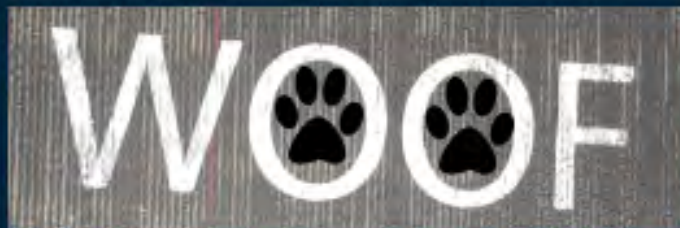




# BEAR FARE

A Newsletter for CNC Members

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## WELCOME NEW CNC MEMBERS!

Danielle & Jonathan Houck, Bethesda, MD  
 Patricia Balodis, Baltimore, MD | Paul & Megumi Bates, Yorktown, VA | Robert & Susan Guillotte, Jamaica, VA  
 Carmen Roques, Clinton, NJ | Morena Fuller, Woodbridge, VA

## 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.

Carrie Joneckis & Paul Lofgren | Severna Park, MD  
 Interested in Water, Draft | Sponsor: Michele Miller  
 Kaitlin Freerks | Rockville, MD  
 Sponsor: Membership (former member)  
 Robert Gerri | Stroudsburg, VA | Interested in Water, Draft, Therapy, Rescue | Sponsor: Karen Domen  
 Vincent & Debra BenAvram | Interested in Water, Draft, Therapy, Rescue | Sponsor: Membership  
 Anali Reiter | Interested in Therapy Dog | Sponsor: Membership  
 Brooks & Gabriela Gross | Interested in Obedience, Water, Draft, Therapy | Sponsor: Paul Katinas  
 Nicole Mahalla | Breed Ring, Obedience, Water, Draft, Tracking, Therapy, Rescue | Sponsor: Michelle Blumhagen  
 Joseph & Terry Mooney | Interested in Breed Ring | Sponsor: Membership  
 Michelle Covert | Interested in Water, Draft, Therapy  
 Sponsor: Membership  
 Erin Corona | Fairfax, VA | Interested in Obedience, Water, Draft, Rescue | Sponsor: Membership (Paula McPherson)  
 Andy & Maria Janoschka | Glen Allen, VA | Interested in Draft, Water, Therapy | Sponsor: Donna McConn

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# Board of Directors

2023

## OFFICERS

President .....Dwight Gorsuch  
Vice President .....Rose Miller  
Treasurer .....Paul Katinas  
Recording Secretary .....Terry Mahon  
Corresponding Secretary .....Brenda McKeel  
Members At Large .....Bennett Alford  
Fran Miller  
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 - Lisa Lathrop
- Brown Bag - Vacant
- Education - Elizabeth McCully
- Historian - Kathy Paxton
- FaceBook - Paula McPherson and Michelle Blumhagen
- Legislative Affairs - Lisa Lathrop
- Membership - Paula McPherson  
membershipcnc@gmail.com
- Membership Broadcasting - Paula McPherson |  
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 and Dotty Hudson
- Sunshine - Chris Gorsuch
- Supported Entries/Regionals - Don Sharkey and Kathy Paxton
- Working Dog - Donna Foy



# A Message from the CNC President!

Colonial Newfoundland Club members,

Almost two years ago, your Colonial Newfoundland Club Board of Directors surveyed the CNC membership to learn more about your vision for our club.



We heard you were interested in more opportunities for in-person events, training, and social activities for you and your dog. Last year we were able to create more fun times together when we could enjoy our dogs and each other's company. Even our annual meeting was more about dog fun than a meeting! Thank Donna and all the folks at our sister club CNR who helped us get together at our Fun Day Picnics and Natalie and Steve who planned our annual meeting fun!

We're already planning for more good times together this year--new ideas are always welcome so don't be shy, let us know what you'd like to see that's new or different.

A goal for 2023 is to provide more educational resources for you and your dog. Articles, videos, links to outside education sources—all accessed from the CNC Website. Elizabeth is on the lookout for interesting subjects, but let her or anyone on the CNC board know if there are topics you'd like to learn more about.

To stay current with your club's calendar, please visit our new website – [www.cncnewfs.com](http://www.cncnewfs.com). Thanks to Michelle Blumhagen and her committee, you may now access our totally new website by phone, tablet, PC or Mac. Did you like this year's online membership renewal? Have you visited [www.cncnewfs.com](http://www.cncnewfs.com) using your phone? It's all very slick!

Another way to learn more is to join our monthly CNC Board meetings via Zoom. We meet on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM Eastern. Message me directly and I'll help you connect.

This is your club so let ME know what you'd like to see, do, and learn—what's important to you and your Newfoundland? My email is [BearNMindNewfs@gmail.com](mailto: BearNMindNewfs@gmail.com). I'd love to hear from you!

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

Dwight

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## CNC Board Meeting Minutes for October/November/December 2022 and January 2023

**October 19, 2022 | Board of Directors Zoom Meeting | Meeting Called to order at 7:31 pm**

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

**Absent:** Bennett Alford, Liz McCully

**Guests:** Kathy Paxton (KP), Donna McConn (DMC), Michele Miller (MM), Paula McPherson (PMP), Lisa Lathrop (LL)

**President, Dwight Gorsuch** called the meeting to order at 7:31 pm.

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### OFFICER REPORTS

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

**Recording Secretary** – Terry Mahon  
Submitted Minutes from CNC BOD meeting,  
September 2022.

Motion made (BMK) to accept the September 2022 meeting minutes as presented. Seconded (DS). No objections. Motion passed.

**Treasurer Report** – Paul Katinas

- PK reviewed the expenditures over \$100.
- Treasurer’s Report for September was submitted to the board.
- Net Receipts and Disbursements: \$161.27
- Cash Balance on 9/30/2022: \$ 42,863.33

Any CNC member may see an itemized report for this time period by sending a request to CNC's Treasurer.

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

Motion made to accept the September Treasurer’s Report as presented (TM). Seconded (DS). No objections. Motion passed.

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

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## COMMITTEE AND EVENT REPORTS

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**CNR Rescue Update:** Donna McConn  
Ten dogs are in rescue; one was adopted last week. Some dogs were waiting to get into rescue, and all of them are now in. Rescue is very busy; many older dogs need homes.

**CNC/CNR Combined Fall Picnic 2022**

Donna McConn: We had a good turnout despite the gloomy weather. 85 people RSVP’d, and we probably had about 65 that showed up. It only rained for about 15 minutes during the picnic. Just damp all day but no one cared!

We had 8 dogs take the CGC test and 7 passed. Elizabeth McCully was there and spoke about bloat. Donna spoke about rescue. DG thanked DMC for all her hard work.

**CNC Website Committee:** Michelle Blumhagen

**Annual Meeting:**

The Annual Meeting has to take place between October 30 and December 15. Written notice of the annual meeting is 30 days.

Leesburg Christmas parade: Dec 10, 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday, Evening parade starting at 6PM. We’d need to have our FTF meeting in the afternoon before the parade.

MM reported for EMC: The cost of the room at the bowling alley is \$250 plus food. The cost of the room at the BW hotel is too expensive and they do not have any good food options. Do we need to reserve a block of rooms if we don’t use the hotel for the meeting?

The Leesburg parade is very low-key, over by 7 pm. Most people could probably drive home and not need a room. We could list hotels in the area, and they would find their own.

Annual Meeting via Zoom last year had zero attendees from the membership. All the attendees were board members.

DG polled the board, and most were in favor of a face-to-face meeting.

Awards were discussed and there is not enough time to get a presentation ready for this meeting. Polling the membership to see if they would attend a face-to-face annual meeting was discussed.

RM made a motion that we hold our annual meeting and participate in the Leesburg parade (on Saturday, December 10, 2022, in Leesburg, VA). Seconded (PK). No objections; motion passed.



DG will communicate with EMC, Mandy Walters, Dave Rothschild, and DMC and let them know what we decided. He will cc the board.

#### **Awards** – Lisa Lathrop

No awards were given for November and December of 2018, and all of 2019, 2020, and 2021. We gave up to 30 awards per year prior to COVID.

DG sent LL a photo of the medallion similar to the CNC DT award for 2021, and we will go with that.

LL will find out the actual cost of the medallion to include shipping and heavy stock paper to print the certificate. The budget is \$1000. We assume there will be about 100 submissions. Our goal is to get caught up in giving out awards. PK made a motion that we spend \$1000 on awards to cover the last three years. Seconded (FM). No objections; motion passed.

