nonmembers are invited to the spring and fall fun days to get to know people and can attend other events as spectators. Our insurance only covers CNC members, NCA members, and other regional club members. We want to be welcoming and encourage people to join. KP will draft an email and send to Jim Wasson and Lisa Lathrop, copy DS and RM, expressing our concerns about the wording of the statement on the website.

**Annual Meeting** – Via Zoom on Saturday, December 11, 2021, at 2 pm.  
CNC Committee reports are due to DG by December 1. Expect 12 – 15 reports.

Publicized on CNC website. Ask PMP to broadcast committee reports to members.

MB suggested a power point presentation, showing new board, highlight activities, some photos of events, plans for next year. DG will put this together.

We will have a run through meeting on Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. TM will set up and send the invitation.

TM will set up and host the Annual Meeting on December 11<sup>th</sup>, and share screens to show online attending members the annual meeting agenda and any reports

**Awards** – New chairperson needed – DG working on this.

**Bear Fare** – Brenda McKeel  
The deadline for the next issue of the Bear Fare Newsletter is January 30, 2022.

Please email submissions for upcoming events to: [bearfare@gmail.com](mailto:bearfare@gmail.com).

**Brown Bag** – New chair and/or new Process needed.

**Christmas Tree Pull** - Bees and Trees on November 27 is on schedule; Christie Smith is in charge.

**Pancake Breakfast/Walk:**

**Education** – EM  
Any training videos from the NCA web site are permitted to be placed on CNC's web site without further review.

Other links are to be reviewed by the appropriate committee prior to posting on CNC's web site, ex. draft training to be reviewed by the working committee for accuracy and safety purposes. If approved, the Educational Chair will prepare a report for the Board for final approval prior to posting.

EM would like to post some videos - New Trends In Training – 6 developing trends in dog training, and Erica Etchason’s nail trimming video. She will include a disclaimer that CNC does not recommend or endorse any training method.

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

**Spring Fun Day** – discuss combining w/CNR. CNR takes the lead for spring, CNC takes the lead for fall?

#### **Carting in DC:**

DG heard the DC Event organized by Paul was a tremendous success! Update from Paul: They had about 20 dogs and 30 people; photos are on Facebook; everyone had a great time and PK will organize again next year. PK will send the emails from all attendees to EM to contact to join the club. Membership applications and business cards with a QR Code were discussed.

**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.

FYI, some are wearing, but masks are not required at AKC dog shows unless the judge is wearing and requires masking.

We would need a location and volunteers; there have not been any seminars lately. RM will start to work on this. There are usually 25 teams and as many observers as we can accommodate. KP suggested Walkersville; DS noted that the building is winterized and there is no matting.

**CNC Insurance** – Lisa Lathrop

Jim Wasson — transition update: current contact info for CNC Insurance is Lisa Lathrop: [lathrop6@hotmail.com](mailto:lathrop6@hotmail.com)

JW noted that the BOD needs to select a replacement Resident Agent for CNC. This is a required name and contact info that goes on the MD records for any matters relating to CNC’s incorporation status. It must be a MD resident. Nothing really for the person to do unless contacted if a problem arises with CNC’s incorporation status. One exception is each spring or early summer check the MD records to make sure CNC has submitted its tax return for the year (it’s simply a safety check because if our treasurer forgets to submit, CNC could lose its incorporation status).

JW will take care of the initiating paperwork for the name change as soon as we get a name from the BOD.

KP volunteered to serve as the resident agent. TM made a motion that JW transfer the resident agent position to KP. Seconded (EM); no objections; motion carried.

DG thanked JW for all his work on behalf of CNC.

**Membership** – Paula McPherson

No new members to consider for November

**Membership Broadcasting** – Paula McPherson

Please email: [broadcastcnc@gmail.com](mailto:broadcastcnc@gmail.com) if you would like to send out any information or updates to the club members.

**Nomination Committee:** Start earlier next year, February 2022

**Member Development Committee** – EM

Liz is staying in touch with new members. Many of them may be at the Xmas Parade – be sure to welcome them.

**Specialties Committee 2022-2023**

**NCA National**

Kathy Paxton (Chair), Don Sharkey (Site Chair)  
Monday, April 24, 2023 – Saturday, April 29, 2023

Seven Springs Ski Resort Champion, PA  
KP and DS went to the host hotel for updates a few weeks ago.

**Celtic Classic** – on schedule  
**Triple Crown** – on schedule

**NCA Representative** – Paul Katinas – no meeting

**Working Dog:**

Melanie will be the chair for 2022; she and JS are working together. Much of the January board meeting is setting the schedule for working events and training.

**2021 Draft Test:**

November 19-21; Dorey Park, Henrico, VA  
Judges Donna Thibault & Sue Marino;  
Theme: “It’s A NEWFember Harvest Festival  
Chair: Donna Foy Secretary:  
Meredith Lynes

**Agreement w/Codorus for 2022** – JS and MT will work with Cindy (Codorus State Park) and Robert (PWD club). DG suggested that we get as many days as we can and go into September. The PWD test is mid-September.

**CNC Water Workshop Series 2022 - DG**

Starting in January with on-line, indoor basic training — perhaps Deanna Alko’s series. Possibly rent an indoor space for early spring, then outdoor land work.

Experienced CNC members will conduct the basic training.

Sue Marino will instruct our in the water sessions again for 2022.

Cassie Iken will create a logo, so we have stuff to sell.

**CNC Water Test 2022:**

August 26-28 are the 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.

**Old Business:**

CNC's policy of posting photos of children with Newfoundland’s on CNC's website, FB, Flyers. Discussion – who can give permission? Any relative?

For CNC, suggestion from KP:

I, _____ grant permission to the Colonial Newfoundland Club to use this picture of _____ who is my _____ (relationship) in their publications and/or their website.  Signature/date: _____  Printed name: _____
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KP will rewrite and we will revisit at the January board meeting.

**New Business:**

KP asked the board to approve an appreciation gift for Jim and Betsy Watson. Jim has been our insurance agent and resident agent for more than 17 years. KP would purchase a Xmas gift from White Flower Farm (around \$100) to be delivered. EM made a motion to approve the Xmas appreciation gift for Jim and Betsy; seconded (BA); no objections; motion carried.

**Top Twenty Video** – KP suggested we do something like this for the awards. She also has a box of extra awards from Cindy Flowers.

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

**Secondary Water Test/Training sites:**

Smithfield, VA - Donna Foy; Rocky Gap and

Cascade Lake in MD; Lake Anna - Fran Miller.  
Restart research in January.

**Action Items:** Paul Katinas resigned as Member at Large.

**Next scheduled Board Meeting** - The Board does not meet in December.

The next regular board meeting will be January 19, 2022, at 7:30 pm.

The board will have a practice Zoom meeting on Wednesday, December 8, 2021, at 7:30 pm.

**Adjournment** - Motion made (RM) to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 pm. Seconded (EM). No objections. Motion passed.

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**December 11, 2021 | Board of Directors Meeting | Meeting Called to order at 2:00 pm**

**Present:** Dwight Gorsuch, Rose Miller, Mike Paxton, Kathy Paxton, Terry Mahon, Don Sharkey, Julia Sharkey, Bennett Alford, Brenda McKeel, Paul Katinas, Michelle Blumhagen, Lisa Lathrop, Cookie Basham

President, Dwight Gorsuch opened the meeting at 2 pm.