#### **Bear Fare** – Brenda McKeel

The deadline for the next issue of the Bear Fare Newsletter is October 31, 2022. Please email submissions for upcoming events to: [bearfare@gmail.com](mailto:bearfare@gmail.com). BMK asked DG to send in a President's Message for the next issue. She also asked PMP to send her an updated membership list.

Brenda is resigning as BF Editor effective December 31, 2022. She will advertise for a new editor in the next issue.

#### **News on the Mall:** Paul Katinas

Saturday, October 29: – Posted on CNC Website and Facebook.

#### **Christmas Tree Pulls** - Christie Smith

Bees and Trees Farm; Saturday, November 25. MM said the info is on Facebook; PMP will be sure it's on the CNC website.

**Education** – Elizabeth (Liz) McCully  
DG reported that EMC spoke about bloat at the fall picnic. He suggested we need to do more to educate our members on the subject. How can CNC provide that education?

DG contacted most of the east coast/Midwest NCA regional club presidents hoping to start an effort to share educational resources, and to produce high-quality seminars made available to all regional club members via Zoom. An example would be the Bloat seminar put on by SENC.

Several of those presidents are also NCA BOD members and/or serving on a current NCA Education committee with the same purpose. Message from Jan Baggio who is the Chair of this NCA committee: Currently our committee is made up of representatives from each of the educational committees (General Ed, Health and Longevity, Breeder's Education, Judge's Education). If you are interested or know others who might be able to add to our group, please let me know.

We discussed different topics that could be presented and how this would benefit all our members.

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

PMP reported that Facebook is going well. Livestreaming of the Triple Crown (not allowed by AKC) was discussed.

#### **Finance** – Rose Miller

Greg Strong Handling Seminar update: Greg Strong offered the dates of January 14 and 15, 2023 and RM accepted. The site will be the doggy Dude Ranch in Glen Allen, VA. RM has held a seminar there before. Their rental cost is \$450/day. The cost to attend will be \$275 per handler dog team. Junior handler teams will have a reduced fee. Observers have a lower cost. Details regarding bad weather and a minimum number of participants were discussed.

Two weeks after our seminar the Great Dane Club of Washington DC will host the same seminar in MD (Howard County fairgrounds). RM is working with them; we will charge the same price; we will focus our efforts on VA and they will concentrate on MD.

PK volunteered to take flyers for this seminar to the Triple Crown this weekend. RM will send flyers to Michelle Blumhagen for the website and to BMK for the Bear Fare.

DG thanked RM for her good work.

**CNC Insurance** – Lisa Lathrop:  
[lathrop6@hotmail.com](mailto:lathrop6@hotmail.com)

Insurance renewals are completed; PK has paid.

**Membership** – Paula McPherson

New Members for preliminary approval:

Carrie Joneckis & Paul Lofgren  
Interested in Water, Draft  
Severna Park, MD 21146      Sponsor:  
Michele Miller

Kaitlin Freerks  
Rockville, MD 20850  
Sponsor: Membership (former member)

Robert Gerri  
Interested in Water, Draft, Therapy,  
Rescue  
Stroudsburg, VA 18360  
Sponsor: Karen Domen

**Lifetime Membership** for Board Approval:

Lezli & Bennett Alford      Charlottesville,  
VA 22902

Motion made (TM) to move the Board grant preliminary approval to the one (1) new family membership, two (2) individual members, and the lifetime members presented to the Board by membership. Seconded (FM). 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 (PK). No objections. Motion passed.

**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.

DG will send something to PMP to distribute about the annual meeting.

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

**Specialties Committee 2022-2023** - Kathy Paxton and Don Sharkey

**Triple Crown** – This weekend. DS reported that the rings and tents are set up, and RVs are arriving tonight. Entries are within one or two of last year. There are majors for all six shows for both sexes.

**NCA Representative** – Paul Katinas

No report.

**Working Dog** - Melanie Tipton-Fortney

MTF is still doing the paperwork for Codorus for next year. We can't apply for training dates until January 1, 2023.

**Draft Workshop:** Christie Smith; Sunday, Oct 16 at Pole Green Park, Mechanicsville, VA. They had a small turnout of experienced handlers and did run-throughs.

CNC Donation to Codorus: EMC

Camp Pecometh — contacted — no, they are not inclined to work with another dog group.

**CNC Draft Test:** The Great Gunston Hall Haul -- Elizabeth McCully & Michele Miller chairs. November 18-20, Gunston Hall, Lorton, VA.

BOD - think about a new Working Dog Chair for 2023 😞

**Old Business:**

**Water training and testing backup sites:**

Smithfield, VA—Donna Foy. Rocky Gap and Cascade Lake in MD. Lake Anna—Fran Miller. Restart research in the Spring of 2023.

**New Business:**

**FB Group for NCA Regional Club BODs -**  
Dwight Gorsuch

A place to share ideas, problems, and solutions. This idea is a result of conversations with other NCA Regional Presidents on shared educational efforts. Current thoughts are a closed FB group NOT administered by the NCA.

**CNC BOD support for CNC Events –** Dwight Gorsuch

Members would like to see and meet board members - especially spring and fall picnics when general membership attendance is higher.

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

**Adjournment:**

Keep Lezli in your thoughts and prayers.

Motion made (DS) to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 pm. Seconded (PK). No objections. Motion passed.

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**November 16, 2022 | Board of Directors Zoom Meeting | Meeting Called to order at 7:30 pm**

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

**Absent:** Liz McCully, Fran Miller

**Guests:** Kathy Paxton (KP), Tracy Smith (TS), Paula McPherson (PMP), Michelle Blumhagen

(MB), Melanie Tipton-Fortney (MTF), Lisa Lathrop (LL)

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

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**OFFICER REPORTS**

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**Officer Reports:**

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

**Recording Secretary –** Terry Mahon

Submitted minutes from CNC regular BOD meeting, October 2022.

Motion made (DS) to accept the October 2022 meeting minutes as presented. Seconded (BMK). No objections. Motion passed.

**Treasurer Report –** Paul Katinas

We will not have a bottom line for the Triple Crown until our next meeting. The income from the Triple Crown listed in this report will be split with the two other clubs (New-Pen-Del and NCNE).

Net Receipts and Disbursements: \$3,707.90  
Cash Balance on 10/31/2022: \$46,571.23

Any CNC member may see an itemized report for this time period by sending a request to CNC's Treasurer.

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

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

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

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## COMMITTEE AND EVENT REPORTS

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### **CNR Rescue:** Donna McConn

No report.

### **CNC Website Committee:** Michelle Blumhagen

In the design phase, we looked for a way for members to join and renew online. We went with Cognito (a form to collect information) and Stripe (for payments).

We have had payments through Stripe go well. They are organized by Cognito form number, and this permits Paul to track the source of data.

If we were to use a generic, multi-use form, that will satisfy the Treasurer's requirement to know which function the data is for. An easy approach would be to have distinctly different pricing.

Cognito forms require setting up (2 days according to Andrew); secondary forms require less time. Each form needs its editor (a volunteer). So far Paula and Fran have volunteered.

Tracy volunteered to work on Cognito forms and will meet with Michelle. MB suggested we come up with a budget for the activity.

DG commented that renewals were easier this year with members being able to renew and pay online. We had a better renewal rate.

### **Annual Meeting:**

3 PM Saturday, December 10 at Branch Bowling. Very short meeting prior to Newfy fun and games by Natalie Aloji; Leesburg Christmas parade to follow.

CNC BOD members DG, BMK, and PK are attending. DG encouraged board members to try to attend this and other events next year. BMK will take the minutes. Election results need to be announced.

Committee and event chairs need to send a brief recap of 2022 to DG by December 3. They will be distributed at the meeting. DG will notify anyone not on this call tonight.

### **Awards** – Lisa Lathrop, Chair

No awards were given for November and December of 2018, and all of 2019, 2020, and 2021. Up to 30 awards per year were usually given prior to COVID.

LL has chosen a medallion with ribbon; the cost is about \$130 for 30 of them.

BMK offered to print the certificates; LL will put all the information into a spreadsheet and BMK will use a merge template.

DG asked everyone to look for a copy of the last criteria we used. Any AKC title was eligible to receive an award. We want to send a blast email to the membership stating the criteria and what time frame we are covering. There will be a form for them to fill out. We can also post on the website. The cutoff for earning an award will be the end of 2022.

### **Bear Fare** – Brenda McKeel.

The deadline for the next issue of the Bear Fare Newsletter is January 31, 2023. Please email submissions for upcoming events to: [bearfare@gmail.com](mailto:bearfare@gmail.com).

Brenda asked to resign as BF Editor effective December 31, 2022. Need replacement editor.

### **Newfs on the Mall** – Paul Katinas

October 29 – Great day and turnout. PK will send photos to KP; this event can serve as an educational activity to meet NCA requirements.

### **Christmas Tree Pulls** – Christie Smith

Bees and Trees Farm Saturday, November 25. The information was posted on FB and CNC websites.



**Pancake Breakfast/Walk:**

Hunt Valley, MD; the event was canceled for 2022. LL volunteered to chair and will find out if this will be held in 2023.

**Education** – Elizabeth (Liz) McCully  
Nothing new since last month.

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

PMP reset the Friends of CNC so people can post again. (Had been suspended so no live streaming could take place during the Triple Crown.)

**Finance** – Rose Miller

Greg Strong Seminar - RM updated the board on the seminar. A flyer was created and distributed at shows by Rose; there has been a lot of interest. RM will send the Greg Strong contract to PK and DG to sign. She needs a check for the Dude Ranch (send an expense form to PK). She has two volunteers to help with lunch. She will find out if we need a Certificate of Insurance or a named insurer and report to LL. RM is already holding 11 checks.

DG thanked RM for all her hard work.

**CNC Insurance** – Lisa Lathrop:  
[lathrop6@hotmail.com](mailto:lathrop6@hotmail.com)

**Membership** – Paula McPherson New  
Members for preliminary approval:

**Vincent & Debra BenAvram**  
Interested in Water, Draft, Therapy,  
Rescue  
Sponsor: Membership

**Anali Reiter**  
Interested in Therapy Dog  
Sponsor: Membership

**Brooks & Gabriela Gross**  
Interested in Obedience, Water, Draft,  
Therapy  
Sponsor: Paul Katinas

**Nicole Mahalla**

Breed Ring, Obedience, Water, Draft,  
Tracking, Therapy, Rescue  
Sponsor: Michelle Blumhagen

**Joseph & Terry Mooney**  
Interested in Breed Ring  
Sponsor: Membership

**Michelle Covert**  
Interested in Water, Draft, Therapy  
Sponsor: Membership

It has been a long time since we have had six applicants at one meeting.

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

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

PMP noted that 90% of members renewed this year.

KP noted that NCA is now publishing new member applications in e-notes since Newt Tide is only published quarterly. She suggested that we follow since Bear Fare is published quarterly.

Applications now may take up to 4 months to be approved. KP and PMP will come up with a proposal and we will put it on the agenda for the February meeting. This will not be a change to the by-laws but will be a policy change.

**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.

**Member Development** – Elizabeth McCully

**Specialties Committee 2022-2023** – Kathy Paxton and Don Sharkey

Very Successful Triple Crown completed -Thank you, Kathy & Don! We will have a financial report at the January board meeting. NPD and NCNE have agreed to do the Triple Crown in 2023. The board approved CNC's participation. DG suggested Melissa Goodman as an educational speaker.

**NCA Representative** – Paul Katinas

**Working Dog** – Melanie Tipton-Fortney

Donna Foy has agreed to be CNC's Working Dog Chair for 2023. She and MTF are working together during the transition.

CNC Draft Test - The Great Gunston Hall Haul - Michele Miller chair.

This weekend, November 18-20, Gunston Hall, Lorton, VA. The team is well-prepared and very excited; they have great gifts and trophies. The new site is beautiful.

Water training at Codorus State Park - MTF submitted our requested dates for water training to Codorus State Park; they do not approve any dates until after January 1 of next year. We are working with the PWD club and agree to all dates. They may do a water workshop in mid-June and will let us know.

**Donation to Codorus** - Elizabeth McCully

**Draft Workshop** – Christie Smith  
October 16 at Pole Green Park, Mechanicsville, VA; went well.

**CNC Working Dog Series- What we did this year (2022):**

Starting in January with online, indoor basic training, including Deanna Alko's series. In-person Draft Workshop in March, Working Skills Workshop in April, and Informal Water

training throughout the summer. Water test in August. Draft test in November.

DG is working with DF and MTF in planning for 2023.

On behalf of the board, DG thanked Melanie for a great working year.

**Old Business:**

**Water training sites** - Smithfield, VA—Donna Foy. Rocky Gap and Cascade Lake in MD. Lake Anna—Fran Miller. Restart research in the Spring of 2023.

**FB Group for NCA Regional Club BODs** - A place to share ideas, problems, and solutions. This idea is a result of conversations with other NCA Regional Presidents on shared educational efforts. Current thoughts are a closed FB group NOT administered by the NCA.

This has been dormant since our last meeting.

**CNC BOD support for CNC Events** - especially spring and fall picnics when general membership attendance is higher. DG encouraged board members to attend club events.

**New Business:**

DS reported that the launch permit that we use for the boat that RM donated to the club has expired. We use the boat at Codorus State Park. DS made a motion that we renew the two-year launch permit (\$40 or 50) for the state parks in PA for our club water training boat. Seconded (RM). No objections; motion passed. DS will renew online.

Next scheduled Board Meeting – Jan 18, 2023

**Adjournment**

Motion made (TM) to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 pm. Seconded (DS). No objections. Motion passed.

**December 10, 2022 | Annual Meeting | Meeting Called to order at 3:02 pm**

**Present:** Dwight Gorsuch, Brenda McKeel, Donna McConn, Paul Katinas, Elizabeth McCully

Dwight Gorsuch thanked everyone for showing up. Dwight announced the new Board/Officers for 2023.

President: Dwight Gorsuch  
Vice President: Rose Miller  
Treasurer: Paul Katinas  
Recording Secretary: Terry Mahon  
Corresponding Secretary: Brenda McKeel  
Members-at-Large: Bennett Afford, Fran Miller, Don Sharkey, Elizabeth McCully

Committee Reports were made available to club members to review.

Dwight opened up the floor to anyone who had any questions or comments or any business to come before the club at our annual meeting. If there is no new or old business, Dwight will turn the meeting over to Donna McConn. Donna is in charge of the rescue for the club. There was a question about how many CNC club members there were. Dwight commented a couple of hundred. Donna said about 130 + spouses (Families). Another question was asked about the CNC coverage area. Dwight said CNC covers MD, VA, and parts of WV and DC. The regional club north of is New-Pen-Del in Pennsylvania. South of us is SE, Carolinas. If the club reaches out to members in southern Virginia, a question was asked. Dwight said that this event, Christmas Parade is usually held in Williamsburg, VA on the first Saturday in December every year. Due to COVID, the parade was moved from Saturday afternoon to Sunday evening which did not make it feasible

for us to hold the event in Williamsburg. The club does try to reach out to all of our areas.

**Rescue Report**

Donna said like CNC, the board members remain the same. We didn't have anyone new running.

President: Donna McConn  
Vice President: Michelle Miller  
Recording Secretary: Margaret Marcus  
Treasurer: Bob Blaicher  
Members-at-Large: Paula McPherson (Membership Chair), David Rothschild

The board will remain in place for another year. We hold bi-yearly elections for the board. On the back of our calendar are all of the rescues we took this year. Due to COVID, we received more dogs in rescue than usual. Other reasons for rescue include divorce, death, financial reasons, etc. There has been a decline in donations. Donna asked if anyone had any questions. No questions.

Dwight motioned to adjourn the meeting. Brenda McKeel made the motion and the motion was seconded by Tom Misch.

**The meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm**

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**January 18, 2023 | Board of Directors Zoom Meeting | Meeting Called to order at 7:30 pm**

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

**Guests:** Donna Foy (DF), Lisa Lathrop (LL), Donna McConn (DMC), Michele Miller (MM), Paula McPherson (PMP), Kathy Paxton (KP)

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

Over the last two years, we've done a good job creating more FTF opportunities for CNC members, fun days, annual meetings, working & conformation trials & training.

In 2023, in addition to maintaining all our FTF events, I'd like CNC to expand educational opportunities for members that would rather not travel but still need to know more. IMO, when you visit the NCA site (and CNC now) you cannot find as much online ed as we might offer.

Suggesting an expansion of CNC's Ed committee to include a member(s) who would help find and vet education articles/videos to post on CNC's site; to help maintain a regular educational outreach to CNC members.

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

**Recording Secretary** – Terry Mahon

Minutes from the CNC November BOD meeting submitted to the board.