All end of year committee reports were distributed to members by Paula McPherson.

Dwight presented a slide show to review our accomplishments for 2021: draft workshops and draft test in Richmond; water workshops and water test at Codorus State Park; Triple Crown. Dwight introduced the newly elected board members. He thanked Mike Paxton for his service as Treasurer, and Jim Wasson for his work as our resident agent.

Dwight reviewed our plans for next year: website update; water workshops and test;

draft workshops and test; regional specialties; spring and fall combined picnics with CNR; mall walk; holiday parades; and return to the awards program.

Dwight thanked everyone who volunteered and encouraged all members to volunteer. Please email Dwight if you have any questions.

Kathy Paxton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:20 pm. Motion seconded by Brenda McKeel.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 pm.

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**December 8, 2021 | Board of Directors Special Meeting | Meeting Called to order at 7:30 pm**

**Present:** Dwight Gorsuch (DG), Rose Miller (RM), Mike Paxton (MP), Terry Mahon (TM), Don Sharkey (DS), Bennett Alford (BA),

**Absent:** Brenda McKeel (BMK), Paul Katinas (PK), Elizabeth McCully (EM)

**Guests:** Kathy Paxton (KP)

President, Dwight Gorsuch open meeting at 7:30 pm

**Agenda**

Annual Meeting – Run through on Zoom to prepare for the Annual Meeting on Saturday, December 11, 2021.

The Annual Meeting was publicized on the CNC website. Paula McPherson will send a blast email with the committee reports and an invitation to join the Zoom meeting.

We went through the Power Point slide show that DG prepared. TM will host the Zoom meeting, download the PPT, and share it in slide show mode.

Photos with children were discussed. We will have a question and answer slide at the end. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

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## January 19, 2022 | Board of Directors Meeting | Meeting Called to order at 7:30 pm

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

**Guests:** Donna McConn (DMC), Kathy Paxton (KP), Mike Paxton (MP), Melanie Tipton (MT), Lisa Lathrop (LL)

President, Dwight Gorsuch opened the meeting at 7:31 pm and introduced Fran Miller to the Board.

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### OFFICER REPORTS

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President – Dwight Gorsuch – included in the agenda

**Recording Secretary – Terry Mahon**  
Minutes submitted to Board.

Motion made (RM) to accept the November 2021 meeting minutes as presented. Seconded (PK). No objections. Motion passed.

Motion made (RM) to accept the December 2021 Special meeting minutes as presented. Seconded (PK). No objections. Motion passed.

Motion made (RM) to accept the Annual meeting minutes as presented. Seconded (PK). No objections. Motion passed.

**Treasurer – Paul Katinas & Mike Paxton –**  
November and December 2021 Treasurer's Reports submitted to the board.

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

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

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

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

The Board does not have to approve the End of the year report. MP reported that the report shows that CNC is on sound financial footing. It looks like our total is down since we moved some funds from the general account to the National Specialty account. MP encouraged the board to get behind the push to get the new website up. MP is departing his role as CNC Treasurer to be the Treasurer for the 2023 National. The board thanked Mike for all his hard work for CNC. DG thanked PK for serving as Treasurer this year.

The board appointed Julia Sharkey and Kathy Paxton (two non-board club members) to review the books for 2021 and report to the board at the February meeting.

**Corresponding Secretary – Brenda McKeel**  
No report.

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## COMMITTEE AND EVENT REPORTS

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CNC Member at Large Vacancy: PK resigned the remainder of his term as Member at Large to serve as Treasurer. DG proposes Fran Miller to fill the vacancy. Fran has agreed to serve if appointed. EM made a motion to appoint Fran Miller to the Member at Large position for the remainder of PK's term. Seconded (TM). Motion passed. The board welcomed FM to the board.

**CNR Rescue Update:** Donna McConn reported the following from the CNR Board meeting:

CNR took in 19 dogs in 2021; only one is still in Rescue.

DMC will chair the spring picnic (combined event); try for April in VA, depending on Covid. Someone from CNC will chair the fall (combined) picnic, in MD.

EM has signed us up for the Alexandria St. Patrick's Day Parade. We will try to do the Reston Pet Fiesta if it occurs. Holiday parades: Williamsburg if the club chooses to participate; Leesburg; Alexandria if we don't do Williamsburg; maybe Baltimore.

**CNC Website Committee:** The committee ran into some technical issues that we need to resolve. We need to push forward and finish the project. More details in February. DG thanked Michelle Blumhagen and her committee.

**CNC/CNR Combined Picnics/Fun Days – 2022:** CNR to organize spring; CNC the fall.

Annual Meeting: Zoom attendance at the 2021 annual meeting was not great. If we have to do Zoom again in 2022 – how can we increase attendance? Offer door prize to attendees; promote the meeting in Bear Fare and on the

website; change the date. The meeting can be anytime between October 31-December 15. If we can meet in-person, have the meeting outdoors and with an event.

We will post the 2021 zoom meeting and the Power Point presentation on the CNC website and on Facebook, and a link in Bear Fare. Instagram was discussed.

**Awards:** New chairperson needed - DG is still working on this. We will need to cover two years in the next award presentation.

### **Bear Fare: Brenda McKeel**

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

Please email submissions for upcoming events to: bearfare@gmail.com.

**Brown Bag:** New chair and/or new Process needed.

### **Christmas Tree Pulls:**

#### **Pancake Breakfast/Walk:**

Oregon Ridge in Hunt Valley, MD. Canceled for this year, 2022.

#### **Education: Elizabeth McCully**

EM will send out videos on obedience, draft, and water before the April Skills Workshop. EM and BMK volunteered to help Paula McPherson with the blast emails. These three will discuss.

#### **Face book (CNC): Paula McPherson/Brad Cole/Chuck Basham**

Talk about adding Instagram at the next meeting.

**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. Hesitant to set up right

now with Covid. RM will look at the open pavilion at Prince William fairgrounds. We will discuss again in February.

**Fast Cat:** NCA licensed to hold Fast Cat.

**CNC Insurance: Lisa Lathrop:**  
lathrop6@hotmail.com

LL found out from our carrier that spectators at our events are covered under our general liability insurance policy. Volunteers are covered under the volunteer insurance. We had a question about participants (ex they attend a workshop, and they are not club members). LL will contact our carrier. DG thanked LL for stepping up and taking on this job.

**Membership:** Paula McPherson  
New Memberships for Preliminary Approval:

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

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

Motion made (TM) to move the Board grant preliminary approval to the two (2) new family members presented to the Board by 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 (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:** Set up by February 2022; we need to start earlier this year.

**Member Development Committee: Elizabeth (Liz) McCully**

Michele Miller has contacted one of our new applicants, and EM will contact the other.

**Specialties Committee 2022-2023:**  
All are on track.

**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.

KP reported that the resort has been sold; we have already been contacted by the new owners; NCA is aware and all is still on track.

**Celtic Classic:** Premium and other paperwork is done.

**Triple Crown:** Friday after judging, we will have a special program called Mister Mover.

**NCA Representative:** Paul Katinas  
No NCA meetings.

**Working Dog:** Melanie Tipton  
DG thanked MT for taking over as Working Dog Chair and thanked JS for serving as the chair for many years.

MT thanked DG for creating the Working Dog Skills Series and FM for the flyer. The calendar is built around the Series. A tentative schedule of 2022 CNC Working events as of Jan 14, 2022, is attached to the January agenda announcement.