Motion made (FM) to accept the November 2022 meeting minutes as presented. Seconded (BMK). No objections. Motion passed.

Motion made (RM) to accept the December 2022 Annual meeting minutes as prepared by Brenda McKeel. Seconded (PK). No objections. Motion passed.

**Treasurer Report** – Paul Katinas

Net Receipts and Disbursements: \$(324.67)  
Cash Balance on 11/30/2023: \$46,146.56

Any CNC member may see an itemized report for this time period by sending a request to CNC's Treasurer.

**November Report:**

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

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

**December Report:**

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

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

KP reminded the board that we need to keep in mind that we are listed as an educational club with the IRS. We are a dog club dedicated to educating the public about our breed. Regional specialties, water tests, and draft tests are educational events.

The Board reviewed the financial reports for the Fall Draft Test 2022 and the Triple Crown 2022. WD chair Donna Foy will work with the DT committee for our spring draft test. Committee members spending their own

money on events and donations were discussed.

The Board appointed Kathy Paxton and Julia Sharkey (both non-board members) to audit the CNC books for 2022 in February.

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

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## COMMITTEE AND EVENT REPORTS

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**Colonial Newf Rescue:** Donna McConn DMC reported that adoptions picked up at the end of last year. Two have been taken this year. Mostly the oldies are left in Rescue. They are using a new database program, and two volunteers are entering data. Last year was slow on donations and adoptions.

CNR will hold its annual picnic in April in the Fredericksburg area. CNC and CNR will have two combined picnics again this year. CNC manages one, and CNR the other. CNR has to have theirs in the spring for their annual meeting. DMC will visit and choose a site for the spring picnic.

**CNC Website Committee:** Michelle Blumhagen

DG reported that MB can use help on the website. Anyone interested in helping can contact MB.

**Annual Meeting** was held on December 10 at Branch Bowling in Leesburg, VA. BOD members attending were Brenda, Paul, and Elizabeth. Thank you BMK for taking the minutes. Thank you Donna McConn for speaking about Colonial Newf Rescue. About twelve Newfs and their owners attended.

Thank you, Natalie Aloi, for organizing all the Newfie games and prizes! Several members commented that Natalie did an awesome job!

**Awards** – Lisa Lathrop, Chair. No awards were given for November and December of 2018, and all of 2019, 2020, and 2021. Up to 30 awards per year prior to COVID.

Reminder: Bennett suggested we give members the option if they don't want a material gift to donate that money back to the club in their dog's honor. Include this in the blast email and put it on our website.

LL will create a blast email that will be sent to members telling them about the awards and asking them to fill out the Awards Registration form. She will send the blast email to Paula McPherson to send out to the membership. The deadline for sending the registration form back to LL will be 30 days from the day the blast email is sent. The goal is that when we meet again in February the criteria and forms will be out to the membership. The committee should contact DG if they need help.

LL will enter this information from the awards registration forms into an excel spreadsheet and BMK will create the certificates.

Certified Therapy Dogs and AKC Therapy Dog titles were discussed. DF will meet with LL and can help LL with the Therapy Dog criteria. BA made a motion that we add to our CNC awards criteria any Therapy Dog title recognized by the AKC. Seconded (EMC). No objections; motion passed.

DG encouraged LL to include BMK in any meetings since she will be creating the certificates.

**Bear Fare** – Brenda McKeel. The deadline for the next issue of the Bear Fare Newsletter is January 31, 2023. Please email submissions for upcoming events to: [bearfare@gmail.com](mailto:bearfare@gmail.com). BMK asked to resign as Bear Fare Editor effective December 31, 2022. She will do the Winter issue of Bear Fare. Thank you Brenda for all your hard work on BF.



Brenda has recruited Natalie Aloï to be CNC's new BF editor and will serve as a mentor. Great job Brenda, and thanks, Natalie!!

BMK will create a job description for the BF editor and send it to KP to review. The editor sends a copy of BF to the NCA regional club liaison and other regional clubs.

**Spring Fun Day** - CNR is in charge; chair and date TBD.

**Fall Fun Day** Chair and date TBD.

**Newfs on the Mall**  
**Christmas Tree Pulls**

**Pancake Breakfast/Walk:** Hunt Valley, MD. Lisa Lathrop found out that it was the first weekend in March. She will check with them for more information tomorrow.

**Education** – Elizabeth (Liz) McCully – See opening note from DG.

DG and EMC are trying to connect with several people that might want to join this committee.

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

Both CNC and CNR pages have been having issues with scammers trying to sell things under comments. If you see this, please report to Paula McPherson for CNC and Donna McConn for CNR.

**Finance** – Rose Miller  
The Greg Strong Seminar, organized by RM, was last weekend and was a huge success.

**Instant reaction from a Greg Strong participant:**

It was one of the best things I've attended in years!!!! Sooo worth the money and the drive.

And EXACTLY the type of thing I was looking for. Everything was very organized, and you just knew the moment things started that you were in for something special. I felt privileged to be among the attendees!!

I would recommend a Greg Strong handling seminar to ANYONE who is just beginning or that just wants to get out of their rut and breed new life into their handling skills. It was truly a first-class five-star seminar with lots of hands-on opportunities.

Rose did an excellent job of putting the whole thing together and getting good information out to all of us along the way.

They had 25 dog handler teams and a handful of observers and helpers. There were 3 Newfs, and 4 juniors. The cost was \$275 per dog handler team. One person did not attend because their spouse had Covid. EMC made a motion that we refund their entry fee, seconded (BMK). No objections; motion passed.

Income was \$7300, expenses about \$5000; our profit was \$1611.

BMK asked RM to do a write-up for Bear Fare.

The Board thanked RM for all her hard work; Rose commented that she had a lot of fun.

Next up, DG asked Rose if she could look into putting together a good quality, hands-on grooming seminar... geared toward the beginner show groomer. But NOT held in MD or DC. Maybe Fredericksburg or the Dude Ranch we were just at. She mentioned a couple of people that she thought might be good, i.e., Don Sharkey, and felt like there would be some good participation for something like that.

Re FTF grooming education: Don's demo at the Spring Fun Day was well done but folks were not paying as much attention as I expected. Maybe hands-on better, deeper dive into ears, nails, correct comb out, bath,

and drying. Discuss at the meeting next month.

**CNC Insurance** – Lisa Lathrop:  
[lathrop6@hotmail.com](mailto:lathrop6@hotmail.com)

Topic from NCA Working Dog Committee meeting: How is CNC's WT boat covered specifically for injury-harm from the use of the boat? LL found out that the boat and any injuries are not covered. She will look for other sources to get coverage for the boat.

**Membership** – Paula McPherson  
New Members for preliminary approval:

**Erin Corona** | Fairfax, VA  
Interested in Obedience, Water, Draft, Rescue  
Sponsor: Membership (Paula McPherson)

**Andy & Maria Janoschka** | Glen Allen, VA  
Interested in Draft, Water, Therapy  
Sponsor: Donna McConn

Motion made (TM) to move the Board grant preliminary approval to the two (2) new family members presented to the Board by the membership. Seconded (EMC). No objections. Motion passed.

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

PMP sent our membership directory, with NCA members noted, and the BOD to Sue Marino (NCA) in December.

**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.

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

**Specialties Committee** – Don Sharkey and Kathy Paxton

**NCA Representative** – Paul Katinas  
KP will get in touch with Steve Britton to find out who is the NCA regional club liaison.

**Working Dog** - Donna Foy

## **CNC 2023 Working Dog Events**

**February 25**  
**DRAFT WORKSHOP**  
Poor Farm Park  
Ashland, VA  
9:30-3:00  
Chair: Christie Smith

**March 25-26**  
**Draft Test**  
Gunston Hall  
Judges: Bethany Karger, George Norman  
Chair: Michele Miller

**April (TBD)**  
**Land Work Workshop**  
MD Fire Dept

**May 27**  
**Open Swim Dates begin**  
Codorus State Park  
All dates set and confirmed by Melanie & Liz

**June 10-11**  
**Informal Water Workshop for Beginners**  
Smithfield, VA  
Chair: Donna Foy

**July 15-16**  
**Water Workshop with Sue Marino**

Codorus State Park  
Chair: Michele Miller

**August 25,26,27**

**Water Test**

Codorus State Park  
Judges: Ron Horn/TBD  
Chair: Dwight Gorsuch

**December (TBD)**

**Tree Pull**

Bees N Trees Tree Farm  
Chair: Christie Smith

**Draft workshop** – The flyer for registration is out.

**Draft Test**

We are switching to spring.

Land Work Workshop – Repeat of last year;  
DF is just beginning to organize.

**Open Swim Dates**

The contract with Codorus has been signed;  
Michelle Blumhagen will put it on the website;  
MM will send weekly emails like last year; all  
dates are set thru October.

**Informal Water Workshop for Beginners** –  
Private lake where DG and group practice.

**Water Workshop with Sue Marino**

Last year Melanie Tipton-Fortney organized  
remotely.

**Water Test**

Need a second judge; same weekend as New  
England.

**Tree Pull**

MM and others practiced at the Triple Crown  
last year, and she would like to do a Fall Draft  
Workshop there this year. She suggested  
more local workshops to attract beginners.  
Christie Smith will probably do a fall  
workshop at the park she is using this year.  
DF and MM will discuss this.

**CNC Draft Test 2022:**

MM sent a report to DG and will send an  
article to BMK for Bear Fare.

**CNC Donation to Codorus:**

EMC visiting 1/20 to pay and submit  
documents, will inquire as phone messages  
have gone unanswered.

**CNC Working Dog Series:**

DG and DF will discuss this offline. Bring it up  
again at the next meeting.

**Old Business:**

At the November board meeting, KP noted  
that NCA is now publishing new member  
applications in e-notes since Newt Tide is only  
published quarterly. She suggested that we  
follow since Bear Fare is published quarterly.

Applications now may take up to 4 months to  
be approved. KP and PMP will come up with a  
proposal and we will put it on the agenda for  
the February meeting. This will not be a  
change to the by-laws but will be a policy  
change. We will bring this up again at our  
February meeting.

DS reported in November that the launch  
permit for the boat we use at Codorus State  
Park had expired. DS renewed it last week.

**New Business:**

New NCA Regional Club policy?

**To DG from GLNC:**

Below was copied directly from the approved  
October Board minutes. GLNC has heard  
nothing about this. I'm not sure when they  
were planning on telling us or when it goes  
into effect.

Susan Wagner moved, and Sue Marino  
seconded that affiliated Regional Clubs be  
required to renew their status annually with  
the NCA's Regional Club Liaison on or before  
January 1st of each year; this renewal  
procedure includes the regional club  
providing the following: Its current officer

information, a copy of its current membership roster, its minutes from the previous year and a list of events held in the previous year. If the Regional Club Liaison does not receive the regional club's renewal materials on or before the following February 28th, the regional club shall be placed on a probationary status wherein the club is restricted from making application for holding Working or other events until the information is received by the regional club liaison and the regional club is brought into compliance. It is the Regional Club Liaison's responsibility to keep the Regional Specialty Coordinator and Working Dog Committee apprised of a regional club's status once it is placed on probationary status. The board of directors adopted the motion without objection.

\*\*\*DG has contacted Sue Marino for clarification. No response as of 1/17/23.

KP noted that CNC is up to date with providing NCA with all items. PMP (Membership) and BMK (Bear Fare) have been sending the required materials.

**Next scheduled Board Meeting** – February 15, 2023

### **Adjournment**

Motion made (BMK) to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 pm. Seconded (EMC). No objections. Motion passed.

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### **February 15, 2023 | Board of Directors Zoom Meeting | Meeting Called to order at 7:30 pm**

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

**Absent:** Liz McCully

**Guests:** Tracy Smith (TS), Donna Foy (DF), Paula McPherson (PMP), Michele Miller (MM), Lisa Lathrop (LL).

**President, Dwight Gorsuch** opened the 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

The board decided to remove the line from the January minutes that stated the NCA requirements for working and conformation events for regional clubs.

Motion made (FM) to accept the January 2023 meeting minutes as amended. Seconded (BA). No objections. Motion passed.

**Treasurer Report January 2023:** Paul Katinas

Kathy Paxton and Julia Sharkey will audit the books during the month of February.

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

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

Net Receipts and Disbursements: \$2843.67  
Cash Balance on 1/31/2023: \$45,021.08

Any CNC member may see an itemized report for this time period by sending a request to CNC's Treasurer.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Brenda McKeel

No report.

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**CNR Rescue:** No report.

**CNC Website Committee:** Michelle Blumhagen, Chair

From Michelle: In a PAID Cognito account, multiple owners can edit any file. An event form created now by Fran or others, can be edited the following year by Tracy or Paula or a new volunteer. The cost is \$15/month for two log-ins; \$20/month for four log-ins. Four different people could create or modify Cognito forms. The proposal by Andrew to create and modify our forms would not be needed.

PMP reported that we have a donation form, and membership forms. We don't have an event form. We will continue the discussion at our next meeting.

**Awards:** Lisa Lathrop, Chair

No awards were given for November and December of 2018, and all of 2019, 2020, and 2021. Awards earned in 2022 will be included. Up to 30 awards per year prior to COVID.

Reminder: Bennett suggested we give members the option if they don't want a material gift to donate that money back to the club in their dog's honor.

DG said that what we need now is for the membership to be notified that the awards process has been restarted, members should be gathering their information, and they will have 30 days to submit their information. Criteria for awards will be in the notification. Criteria and forms (fillable online and mail in) were discussed.

Therapy dog certification and therapy dog titles awarded by the AKC were discussed. We want to give an award to any dog that has been certified by an organization that AKC recognizes (there are six of them), and dogs that have an AKC Therapy title.

DF will help BMK with wording for the criteria regarding therapy dogs. PMP will work with LL on the introduction for the notification to members. PMP will also work on the fillable form.

DG thanked Brenda, Paula, Donna and Lisa for their work on the awards.

**Bear Fare:** Brenda McKeel

The deadline for the next issue of the Bear Fare Newsletter is April 30, 2023. Please email submissions for upcoming events to: [bearfare@gmail.com](mailto:bearfare@gmail.com).

The transition to our new editor, Natalie Aloi, will start with the spring issue of BF.

BMK is typing a job description for Natalie. DG thanked Brenda for her many years as editor.

**Spring Fun Day:** April date, organized by CNR.

**Fall Fun Day :** Schedule date, organized by CNC.

DG will ask Chuck Basham if he would chair. Last year was In Annapolis.

**Newfs on the Mall 2023**  
**Christmas Tree Pulls 2023**

**Pancake Breakfast/Walk:** Hunt Valley, MD; first weekend in March

LL volunteered to chair; she will start working on flyers.

**Education:** Elizabeth (Liz) McCully



CNC Committee Expansion Update: Deb Dennison and Jill Griffin have agreed to help Elizabeth source potential CNC Educational resources. Elizabeth is working on the vetting and posting process.

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

**Finance:** Rose Miller (ways of generating revenue)

RM recommended holding the handling seminar every two years.  
A grooming seminar was discussed. RM will check with Lexi.

DS suggested using Alex Hammersla, a professional groomer in York, PA. We could have a face-to-face seminar and also use Zoom. This would be geared for the entire membership (not show grooming). MM will contact her.

**CNC Insurance:** Lisa Lathrop:  
[lathrop6@hotmail.com](mailto:lathrop6@hotmail.com)

How is CNC's WT boat covered specifically for injury-harm from use of the boat?

Is CNC's WT Boat as donated to CNC by Rose Miller covered regardless of ownership?

LL reported that our insurance does not cover the boat. RM will call her insurance company for information. We may need to go to a company that insures boats. DS will get information regarding the boat to LL and RM.

DS renewed the launch permit for the boat.

**Membership:** Paula McPherson  
No new Members for preliminary approval.

**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:** Form new committee by April 23

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

**Specialties Committee 2022-2023:** Don Sharkey and Kathy Paxton

DS reported that we need a new judge for the Sunday show.

**NCA Representative:** Paul Katinas  
DG said that the NCA contact is Sue Marino.

**Working Dog:** Donna Foy, Chair

**Water Test:** August 25-27, DG Chair. Test is approved. Judges—Ron Horn & Matt Cobban. Rooms blocked at Days Inn, Westminster. Flights booked. All on schedule.

The April land workshop in Walkersville, MD was discussed.

**Draft Workshop:** Christie Smith, chair. Next weekend in Ashland, VA.

**Spring Draft Test:** Michele Miller Chair. All on schedule; volunteers are needed. Entries close March 10.

**Old Business:**

At the January meeting KP noted that NCA is now publishing new member applications in e-notes, since Newt Tide is only published quarterly. She suggested that we follow since Bear Fare is published quarterly.