**2021 Draft Test Report: Chair Donna Foy**

**CNC Working Dog Skills Series 2022:**  
MT explained the series is a grouping of literature, videos, online and in person training.

Starting in January with on-line, indoor basic training, including Deanna Alko's series.

In person Draft Workshop in March, Working Skills Workshop in April, Informal Water training through the summer. Experienced CNC members will conduct the basic training. Sue Marino will instruct the water workshop in July. Cassie Iken will create a logo, so we have stuff to sell.

Codorus - dates on the calendar have not been approved by the park yet. We are working with a new person. Leaving items overnight was discussed. The park no longer locks the gates. A gift for the park was discussed. MT and JS will meet and discuss the certificate of insurance, packet, and contract.

**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.

**CNC Draft Test 2022:** The tentative dates are November 18 – 20, 2022.

**How best to reach new members and encourage them to attend events was discussed:**

Texting instead of emails; calling members.

We try to publish all the dates on the website after the January meeting. EM made a motion to approve the preliminary dates. Seconded (BMK). Motion passed. MT will send the calendar to Chuck Basham for the website, and to Michelle Blumhagen.

**Old Business:**

The Resident Agent transfer is completed. Kathy Paxton is the resident agent.

The photo policy has been resolved. We have a statement to be signed before photos of children will be published.

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. Send suggestions to DG.

Baltimore St Patrick's Day Parade, Sunday 3/13/22– application submitted, awaiting approval from Parade Committee.

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

**Next scheduled Board Meeting – February 16, 2022**

**Adjournment:** RM made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 pm. Seconded (PK). Motion passed.

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## DOGS IN CARS

(Reprinted from NCA November e-Notes 2021)

**H**ave dog, will travel – at least, that's how it is for most of us who own dogs. There certainly are some dogs who do not like to ride in cars, but they're relatively rare; it's much more likely your Newfoundland puppy – and soon-to-be Newfoundland adult – will be a road-trip enthusiast. But that joy of travel comes with a serious responsibility: safety.

Most veterinarians and "serious" dog people will tell you that the "best practice" for driving with a dog is to have the dog in a securely latched crate that is itself secured in the vehicle. And they will be right; that's the very best way to safely transport your Newfoundland (or any dog). While any appropriately sized crate will do, there are special "SUV" crates available that are a couple of inches narrower than the standard Newf sized crate width of 24". (See now why most serious dog people drive SUVs or

minivans? Those “small” crates suddenly become quite large when you squeeze them into your vehicle.) Crates ideally are secured to cargo hooks in the floor of your SUV or to the latches that hold down those seats you had to remove to fit the crates in your minivan. Keeping your dog in a secured crate ensures that neither crate nor canine becomes a projectile in case of an accident, and of course prevents your dog from interfering with the driver or any passengers. There should be an identification tag affixed to the crate with your dog’s name and a contact phone number, and that of course is in addition to the tag on your dog’s collar.

But it is also, frankly, a reality that not all dogs travel that way, and not everyone can accommodate that ideal level of car safety. There are other devices available to help keep your canine traveler safe, and you should certainly look into these. Adjustable barriers that fit right behind the front seat of your vehicle are an excellent way to ensure that your Newf stays where she belongs and doesn’t interfere with driver. Harness or restraint systems, usually used in conjunction with your car’s seat belt, are an option (admittedly, they are more likely to work with smaller breeds), and there are even restraint systems that allow dogs limited movement in a back seat or cargo area but will also keep them away from the driver. None of these systems have the safety effectiveness of crates, but they may be better than nothing.

There are also – let’s be honest here – dogs who are free in the car. (Never, never, never travel with your dog in the back of an open pickup truck; there is simply no way that can be justified. Doing so puts your dog at very high risk of serious injury and death. Just don’t do it.) The size of an adult Newfoundland is no guarantee that you won’t suddenly find yourself with a front-seat companion. The risk of distraction for a driver is much higher when dogs are free in the back of the car, and the possibility of injury

increases as well. And while there’s no denying the appeal of the image of a dog with his head out the open window, feeling the breeze in his face – and most dogs certainly do seem to love that – allowing your dog to feel that breeze puts him at additional risk of eye injury. (Yes, you can buy “Doggles” to cover your dog’s eyes, but will you? And will you put in the time necessary to get him used to them?) And having the window down far enough for an adult Newf to stick their head out makes it easy for them to break the window and be injured or jump out.

The impulse to have your companion with you on excursions beyond your own yard and neighborhood is a strong one, and comes of course from the deep love we share with our dogs and with our recognition of their great delight in visiting new places and people. But honor that love by being acutely aware of the responsibility that comes every time you open the car door for your dog.

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## GROWING UP HEALTHY JOINTS

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**O**ne well-known joint ailment among Newfs is hip dysplasia, but joint change can occur in any joint. Genetic flaws, injuries, poor diet, and addition of supplements to diets, inadequate or excessive exercise – any of this can initiate or contribute to the development of joint disease.

From the OFA web site: Hip Dysplasia is a terrible genetic disease because of the various degrees of arthritis (also called degenerative joint disease, arthrosis, and osteoarthrosis) it can eventually produce, leading to pain and debilitation. From the PennHip web site: Abnormal development of the hip causes excessive wear of the joint cartilage during weight bearing, eventually leading to the

development of arthritis, often called degenerative joint disease (DJD) or osteoarthritis (OA). For Newfoundland's, elbows are an even more serious area for joint disease, since dogs carry most of their weight on their front end.

The structure and physiological maintenance of a joint is rooted in genetics. Learning is slowly unfolding about the complex genetics of inheritance and about the process of change in the joint. The occurrence of degenerative changes on the right side may be independent from those on the left side. While genetics is the primary factor, an injury can also lead to arthritic change in a joint. Anything that increases inflammation can initiate or further the degree of change. For hips, laxity in the joints and a shallow acetabulum will probably lead to degenerative joint disease (DJD) at some point. However, radiographic evidence of change may not correlate with symptoms. Some dogs do not show that they experience pain even when DJD is present. There are a number of dysplastic dogs with severe arthritis who have normal activity and some dogs with little evidence of change on radiographs who are severely lame. This can make it a challenge to associate lameness with the area of joint change. However, x-ray equipment is improving and the ability to interpret x-rays for different areas of joint disease is improving as well. Some areas of lameness, such as the spine, can be difficult to impossible to evaluate using x-rays alone. And, since Newfoundland's tend to be stoic about pain, this can make it difficult to determine which area(s) to x-ray. It's not always the hips that cause lameness!

To optimize the development of sound joints, owners should keep a close eye on the weight gain of a growing Newfoundland. Excess weight increases the risk that DJD will develop. Maintaining good muscle will also help support developing joints. Should an injury occur, restricting activity for a period may be all that's required to allow healing? Sometimes anti-

inflammatory medications are needed, but these can have serious side effects. Any mild lameness that continues for multiple days or any significant or incapacitating lameness should be evaluated by a veterinarian who is skilled in orthopedic evaluation. Delay can allow a problem to grow worse.

These are some common causes of injury related to joint inflammation and development of joint disease:

- Jumping out of vehicles or off platforms, particularly onto hard surfaces – the impact on elbows can result in fractures or DJD or tendonitis. Newfoundland's tend to carry a large proportion of their weight on their front end, so arthritic change in their elbows can be debilitating.
- Falling or sliding on a slick floor – this can result in ligament tears in any joint.
- Rough play with other large dogs – body slams and “spins” can result in back injuries, another “game” is arm-grabbing which can result in fractures.