Applications now may take up to 4 months to be approved. This will not be a change to the by-laws but will be a policy change. We will discuss next month at the March meeting.

**New Business:**

Income/expense reports, CNC Major Events, those exceeding \$\_\_\_\_ expected income or expense.

As income/expenses are presented to the treasurer and appear in the monthly report over several months, it's hard for the BOD to understand the financial impact of each event. DG and PK will talk before the next board meeting.

**New NCA Regional Club policy?** Talk about next month.

**FB Group for NCA Regional Club BOD's :** A place to share ideas, problems, and solutions. This idea is a result of conversations with other NCA Regional Presidents on shared educational efforts. Current thoughts are a closed FB group NOT administered by the NCA. No update.

### **Action Items:**

**Next scheduled Board Meeting:** March 15, 2023

**Adjournment:** Motion made (RM) to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 pm. Seconded (FM). No objections. Motion passed.

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## "Sounds"

by Roger Powell

(Reprinted from NCA e-Notes December 2022)

As I lay awake in bed the other night, Zaagi snored lightly and Nokomis' stomach gurgled, chortled, popped, wheezed and whined. My mind wandered to the sounds that Newfies make. Newfies make the regular sounds. They bark and growl and whine. And they sometimes howl. My mind did not dwell on these sounds.

Skwonk-skwonk-skwonk-skwonk-skwonk! A Newf leans against my bed as she scratches, shaking the whole bed, perhaps the whole room, making every joint in the bed squeak. The noise and shaking prevents sleep, if I have been asleep, or prevents reading, if I have been reading. It prevents everything except thinking about the noise and that the whole world is shaking. The scratching goes on forever. A firm "Nokomis" has no affect. The solution is to be patient, and wait.



Snnffa-snnffa-snnffa-snnffa . . . I lean over to tie my shoe and Zaagi puts her nose in the middle of my face and sniffs, hard. I hear the same sound when I return home from having visited a friend who has a dog. Dog noses, running up and down my legs, soak in the scents from the other dog. I bring many scents home on my clothes, scents from the black bears that I study, scents from small mammals that I live-trap with my Mammalogy class, and scents from the weasels that I study. No scents lead to such vacuum cleaner interest as the scent of another dog on my legs.

Hhaargrgrgrgrgrgrgrg-hhaargrgrgrgrgrgrgrg-hhaargrgrgrgrgrgrgrg. Newfs are champions at snoring. Consie's and my bed has a hollow, wooden box, open at the underside, instead of a box spring. Kaloosit would slide under the bed regularly and then snore up a storm in the echo chamber. Some people pay money for bed vibrators but they are people who do not own Newfs who snore under their beds. Kwasind slept downstairs in the kitchen. With my feet on the floor in the bedroom while Kwasind snored in the kitchen, I could feel the whole house vibrate.

Shlfloppida-shlfloppida-shlfloppida-shlfloppida-shlfloppida. When any dog shakes, the moving skin and hair makes sound. When the dog has floppy ears, the sound acquires an extra floppida-floppida-floppida from the ears hitting the sides of the dog's head. But when a Newfie with big, sloppy flews shakes his head, the sound takes on new character. Unfortunately, the sound never captures the visual grace of the long stringer of slobber wrapping itself three times around the Newf's muzzle.

ABuurrppp. Why does Zaagi sit by me at the dining room table, gaze lovingly into my eyes, and burp? Why has every dog we have owned done this? They get no positive reinforcement from me for this trick. Are they practicing for when visitors come?

AMo-o-o-o-aaauurrrr-aaauurrrr-aaauurrrr-aaauurrrr! Newfies howl well, when they choose. Milakokia would bow when she wanted something and draw out a "Wwraaaauuuoo-oo-oo-oo" that bordered between a happy moaning sound and a howl. When Kaloosit was in heat and Kwasind pined for her on the other side of whatever door separated them, the sound he made was other-worldly. We likened the sound to a sick cow mooing. Since Kwasind died, I have never heard such a sound again. Maybe that is a good thing.

Huh-hu-huh-hu-huh-hu-huh-hu-huh-hu-huh-hu-huh-hu-huh-hu-huh-hu-huh-hu . . . A Newf who is concerned has quieter, more tightly controlled pants than a dog who has been exercising. After running and fetching or swimming hard, a Newf pants heavily, tongue lollled to one side. Slowly the panting declines and stops. But a concerned Newf pants a pant to keep going for a long time because a Newf's concerns can last a long time. This pant is shallow and quick and only the tip of the Newf's tongue shows. When Kati came to live with us, we were her fifth home in the 19 months of her life. Kati panted the entire first

year she lived with us, not able to let down her guard and believe we were her home forever. I woke up the night she stopped panting.

Thwock-thwock-thwock-thwock-thwock-thwock. This is a happy sound. I hear it when I come in the front door and Nokomis' tail beats against the book shelf by the steps and Zaagi's tail hammers the iron railing by the stairs. I hear it, tail against the dining room table, when I hold a dog biscuit. I hear it in the woods, tail against a tree, as I load logs onto the toboggan to be hauled to the wood shed. I hear it every morning, tail against the cedar chest, as Nokomis gives me morning kisses. I plan to hear this sound every day for the rest of my life.

Whatever sounds your Newfie makes, give her a noisy hug from me.

*Reprinted from NewfTide 2000*

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## Dog Food Labels, Am I Right?

*by Jenny Zablotny, DVM*

(Reprinted from NCA e-Notes January 2023)

What food to feed your pets has been a dilemma since large scale pet food manufacturing became the norm. We've come a long way from horsemeat and garbage! Despite many claims to the contrary, there isn't one, perfect food. Marketing is king. They aren't selling food to dogs and cats. Companies are selling product to human consumers and it is big business. Buzz words like holistic, ancient, raw-infused, grain free are all designed to attract buyers. The vast choice of available products boggles even this veterinarian's mind. How does the average pet owner make an informed decision on an appropriate diet?

First, you. We all take cost, availability, stool quality and whether the dog eats it into account when feeding a food. Many decisions to switch are because of messy stools or the dog won't eat it. Personally, I want to be able to buy a bag bigger than 30 pounds and I want to purchase it anywhere. I also demand good coats and stools and have been fortunate to have found a food that satisfies these criteria. There isn't anything wrong with taking your budget into consideration when choosing a food. Are ultra-premium priced foods worth it? Maybe. Look to the ingredients on the label.

Second, your veterinarian. If your vet can't find anything nutritionally wrong with your dog, then your food choice is appropriate. Many vets can't endorse raw because of infectious disease concerns and lack of properly balanced diets. Grain free diets may have an association with serious heart conditions. Proceed with caution if you opt for grain free. However, the number one, food-related issue seen in dogs (and cats) today is obesity. You may need a food that is lower in calories. That number can be found on the label.

Third, your breeder. They will know what works well on their dogs. Perhaps they are recommending an all life stages food for your puppy. How do you know if a food is all life stages? You guessed it! The label.

So now a trip to the pet food store to start comparing labels. The problem with labels and packaging in general is teasing out the meat from the marketing. Are those colorful fruits and veggies on the label actually in the food? How much beef is really in "beef dinner"? The resources below contain solid advice on how to read pet food labels with an eye towards accuracy and not just the marketing. You may even discover a few things about the food you are feeding or ones you have considered!

- [Pet Food Institute. LOTS of information on labels and industry regulations with an informative blog.](#)
- [American Kennel Club sheet on pet food labels.](#)
- [The Association of American Feed Control Officials \(AAFCO\) deep dive into ingredients.](#)
- [AAFCO label explanations.](#)
- [Very good, in-depth look at labels and ingredients and label claims by Savannah Welna, Cert. ACN](#)

The dizzying array of pet food choices is enough to flummox even a trained nutritionist. Learning how to read a pet food label will allow you to compare apples to apples. Avoid the hype and use the label to your advantage to make an informed choice of what to feed your Newf.

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## 7 Simple Safety Tips Before You Buy Your Next New Dog Toy

Posts by: [Dr. Jeff Werber, DVM](#)

(Airport Animal Hospital December 2022 Newsletter)

How often do we think that it's, "so cute" when our [dogs](#), especially [puppies](#), play with or [chew](#) on certain "harmless" objects around the house? Sometimes, we even inadvertently encourage the [behavior](#) by making some of these objects into play [toys](#), or, worse yet, giving dogs "toys" that closely resemble household items.

**Over the years, I've seen many toys that I would not encourage, including:**

- Stuffed toys that look just like kid's stuffed dolls and toys
- Rawhide chews shaped like shoes

- Dental chews shaped like their own, or our own, toothbrushes

There's no doubt it's adorable to watch dogs chew, or as one my dogs loves to do, suck on these toys or dolls, but we have to understand that differentiating these items from other items around our homes that show a close resemblance is not easy for many of our dogs. Additionally, some of these "toys" may not be as safe for our pets as we would like to think.

### Safe toy tips for dogs

[Much has been written here at Pet Health Network about dangerous pet toys](#), and now I want to provide some of my own guidelines about how to choose SAFE toys and chews for your dogs to play with:

#### 1. Look for toys that are fairly indestructible

Even for that [Pitbull](#), [Mastiff](#) or [Rottweiler](#)! Hard nylon toys or hard rubber toys may be the answer. But even with these, watch the edges as they can become fairly sharp. Make sure no large chunks have been broken off, and if so, discard them. Avoid the soft rubber toys.

#### 2. Keep an eye on rope toys

Toys with hard nylon or rubber that are connected together by a thick rope may be ok for a while, but again, keep your eyes on that rope to make sure it remains intact.

#### 3. Beware toys with bells

Toys with bells, or squeakers on the inside are not a great idea because they are often the first things your dog will remove, and possibly swallow.

#### 4. Watch for rips and tears

Well constructed plush or thick fabric toys can also be very safe, but if they should break or tear at a seam, it might be time to say "goodbye," and buy another one. The stuffing can end up

all over your home, or worse yet, in your dog's [stomach](#).

#### 5. Rawhide chews have their pros and cons!

Let's face it—dogs do love them, and rawhide can keep them occupied for a while. With these, I have a few suggestions, however. If you are going to buy the large ones, made of single sheets of rawhide that are rolled and knotted on each end, keep an eye on them. If, or better yet when, they become too soft and begin to unravel or break apart, toss them and give your dog a new one (fortunately these aren't very expensive). What I like more are the pressed rawhide chews that, when chewed and softened, just break up into very small, easy and safe to swallow pieces. My caution is that with ANY rawhide chew product, make sure to stay away from those made in China until we learn more about the [causes the illnesses we've heard about](#). To be really safe, stick to those made in the U.S. or those distributed and endorsed by reputable U.S. companies.

#### 6. Dental chews have improved

The dental chews that are very popular are fairly safe now that the manufacturing process has changed to allow these to dissolve and soften once in contact with saliva. Again, stick with the name brands!

#### 7. Find the right size toy

A general caution with any toy and chew is that you purchase the appropriate size for your pet's mouth. Something too small can definitely be swallowed whole and can lodge somewhere in the intestinal tract. If too large, it will probably defeat its purpose, or, if your intent is to break it up into smaller pieces — to get more for your money — you might



inadvertently break a piece too small, which could be dangerous.

As always, check with your veterinarian if you have any questions about the efficacy and safety of anything you're planning on purchasing for your dog.

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## Temperaments and Personalities

by Ann Thibault

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My work with dogs is primarily with Newfoundland's. I teach classes that are geared towards teaching owners how to work with their dogs, use common sense and "read" their dog's body language. Although I also teach all breed obedience, what is unique is that I have a "Newfs Only" class and there are a wide variety of breeding programs represented. It is because of this that my husband Ron and I have been able to view various personalities and temperaments. Whether or not you are new to the breed, you may have encountered some of the following personalities.

Dog "A": Ears are flattened back and held tightly against the head. Eyes are alert but do not have a soft expression. When viewing this dog, the words panic stricken come to mind. When out in public, this dog will allow itself to be patted or judged but gives the appearance of a tightly coiled spring. When lying down, this dog is never truly relaxed and is very aware of its surroundings. At home, this dog breathes a sigh of relief to be back in its comfort zone. This dog can be trained and exhibited although an experienced "eye" will pick up the subtle shifting and body language. Nothing about this dog conveys stability.

Dog "B": Ears are up and forward, eyes are confident and will sweep through a group. When this dog walks, his appearance is bold and daring. Nothing phases him and his body carriage says "I'm cool and I know it." This dog will easily challenge both human and animal and is used to getting his or her own way.

Dog "C": Ears are flat against the head and the eyes are almost wild looking. Even when lying down, this dog is aware of every leaf and twig that falls. A subtle movement causes this dog to leap to his feet to sound an alarm. This dog will pant heavily when in public (stressed) and may lunge, snarl and growl at other dogs that it encounters. When it arrives back in the car or at home, it will breathe a sigh of relief and collapse as if in exhaustion.

Dog "D": The ears hang flat and loosely. It walks patiently, observes commotion and ignores it. Eyes are confident and friendly. Body carriage is relaxed and comfortable standing, lying down or trotting. It will alert and assess, not reacting unless necessary. This dog is confident and unflappable. When viewing this dog, the words steady and intelligent come to mind.

Dog "E": Everything about this dog is loose. It snores through commotion, is very placid, and seems to have to reach far into the depths to summon enough energy to walk across the living room. Toddlers falling over it or a dog fight in the next room only elicit a loud groan and stretch. Bump on a log are the words that describe this dog. Animation is seen if a chip bag rattles or the food bowl is brought out.

Dog "F": This dog seems steady, body carriage is relaxed and the eyes do not have a soft expression. It may stare or look right through you. Something about this dog makes you a bit uncomfortable and you find yourself keeping distance between the dog and you. There is nothing tangible that pinpoints your wariness of this dog. It looks like a Newf and seems to

act like a Newf but for some reason you are uncomfortable and yes, even a bit afraid.

These are just a few personalities we have encountered in Newf class. Are they all Newf like? Is this temperament or personality? Are these learned behaviors or genetic? I honestly don't know. What I do know is that 70-80 percent of the pup's personality comes from the bitch. This makes sense if you think about the time she spends with her litter and how she reacts to sounds, adults, children, other animals and human contact. The pups learn by watching and imitating her reactions. There is nothing cute about a puppy that growls when picked up and held. Fearful, shy, confident, boisterous, hardheaded and submissive. All of these characteristics and more can be found in a litter.

Faulty temperaments can be viewed as early as five or six weeks of age. Although the pup is young, it will give glimpses to how it will act as an adult. Based on their early observations, a breeder is in the best position to evaluate the litter and make sure the pups will go to homes where the new owners will be aware of what they may encounter as the pup grows. Although personality traits can be enhanced or softened, puppies with faulty temperaments should be euthanized instead of placed in a home.

It has been said that years ago, Newfs didn't have the amount of socializing and training that is now available and they still acted like a Newf should. This may be true, but years ago usually only one person worked outside the household. Behaviors that were questionable were not likely to go unnoticed and were dealt with accordingly.

As the pups grow, a good rule of thumb is to expose the pup to everything you think it might encounter as an adult. This should be done BEFORE one year of age. The new owner should attend a puppy class and then a basic obedience class. This helps the pup learn how to socialize with other dogs, other breeds, and

exposes them to the sights and sounds that go along with riding in a car, traffic in parking lots, doors slammed, the echoes in a building, different flooring, general commotion, and being handled by other people. This is also where the dog owner will learn to correct unwanted behaviors and learn to set boundaries and limitations. These are all things that if the pup is to be shown, will make him confident and take these sights and sounds in stride. If the dog is to be a pet, all the more reason for exposure.

Some of the dogs that we see have had no consequences for their actions and easily out think their owners. I have also come across dogs that act mentally challenged to get out of doing an exercise or action.

The puppy owner needs to remember that first and foremost their puppy is a dog. Unlike smaller breeds, the window of opportunity for training a Newfoundland, while he or she is manageable, is small. As a giant breed, they seem to grow literally overnight. Obnoxious behavior that is excused in a small breed is an accident waiting to happen when it occurs with a dog the size of a Newf.

Some dogs that we encounter have missed that golden window and still act very Newf-like. Others have had minimal exposure and act like other breeds. Although behaviors can be altered, softened or enhanced, the key is not only breeding sound-minded animals. The Newf owner MUST take responsibility to socialize and train their dog.

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## Why Does She Do That?

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When Nokomis puts her kong in my lap, I know what she wants. She wants to play.

When I am sitting at the dining room table and Ishkoodah puts her head on my thigh, I do not know exactly what she wants but I do know the two options: either she wants some love (most likely) or she is begging (only slightly less likely). Sometimes, however, I have no idea why my dogs do what they do. Why does Ishkoodah lift her head from my lap, look sweetly into my face, and belch?