Puppies need to play with other dogs to learn social behaviors. However, an overly excited puppy or playmate may not use good judgment when playing with other dogs, chasing a toy, etc. Teaching calm behavior can help reduce the risk of a calamity. At around 6 months, your puppy is reaching an age where he is beginning to feel that invincibility factor. This will continue for quite a while, as he becomes quite impressed with his newfound physical abilities without understanding his physical limitations.

A breed- and age-appropriate diet and weight management are good ways to optimize the development of sound joints, along with appropriate exercise. Walking and swimming are good forms of exercise to build up muscles that support joints. Walks that include climbing

up and down hills are especially good, and natural surfaces tend to be better for reducing impact than walking on sidewalks. By 6 months of age, with regular exercise, your puppy should be up to at least 20 minutes of walking. When the temperature is 65 or above and the humidity is significant, frequency is more important than distance, and natural surfaces other than rocks tend to hold less heat.

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## SEVEN TIPS TO ENHANCE YOUR AGING DOG'S LONGEVITY

Posts by: Dr. Nancy Kay, DVM, DACVIM (Reprinted from Airpark Animal Hospital December 2021 Newsletter)

I recently addressed common age-related changes in dogs. Thinking about such changes begs the question, what can we do to enhance the longevity of our canine companions? Here is a list of my top seven recommendations, all of which I think are easier than you might expect.

### 1. Keep your dog trim

Keep your dog at a slim, trim body weight. Obesity dramatically contributes to ever so many age-related, debilitating issues such as arthritis (a huge problem for way too many dogs), diabetes and heart disease. Feed your dog as little as it takes to maintain an ideal body condition score. Remember, in general, older dogs require approximately 30 percent fewer calories to maintain a healthy body weight. If your dog is overweight, ask your veterinarian to help you devise a plan to tackle this problem.

### 2. Feed your dog a complete diet

Speaking of feeding your dog, be sure to choose diets that are:

- Nutritionally complete
- Of very high quality

- Appropriate for your dog's stage of life

Once you have a senior citizen on your hands, a diet that is higher in fiber and less calorically dense is usually the best choice. Multiple small meals may be better suited to your dog than feeding a larger meal once daily.

### 3. Exercise with your dog

Get out there and exercise with your dog! Not only will exercise help burn calories, it will strengthen muscles, enhance circulation and improve your dog's heart and brain function. The activity you choose should be appropriate for your dog's level of strength and stamina. No weekend warriors allowed. Shorter, more frequent walks may be better than going for a five-mile run. Gradually build up the duration and exertion of your dog's activity level.

### 4. Keep your dog pain free

Speaking of exercise, be sure to take the steps necessary to allow your dog to be active. If arthritis pain is getting in the way, work with your veterinarian to find the right combination of remedies to allow your dog to be comfortable enough to exercise. There are a myriad of treatment modalities to choose from:

- Acupuncture
- Massage
- Underwater treadmill therapy
- Supplements
- Anti-inflammatory medications

The list goes on and on. Inactivity promotes a downhill cascade of events that is just about guaranteed to negatively impact your dog's longevity. Do what it takes to keep your favorite pooch from becoming a couch potato.

## 5. Consider the changes your dog is going through

As your aged dog experiences loss of hearing and/or vision, leash walks and closer supervision become a necessity. Prevent your canine senior citizen from encountering physical harm because of changes. Teaching hand signals at an early age will pay off as your dog begins to experience age-related hearing loss. Double-check the whereabouts of your older dog before pulling into, or backing out of your driveway. Older dogs are less agile. Add to this deeper sleep and diminished hearing or vision and, without extra caution, a driveway tragedy can happen. (Unfortunately, such tragic accidents occur all too often.) Whereas youngsters can recover from broken body parts lickety split, such is not the case for older dogs.

## 6. Act fast when your dog seems sick

Act sooner rather than later when your dog isn't feeling well. Compared to young and middle-aged dogs, seniors have less physical reserve and are more prone to becoming compromised following a spate of symptoms, including:

- Lethargy
- Not eating
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea

Whereas a 24-hour "wait and watch" approach might be reasonable for the youngster with such symptoms, waiting this long with an older dog before contacting your veterinarian may have dire consequences.

## 7. Schedule more regular checkups with your veterinarian

Even if you think your dog is perfectly healthy. Once a year is ideal for young and middle aged dogs. Switch to twice yearly exams for seniors. A head to toe physical examination, discussing how your dog is

faring, and blood and urine testing (particularly if your dog is elderly) will allow your veterinarian to detect abnormalities early, prevent minor issues from becoming major issues, and outline a preventive health care plan for your beloved best friend.

*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.*

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## WHY DOES MY DOG CHEW EVERYTHING?

Posts by: Dr. Ernie Ward, DVM (Reprinted from Airpark Animal Hospital December 2021 Newsletter)

Some things were destined to go together: French fries and ketchup, wine and cheese, dogs and chewing. Yes, I went there. One of the most common questions I hear from frazzled pet parents donning mismatched socks and tattered footwear is, "Why does my dog chew everything?" Settle in, grab a glass of vino, and allow me to share tips on curbing chewing in dogs.

### Dog chewing is natural

Dogs are curious critters. They explore the world around them by sight, sound, smell, and taste.

Unfortunately for your favorite pair of Louboutin's, many of these



canine life lessons involve putting things in their mouth. I explain to pet parents that a dog uses its mouth a lot like humans use our hands. They're not tasting your shoes, they're feeling them. And, yeah, feeling with your mouth looks a lot like chewing.

There are plenty of other reason dogs crunch on our stuff. Puppies three to six months

of age often chomp when teething. Dogs at play typically bite and carry objects. Really hungry dogs may gnaw when searching for something to eat. Chewing objects may also aid in keeping teeth and gums clean and healthy.

### **Dog chewing associated with a behavioral problem**

Some dogs chew for attention or treats. For example, I once treated a Chihuahua that would bark and chew on a kitchen chair leg several times a day. Every time the dog did, the guardian shushed him and gave him a cookie. She was inadvertently rewarding and encouraging the chewing. Did I mention the pooch was a bit portly?

I've also seen many dogs that chewed due to anxiety. I'll never forget an Irish setter that chomped madly on a teddy bear whenever he rode in a car. One time the guardian left in a hurry without the toy; it cost her over \$500 to replace two seatbelts. Dogs that feel stressed, confined to crates/backyards or suffer from separation anxiety may turn to chewing in an attempt to ease their angst. These dogs are in a constant state of emotional conflict, heightened arousal, and stress. For them, the only way out seems to be destructive behaviors. Like many veterinarians, I've treated dogs that have chewed through sheetrock and doors. For the record, I'd prefer they destroyed your Louboutin's. It's safer – and cheaper.

### **Analyzing a dog chewing problem**

The first step is to work with your veterinarian to determine what triggers the chewing. Young pups and early adults are probably investigating and playing. Chewing doorways may be separation or confinement anxiety-related. I ask clients to keep a one-week "chew diary" to detect patterns and accurately assess the extent of the problem. I also evaluate if the dog is receiving adequate interactive playtime, exercise, and environmental enrichment. Videotaping with remote baby monitors or cell phones is an excellent way to

glimpse into the dog's psyche and better understand the problem.

### **Treating dog chewing**

Excessive or destructive chewing is normally based on some emotional requirement such as curiosity, boredom or anxiety. Treatment begins by ensuring the dog is exercising enough, has plenty of social interaction and playtime, and ample opportunity to explore. Next, try a variety of different chew toys with varying shapes, colors, sizes, textures, tastes and odors to find their favorites. Some dogs prefer indestructible toys while others require something they can ravage. You can also try coating the toy with peanut or coconut butter or stuffing with food or cheese spreads. I particularly like food puzzle chew toys that dispense kibble when bowled around. Rotate chew toys when you leave the house. At my house, I trade toys out every two to three days and pack the others in a drawer. No matter how long my mutts have had a toy, they get super-excited whenever we reach into that drawer and withdraw a "new" plaything.

If your dog continues to chew on household objects, furniture, or clothing, you need to see your veterinarian. If you return from work and find a cushion eviscerated, do not punish your dog. A dog's sense of time can't link the earlier destruction with your later screaming or spanking. Ask your veterinarian about using taste and odor aversion tools, household behavioral booby-traps, and training tactics. I've had success in complex cases with alarm mats, motion detector sprays, bitter tasting sprays and coatings, and some very creative trip-wires. For severely stressed pets, prescription anxiolytic medications may be used along with behavior modification training.

### **Don't go negative**

A word of caution about yelling, swatting or spanking misbehaving dogs: It doesn't help. The fact is dogs aren't able to connect their actions with your reaction. They're responding to fear and pain without fully appreciating the cause

and effect. I explain it to my clients this way: Reward the behaviors you want and interrupt and redirect those you don't. For example, you stumble upon your pup munching happily on your favorite shoes. Make a loud noise (not a yell or scream but a clap or similar), call your dog, give them a favorite toy, and praise them when they begin playing with the toy. That won't replace your demolished Dolce's, but it may save the next. Stay positive.

### **Destructive dog chewing can be helped**

Notify your veterinarian at the first sign of destructive chewing, regardless of how seemingly insignificant. If I had a magical rewind button, I'd go back to the scene of the first chomped chair leg or tattered tennis shoe. That's the time to intervene, not after a detonated divan or exploded entryway. When destructive chewing initially appears, it's much easier to guide your dog's natural chewing instinct toward suitable objects and avoid future suffering and expenses. Put down your wine and cheese and go play with your dog. And keep those Louboutin's locked away, just in case.

*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.*

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## **5 REASONS WHY PET OBESITY IS A BIG DEAL**

Posts by: Jason Carr, Former Pet Health Network Editor-in-Chief (Airpark Animal Hospital January Newsletter 2022)

**S**ome people might look at an overweight pet and say, "oh, how cute." While it's true that any pet can be cute, pet obesity is nothing to be fawned over. It's not healthy and will ultimately lower a pet's life expectancy. Here are 5 reasons why pet obesity is a big concern. If you think your pet might be overweight, talk with your veterinarian.

### **1. Pet obesity exacerbates arthritis**

Dr. Ernie Ward writes, "The number one medical condition associated with excess weight is osteoarthritis (OA). Both large and small breeds of dogs are typically affected, but cats are developing crippling arthritis at alarming rates. If your pet is carrying as little as one or two extra pounds, remember those pounds are stressing tiny joints not designed to carry extra weight. Making matters worse, fat cells produce harmful chemicals known as adipocytokines that damage even non-weight bearing joints. There is no cure for arthritis; we can only minimize the pain."

### **2. Obese pets have less fun**

Dogs love to exercise; it's in their nature. They weren't bred to ride the couch. It only takes a little research on the history of breeds to notice that most have hunted and worked with humans for thousands of years. "Dogs are born to work for a living," says the ASPCA website. "Most are bred for a particular purpose like hunting, herding livestock, or providing protection." Knowing this, do you think a dog that has a hard time getting around would be happy? Would you?

### **3. Obesity can increase the risk of diabetes**

According to Dr. Ruth MacPete, "Diabetes mellitus is a multifactorial disease influenced by both inherited and environmental factors... However, of all the risk factors, obesity is the most important, especially since the prevalence of obesity is increasing."

### **4. Pet obesity is increasing**

Matt Henry writes that according to recent statistics, compiled in the 2013 Banfield State of Pet Health Report, "Pet obesity is increasing at an alarming rate. Drawing on a sizable sample group of 2 million dogs and nearly half a million cats... 37% more dogs

and 90% more cats are obese this year compared to five years ago.

### 5. Obesity can increase the risk of high blood pressure

According to Dr. Ernie Ward, "Sometimes we forget our pets get many of the same diseases we do. Hypertension is one of these commonly overlooked conditions in pets. High blood pressure is known as the "silent killer" because you can't tell if your pet has it, nor can you see the damage it's causing -- until it's too late."

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## SCENT WORK - THE NOSE KNOWS!

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**AKC** Scent Work is a sport that is based on the task of working detection dogs to locate a scent and communicate to the handler that the scent has been found. Detection is done in a variety of environments and often during changing conditions. Scent Work is a positive, challenging activity that allows dogs the opportunity to use their strongest natural sense in a way that is fun, engaging, and that builds and strengthens a foundation of trust between the handler and dog.

### A Dog's Nose

Dogs having amazing noses! While humans use their eyesight as their first sense to learn, dogs use their nose. Dogs average 300 million olfactory receptors to a human's 6 million. Experts say a dog's sense of smell is at least 100,000x more acute than a human's sense of smell. How? Their noses function differently

than human noses. While a human nose uses the same airway to breathe, smell, and exhale, a dog has separate airways to breathe and smell, and slits in the side of their nose to exhale. This set up allows them to process odor independently, break it down precisely, and not only have the extraordinary ability to locate odor, but to know exactly what the odor is in or next to! For example, when a human walks into a house he smells a cake baking somewhere in the back of the house, but when a dog walks in he can independently smell the egg, flour, oil, sugar, vanilla, etc. and know that it's baking in a particular spot in the house in a glass plate in a metal box! The trick to Scent Work is teaching the dog which odor is important to the handler and how to let the handler know they found the source of that odor.



*Flash, AKC Novice Buried Search*

### Flash, AKC Novice Buried Search

AKC started their Scent Work program on Oct 1, 2017. Its popularity has grown exponentially ever since. There are many Scent Work/Nosework organizations, and all differ a bit in their elements, rules and regulations, but the basic concept and intent is the same. The National Association of Canine Scent Work (NACSW) is the founding organization of the sport and was developed in 2006 by three detection dog handlers who wanted to bring the concept as a sport to dog lovers and their companion dogs. The first NACSW trial was held in 2009 in California. Scent Work is a relatively

new sport and has become one of the fastest growing dog sports in the world.

Dogs are trained to recognize specific scents. When the dog finds the scent, they “alert” to let the handler know the odor source (hide) has been found. A typical alert may look like a nose or body freeze at the hide, a paw, a bark, a sit, or a down.



*Lizzie, NACSW NW3 Container Search*

In AKC Scent Work, there are two Odor Divisions. Target Odor and Handler Discrimination. In the Target Odor Division, the odor is one of four essential oils: Birch, Anise, Clove, or Cypress. The oil is on a Q-tip head and then placed in a vessel like a straw or micro centrifuge tube. In the Handler Discrimination Division, the odor is the handler’s scent. The scent is on cotton, like a sock or cotton ball.

Dogs compete in a variety of environments known as “elements”. The four basic elements in AKC are Containers, Buried, Interiors, and Exteriors. There are four basic class levels in which teams compete in the variety of elements: Novice, Advanced, Excellent, and Masters. Once any Master title is earned from the Target Odor Division, the team may compete in the highest-level class, Detective.

Dogs who were trained to enjoy nose work were more willing to investigate a stimulus of uncertain meaning. Nose work training encouraged the dogs to work independently, to

make choices on their own, and to check out something with autonomy. Perhaps they were also experiencing something akin to optimism. Personally, after watching lots of dogs learn and enjoy nose work games, I would call that emotion joy! (Study - Duranton C, Horowitz A. Applied Animal Behavior Science, 2019)

— Linda P. Case



*Sriracha shows us both Novice / Advanced Buried scentwork activities*

### Benefits of Scentwork

There are many benefits to the sport of Scent Work. It is a positive and confidence building sport for the dog, as the dog is being rewarded for using his natural abilities his confidence builds and grows; it is a sport any breed is able to do; it is also a mentally tiring sport, playing scent games for even small amounts of time is equivalent in mental energy to a nice long walk. These reasons are why many shelters use a Scent Work program. Other benefits of Scent Work include it

being a low impact sport which allows puppies, geriatric dogs, or dogs with health and mobility issues to participate, and is also true for many owners who may have some of the same issues. Many Newfoundland’s



*Rembrandt using a warm-up box*

start Scent Work as a “retirement” sport. A very popular benefit of the sport is the dog is ALWAYS rewarded when it finds the hide. Scent Work is the only sport in AKC which allows the reward of treats and toys IN a trial! This helps to keep the dogs motivated to search and emphasizes the importance of finding odor source every single time.



*Sacha, NACSW Elite 1 Exterior Search*

### **Training for Scentwork**

Scent Work is a sport that benefits from in person training classes but is also a sport an individual can work on at home or through online training. Working directly with an instructor, especially if the handler is new to the sport, helps ensure the dog does not start any early unwanted habits (such as smashing boxes), that the dog is truly odor obedient, and allows the instructor to work with the dog while the handler stands back with the leash and learns to “read” the dog’s body language while it searches. From a human perspective, “reading” your dog is the all-important part of the sport as the handler must be able to read when the dog is in odor, when it is not in odor, when it has found the source of the odor, and be able to accurately call “Alert” when they believe the dog has found the hide.



*Lizzie, NACSW NW3 Vehicle Search*

There are many methods used to teach Scent Work, and most lead to a successful Scent Work team. Training usually starts by building the dog’s search drive. Puppies naturally use their nose to explore and learn their world, and naturally search. Older dogs have learned to incorporate their other senses to learn so playing search games helps to motivate the dogs to search using their nose. Dropping treats in a box and letting the dog search through boxes to find it, hiding a treat in an area and on objects all start to build the dogs search drive to play the game. The next step is to start teaching the dog a specific target oil, usually Birch, as most organizations use it as the Novice level odor. Imprinting the odor on a dog can be taught in a variety of ways, using scent bongs, boxes, Tupperware containers, etc. When the dog sniffs the odor vessel, it is “marked” and rewarded, building the dogs obedience to the odor. As the dog learns odor pays, non-odor vessels are incorporated, and the dog plays the “choice” game. Pick the one with odor, get paid.

Once the dog knows the odor, it is introduced to searching in a more element type area. Box searches to start containers; chairs, tables, and other objects inside and out for learning odor can be somewhere other than a box; containers with small amounts of sand and water for buried. As the dog builds its odor obedience, more complicated search areas are introduced to help teach the dog to work out varying scent

puzzles. Dogs need to learn to differentiate odor source from lingering odor, trapped odor, and converging odor. They need to learn how odor behaves in sun, shade, humidity, wind, cold and in the heat. They need to learn how to find both ground and elevated hides, and they need to learn all this with different amounts of odor on the hide and after the hides have been sitting 10 minutes, 30 minutes, 8 hours, or 24 hours, etc. The smallest variation of any of the above can affect how scent behaves and the way a dog must approach finding the hide.

### **The nose knows, trust your dog!**

Scent Work is a sport in which the dog does not cue off the handler, and as the handler is unable to see or smell the hide, the dog must take the lead and communicate clearly back to the handler when a hide is found. This makes for a fun, challenging, interesting sport that builds a great bond between dog and handler.

### **For More Information**

- [Online Scent Work Training | Scent Work University](#)  
Welcome to Scent Work University, the place to meet all of your Scent Work training needs! Be sure to check out our online courses, seminars, webinars as well as our regularly updated blog and All About Scent Work Podcast.
- [Fenzi Dog Sports Academy](#)  
Online dog training classes for obedience, rally, agility, tracking, nosework, dog behavior, freestyle, and foundation skills.
- [NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CANINE SCENT WORK](#)
- [Friends of AKC Scent Work - Facebook Group](#)  
Friends of AKC Scent Work has 7,734 members. Welcome to the AKC Scent Work Facebook Group! We hope this Group allows you to share your AKC Scent Work...

- [Nosework Newfs - Facebook Group](#)  
Nosework Newfs has 174 members. Nosework Newfs was created for Newfs doing Nosework/Scentwork, whether it's training or trialing (any venue).

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## **VINTAGE VIEWS: A VERY SPECIAL DOG**

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**T**here are times in life when some memories remain, year after year, until you reach the sunset of your life and you smile

affectionately as you recall those thoughts. It is with a touch of nostalgia and a bittersweet thought that you are thankful for



those that have touched your life, but you do miss them so. These memories are a mixture of people, places, events and often times the pets that have made your life complete. You welcome your pets as members of your family, they become a very important piece of each day, and you sadly bid them a fond farewell with the comfort of knowing they will meet you someday at the rainbow bridge. It is comforting yet very sad, but this is life.

During the year 1860 there was an event that gathered many members of our Concord community. It was a death that was mourned by many, the death of one of Concord's favored sons, his name was simply Leo. You see, Leo was a Newfoundland dog that lived in East Concord and he was owned and cared for by the family of Cyrus Robinson. Just like your pet dog and mine, Leo was a member of the Robinson family, a very unique member indeed.

Newfoundland dogs are known as very loyal pets, full of love and dedication, they are hard workers too. They were referred to as the original Ships Dog at one time, and the sailing vessels in the North Atlantic always had a Newfoundland dog as a dedicated member of the crew. The Newfoundland would grasp a rope on the deck and bring it to shore as it waded the icy waters, carry items upon its back to lessen the burden of the people it may travel with, haul dog sleds and provide love to its owners when the difficult tasks were concluded. The Newfoundland dog is very strong with a double layered coat to ward off the cold winters in the north, but as gentle as can be.



There have been stories about the heroics of the Newfoundland dog saving lives dating back hundreds of years and story upon story of their fierce dedication to those they love. It has been said this dog has ancestral roots dating back to the time of the Vikings, with documentation of large skeletal remains of dogs discovered at the northern shore of Newfoundland during archeological excavations at L'Anse aux. The name Newfoundland dog was first recorded as written history in 1775 by George Cartwright when he used the term to identify his very own pet dog on his native island.

The stories are endless, this large dog that is so very loved and revered by all that harbor them for their short lives. The dedication and intelligence are documented time and again, our very own Newfoundland dog known simply as

Leo captured many local hearts as he freely journeyed the streets of Concord during the middle of the 19th century.

Leo was a favorite to all that came to know him in Concord. Cyrus Robinson and his family provided a loving home as well as the early education that allowed Leo a level of intelligence not known by other dogs, perhaps some people too. It was with this known dedication that Leo would rise early each morning and travel down the unpaved roads near the Merrimack River, only to return within a half hour with a fresh pail of milk just in time for the family breakfast.

Apparently, Leo befriended a local farmer and plotted his arrival at the neighbor's barn to coincide with the milking of the dairy cows. The farmer developed a great affection for Leo and decided to share a pail of milk with the large canine. Leo, ever the dedicated dog, would not consume the milk himself. He would return to the Robinson family each morning, a fresh pail of milk grasped firmly in his large mouth, and proudly deliver his possession to the door of the kitchen and a very pleased Mrs. Robinson.

As the days progressed, Leo enjoyed his trips to the Concord Post Office with Mr. Robinson. It was a part of both of their daily routines for a many a day. Days turned to weeks and weeks to months until one day Leo decided he was just old enough to venture to the Concord Post Office on his very own. The Concord postmaster greeted Leo with his usual friendly embrace and a cold dish of water, perhaps a biscuit or two. The Postmaster continued to gaze down the Concord Street anticipating the arrival of Mr. Robinson, but he did not arrive as usual. The Postmaster thinking it odd decided the routine must have changed, he gathered the letters destined for the Robinson house and gave them to Leo. The large Newfoundland dog gently took the letters in his mouth and strolled towards the Robinson house at his leisure. Within a short period of time Mr. Robinson witnessed Leo

arriving home with his daily mail, himself a bit perplexed, but life is what it may be. The next day and the following day this same episode occurred with Leo venturing to the Concord Post Office, retrieving the mail and delivering himself to Mr. Robinson.

As the quality retrieval of the mail continued and another year did pass, both the Concord Postmaster and Mr. Robinson became accustomed to the routine and welcomed the celebrity status of Concord's newest mailman, Leo. With the superior postal service provided by Leo some additional responsibilities were added, if Leo could retrieve the mail from the Concord Post Office each day why couldn't he also handle the outgoing mail for the Robinson family? So it was, Mr. Robinson gathered his outgoing mail, summoned Leo and requested he bring the outgoing mail to the Concord Post Office.

It was with the delivery of the morning milk, incoming and outgoing mail and a variety of other tasks about Concord, we find Leo to have lived a very satisfying and fulfilling life. Yes, it was during the winter of 1860 the people of Concord gathered at the Robinson residence in East Concord, New Hampshire. A great friend had passed, many local people attended this service for the large Newfoundland dog named Leo.

As I write about Leo 162 years after his death, I find comfort. He wasn't a statesman, a revered gentleman or the president of a large corporation. Leo was a dog, a dog that touched many lives in a loving way. Yes, there are times in life when some memories remain.

## SAFE TREATS: CAN MY DOG HAVE "PEOPLE" FOOD?

**Posts by:** Dr. Ruth MacPete, DVM Dog Diet & Nutrition (Reprinted from Animal Airpark Hospital March 2022 Newsletter)

[We often hear about foods we can't share with our dogs:](#) chocolate, grapes, raisins, fatty foods, onions, foods with the artificial sweetener xylitol, macadamia nuts, etc.

**W**ith so many "don'ts," what human foods can we share with our dogs? Are any human foods safe for our dogs?

The answer is yes! Here is a list of some human foods that are yummy and generally good for your dog:

*[Editor's Note: Always consult your veterinarian before making any changes to your dog's diet.]*

### Lean meat

Besides being a great source of protein, dogs love to eat meat. In order to prevent an upset stomach, or worse yet—a pancreatitis—it is safer to feed dogs lean meats such as turkey, chicken, and fish. Fish is not only a good source of protein, but can also be a great source of omega-3 fatty acids—especially salmon. Omega fatty acids are purported to have anti-inflammatory properties, are a major component of the mammalian brain, and can help with skin and coat problems. When giving your pets meat, remember to remove the skin and fat; if it's not healthy for you, it's not healthy for your dog. Finally, be sure you also remove all bones. Beef bones can chip a tooth, poultry bones can splinter, [and any bone can get stuck in your dog's throat or intestinal tract.](#)

### Veggies

Vegetables can be a healthy and tasty treat for your dog. I know a lot of dogs that enjoy carrots, broccoli, and sweet potatoes. Carrots are rich in

beta-carotene and dietary fiber. They can be served raw or cooked. Many dogs enjoy the crunchy texture of raw carrots. An additional benefit is that their hard texture can help keep teeth and gums clean. Other dogs prefer cooked carrots mixed into their food. Broccoli is rich in vitamin C, dietary fiber, and other nutrients with anti-cancer effects. Like carrots, it can be served raw or cooked. In my experience, most dogs prefer broccoli steamed and mixed in their food. Sweet potatoes are loaded with complex carbohydrates, dietary fiber, and beta-carotene; and are a good source of vitamin B5, vitamin B6, manganese, and potassium. The great thing about vegetables is that they are low in calories and high in vitamins, minerals, and fiber.

### Fruit

Many dogs like apples because of the crunchy texture. Apples are not only "Red Delicious," but also healthy and a good source of dietary fiber and vitamin C. Just make sure your dog doesn't eat the core (a choking hazard); also avoid the seeds--they contain cyanide. Bananas are another fruit-treat you can give your dog. Bananas are rich in vitamin B6 and soluble fiber and also contain moderate amounts of vitamin C, manganese, and potassium.

### Grains

You can supplement your dog's diet with rice, preferably brown rice. In fact, most veterinarians recommend a temporary diet consisting of chicken and rice for dogs with acute gastrointestinal problems. Brown rice is loaded with dietary fiber; minerals like manganese, magnesium, phosphorous, zinc; and vitamins such as vitamin B1, vitamin B3, vitamin B5, and vitamin B6. Flax seeds can also be given as a healthy treat. Flax seeds are a great source of omega fatty acids and dietary fiber.

[If you have an overweight dog](#), substituting one of these healthy veggies or fruits for treats can be a great way to reduce his calories without you feeling like you are denying him. Let's face it; we all like to give our dogs treats.

Unfortunately, treats have calories that add up quickly. Fruit and veggies are a low-calorie alternative.

This list is meant to give you ideas about foods that you can safely share with your dog. **It is neither exhaustive nor meant to be a substitute for a formulated diet.** Dogs have very complex nutritional requirements. It is never advisable to give your dog "home cooked meals" without first consulting with your veterinarian. If you are interested in cooking meals for your dog, hopefully, I have given you some ideas that you can bring to your veterinarian to create a well-balanced diet. Of course, if your dog has a medical condition, your veterinarian will want to consider that before adding anything to his diet.

*If you have any questions or concerns, you should always visit or call your veterinarian -- they are your best resource to ensure (Reprinted from Newf Tide Vol. 7 No. 4 1976) the health and well-being of your pets.*

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## HISTORY OF THE BREED

*What Color is a Newfoundland and When? – Emma H. Mellencamp PhD. History of Art '57*

**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 freckling's. 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 here (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 - 59 1/2 X 77 1/4 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 1824.

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, and 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 Newfs, what is the origin of the increasingly popular yellow Labrador?

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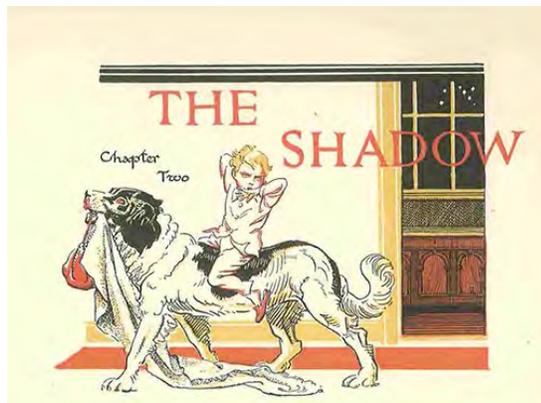
(Reprinted from <https://www.thenewfoundland.org/nana.html>)

**P**ossibly the most famous Newfoundland in English literature is Nana in *Peter Pan*, the creation of J.M. Barrie (1860-1936). James Matthew Barrie was a Scottish journalist, playwright and children's book author and was created a baronet in 1913.



Barrie and his wife Mary acquired a white and black Newfoundland who they named Luath after one of the dogs in Sir Edwin Landseer's painting *Twa Dogs*. It was Luath who Nana's costume was closely modelled on. Arthur Lupino, the first actor to play Nana onstage, studied Luath at the writer's home and many of Lupino's movements, such as banging a paw on the floor, were derived from the dog's own behavior. - Nick Water, *The Newfoundland Heritage and Art*.

In Mary Ansell's (Barrie's wife) book *Dogs and Men* (1924), she wrote "...Porthos (the couple's first dog, a Saint Bernard) could never have made a Nana, whilst Luath was born one. All the delightful domestic duties performed by the stage nurse were exactly the kind of thing he would have reveled in, given the opportunity."



"Nana is the nurse of Wendy, John, and Michael Darling, hired by their parents to look after the children on George Darling's modest income. Even though he is somewhat embarrassed to have a dog in his employ, Nana is good at her job. In the original stage direction of the play it is stated that "She will probably be played by a boy, if one clever

enough can be found, and must never be on two legs except on those rare occasions when an ordinary nurse would be on four." In fact, she was played in the original production and most



subsequent stage presentations by a man in a dog suit. George Ali gave an impressive performance as Nana in the 1924 silent film adaptation." - Neverpedia

"Before Mary Poppins, there was Nana, a 'prim Newfoundland dog' who 'proved to be quite a treasure of a nurse'. Nana's charges were Wendy, John and Michael Darling and she looked after them expertly, despite Mr. Darling's concerns about what the neighbors might think. Nana was prepared for anything – 'she carried an umbrella in her mouth in case of rain' – and 'of course her kennel was in the

nursery', until that fateful day when Mr. Darling chained her up outside and Peter Pan flew in through the window, ushering the children away to Neverland. On their return, we are assured that dear old Nana was reinstated to the nursery, where she lived to a ripe old age." – Claire Jackson, Country Life January 1, 2019



## DOGS AND PICNIC DANGERS

**Posts by:** Dr. Justine A. Lee, DVM, DACVECC  
(Reprinted from [PetHealthNetwork.com](http://PetHealthNetwork.com))

**A**h, summer...the start of backyard BBQs and picnics outside. While I want to encourage you to spend more time outside with your pooch and your family, keep in mind that when picnicking, there are several dangerous food items that can pose a threat to your dog when accidentally ingested. More importantly, make sure your friends and family are aware of these risks to your dog, and advise them to never feed your dog any snacks without your permission.

Before you set that picnic blanket down, make sure your dog can't get into the following dangerous or poisonous table foods:

- Grapes and raisins
- Baked goods containing xylitol

- Corn on the cob
- Peach pits
- Fatty table snacks or bones

By just being aware of these 5 picnic dangers, you can save yourself a several thousand dollar veterinary bill and an emergency trip to the veterinarian!

### Grapes and Raisins

Anything containing grapes and raisins (and even currants) are considered to be poisonous to dogs. Common picnic items like grapes, baked goods containing raisins (e.g., oatmeal raisin cookies), and trail mix all pose a threat. While one or two grapes are unlikely to cause a problem (depending on the size of the dog), accidental ingestion of the *Vitus spp.* can result in the following signs:

- vomiting,
- abdominal pain,
- inappetance,
- diarrhea,
- lethargy,
- excessive or decreased thirst or urination, and
- acute kidney failure

Unfortunately, clinical signs often aren't obvious until days later, when it's more costly – and more dangerous – to your pet. Treatment includes decontamination, aggressive intravenous (IV) fluids, anti-vomiting medication, blood pressure monitoring, urine output monitoring, and blood work monitoring (to check kidney function).

### Xylitol

Xylitol is a natural sugar substitute that is poisonous to dogs. While safe for humans, when accidentally ingested by non-primate species, xylitol can result in an insulin spike by the body (with a secondary life-threatening drop in blood sugar). So, if you have any baked goods, candies, mints, gums, etc. that contain xylitol, keep them out of reach of your dog. Clinical signs of xylitol

poisoning can be seen as early as 15-30 minutes, and include:

- weakness,
- vomiting,
- collapse, and
- lethargy (which are all signs of a low blood sugar).

Really high doses of xylitol can result in liver failure in dogs, and include signs of black tarry stool, jaundice (e.g., yellowing of the gums), malaise, walking drunk, and rarely, seizures and death. Treatment includes decontamination, blood sugar monitoring, dextrose supplementation, drugs to protect the liver, and monitoring liver function.

#### **Foreign Bodies: Corn On the Cob and Peach Pits**

While corn on the cob and peach pits aren't poisonous per se, these two common picnic items are very dangerous to dogs. Both of these leftover garbage scraps can easily get stuck in the intestines and require an expensive abdominal surgery to remove. Corn on the cob is notorious for being difficult to detect on x-rays, as the density doesn't show up well. This makes it harder to diagnose, and potentially more life-threatening to your dog. Never feed your dog corn on the cob – if you want, slice the kernels off for him instead. Clinical signs of foreign body obstructions include:

- vomiting,
- drooling (from nausea),
- abdominal pain,
- decreased stool production,
- inappetance, and
- lethargy.

Believe it or not, left untreated, these picnic foods can cause the intestines to rupture and, potentially, death.

#### **Fatty Table Snacks and Bones**

Leftover BBQ bits (like bones, gristle, and fat) and bones should never be given to your dog... especially if you own an overweight dog or one of these breeds: [Yorkshire terrier](#), [miniature schnauzer](#), or [Shetland sheepdog](#). Why? Overweight dogs and certain breeds are particularly predisposed to pancreatitis, inflammation of the pancreas. This organ breaks down fat, and when overstimulated from a fatty meal, can result in the following clinical signs:

- vomiting,
- abdominal pain,
- fever,
- diarrhea,
- weakness,
- inappetance, and
- death (from organ failure).

When in doubt, keep these picnic items out of reach. Keep in mind that the sooner that you recognize that your pet is poisoned, the easier it is to treat and the less dangerous (and less expensive) it is to your dog. Enjoy your summer with your dog, but pay heed to these common picnic pet emergencies!

*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.*



# 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

**9**

**APRIL**

**Working Dog Workshop**

Walkersville Volunteer Fire  
Company | Walkersville, MD

**16-17**

**JULY**

**Water Workshop**

**26-28**

**AUGUST**

Water Test

**18-20**

**NOVEMBER**

CNC Draft Test



**TBD**

**DECEMBER**

CNC Christmas Tree Pull

# BEAR FARE

## INFO

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**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).

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