Why do dogs do such irrational things? I believe that somewhere in their ancestral past, the irrational behavior, or a related behavior, made sense.

Take rolling in foul smells. All our dogs like to roll on their backs and often roll on their backs on the living room rug and on leaves in the woods. When Milakokia starts rolling outside on her back, however, I come running. More than any other of our dogs, she chooses to roll in foul smelling substances. I try to get to her before she has worked the foul smell deep into the hair on her shoulders and back. If I do not get to her in time, she trots to me and smiles: "Don't I smell good?"

Wolves roll in strong smelling substances and the behavior appears to be related to two functions. First, when a wolf, even a subordinate wolf, rolls in something really exciting, say a rotten fish, he or she walks proudly when he returns to other members of his pack. The other pack members crowd him, smell his shoulders and back, and wag their tails excitedly. No one knows for certain why they do this. Second, wolves have scent glands on their shoulders. The hairs over those glands are stiff and stand up more than other hairs down their backs. When a wolf rolls on

its back and rubs its shoulders into the ground, he leaves his scent on the ground.

I suspect that the behaviors are related as follows.

Wolves are attracted to novel smells. Were a wolf to put his smell on a nondescript piece of ground, the chances of another wolf finding his scent mark are small. If he puts his mark where an attractive smell already exists, other wolves may notice his mark. His scent mark also functions to reassure pack members that they are in their own territory and to warn non-pack members that they not in their territories. But why should the wolf appear so pleased to announce the novel smell to his pack members? Maybe he is introducing them to a scent they need to learn because that scent, in the woods, now bears their pack scent. Maybe. And maybe that explains why Milakokia is so pleased to display her exciting new odors to me, but I am not certain.

A behavior that baffles me even more than rolling in foul smells is shaking off water next to a favorite person. Why do my dogs, when they leave the water, insist on walking over next to me, or at least some person, before they shake? If I move, they stop shaking, move with me, and then resume the shake. I can only surmise that shaking off water must have a social context for wolves, but for the life of me I cannot figure out what it might be.

And then, what about that belch? That, too, must have a social context, but I cannot imagine what it is. Do wolves announce to each other that they are pleased to have eaten a good meal? Do they reassure each other that they have all eaten the same food? Or during summer, when wolves often hunt singly, does a belch communicate to other wolves that a particular prey is easy to catch, young snowshoe hares, for example? If you have an idea, please tell me.

One behavior that baffled me at first but, with a little thought, made sense was Nokomis's preference for our other dogs' food. Nokomis will not eat her own food until Milakokia, especially, and Ishkoodah have finished their meals. When each of the older dogs finishes, Nokomis cleans her bowl. Only after both bowls for the old girls are empty and cleaned will Nokomis pay any attention to her own bowl.

This does make sense. Nokomis is on the bottom of our canine totem pole and Milakokia is on the top. Alpha wolves eat first and have priority access to the choicest foods; subordinate wolves must wait to eat if food is limited and must yield the choicest cuts to the alpha pair. Hence, the dominant wolves have access to the best food and subordinate wolves know that what the alpha pair leaves is likely to be better than other foods available. I believe this explains Nokomis's behavior: She believes that Milakokia's food must be the best, since Milakokia is her alpha.

That Milakokia has food formulated for old dogs and that Nokomis is best off eating her own food, formulated for young dogs, makes no difference to Nokomis. Milakokia is alpha and therefore must have the best food. Can Consie and I teach her differently? I expect we could, but only with great difficulty. We shall not try.

Our dogs have behaved in other ways that have baffled me, and I expect to experience new bafflements in years to come. Why does Nokomis bump me with her nose to get attention? Why did Kaloosit pick up one piece of food, place it on the floor, and prance around it before eating? Why do our young dogs insist on attacking the older dogs in play before going for a walk or a ride? I have a possible explanation for the latter but not the other behaviors, and I shall let that explanation wait for another column.

What about your dogs? Do they sometimes baffle you?

Drop me a note and tell me how. And when your girl looks lovingly into your eyes and belches at you, give her a hug from me.

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## Dr. Ernie's Top 10 Dog Dental Questions... and His Answers!

**Posts by:** Dr. Ernie Ward, DVM

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Dogs are remarkable creatures. From the tip of their cold noses to the ends of their wagging tails, canine anatomy is as beautiful and graceful as it is unique and fascinating. The mouth, [teeth](#) and skull of [dogs](#) are incredibly well adapted to meet the needs of one of nature's most perfectly designed scavengers. The oral cavity of the dog is also the source of many myths and misunderstandings that lead to some potentially serious problems. Here are some of the most common, interesting and important dental questions I'm regularly asked in my practice.

### 1. **How many teeth do dogs have?**

The average adult dog has about a third more teeth than his human counterpart. Adult dogs have 42 permanent teeth compared to a measly 32 average human teeth (not counting any wisdom teeth. Those are "bonus."). Puppies possess 28 baby teeth while human babies will have 20 deciduous or "baby" teeth.

**2. When do dogs begin to lose their baby teeth?**

Puppies begin losing baby teeth around 12 to 16 weeks of [age](#). By four months of [age](#), almost all of a pup's deciduous teeth have been shed and many of the permanent teeth have already erupted and are in place.

**3. Can you tell how old a dog is by looking at his teeth?**

The answer is, it depends. When dogs are young, you can estimate their age by observing which teeth have erupted. For example, a puppy's deciduous incisors typically erupt between 4 to 6 weeks of age and the permanent incisors are in place by 12 to 16 weeks. The canines or "fang teeth" emerge at 3 to 5 weeks and the permanent canines by 12 to 16 weeks. By the time the permanent molars are present, the dog is 4 to 6 months old. In general, once a dog reaches six months of age, all or least most of his permanent teeth are visible.

Once the adult teeth are in place by about 6 months, it's anyone's guess. I've known many veterinarians and dog lovers who claimed they could determine a dog's age by gauging the amount of wear on the teeth. Maybe. What if a young dog chews on hard things? That could lead to a three-year old stray dog mistakenly being categorized as a senior dog on the basis of worn teeth, resulting in a lower chance of adoption. Not good. I believe this myth of aging dogs by their teeth started with horses. Horses' teeth erupt over a five-year period ("full mouth at five"), wear at somewhat established rates and you can get a ballpark guess of the age of a horse by careful examination of teeth. The same isn't true for man's best friend. Or man. Guessing a dog's age must include much more than simply the current state of his teeth.

**4. Can dogs regrow adult teeth if they lose them?**

This is a common myth I'm asked about by many dog owners. Unlike species such as sharks, dogs can't regrow lost or damaged teeth. If they lose an adult tooth, they lose it forever, just as in humans. This is why it's so important to take good care of your pets' teeth. They've got to last a lifetime. Conversely, I see absolutely no reason for a shark to have its teeth brushed. At least not by me.

**5. Do dogs get cavities?**

Dental caries or "cavities" as they're more commonly known, are rare in dogs. This is due to many factors including a relatively low-sugar diet, differences in mouth bacteria, and the shape of the teeth. When cavities do occur, they can be treated the same way as human cavities: drill out the damaged part of the tooth and fill it with a special dental compound. In severe cases involving tooth root exposure, endodontic procedures will be performed such as root canal and capping. Extraction of the affected tooth is required in certain cases. Another good reason to provide dental care for your dog.

**6. Do small or large dogs have more problems with their teeth?**

Dogs both large and small can develop serious oral and periodontal problems. In small dogs with short snouts and cramped jaws, we tend to see more issues with plaque, tartar, and dental calculus buildup. This leads to gum and periodontal disease and eventually painful loose teeth. Small dogs may chip and break tiny teeth if permitted to gnaw on hard toys. Larger breeds tend to experience more traumatic injuries to teeth and gums such as fractured tooth tips, broken jaws, and worn tooth surfaces. If the tooth root becomes exposed, this results in severe pain and death of the tooth. Larger dogs can also develop the same plaque and tartar buildup as well as the gum and



periodontal disease of their smaller siblings.

**7. How can I tell if my dog has gum disease?**

[Start by lifting your dog's lips. If you see dirty or discolored teeth, typically an ugly brownish-greenish color, see your veterinarian.](#) This is likely tartar or plaque and is an early sign of imminent gum or periodontal disease. Next examine the gums for any [swelling](#) or redness. If you brush your fingertip along the gum line and observe the tissues become angry and inflamed or even bleed, this indicates more serious gum infection and disease. Finally, take a whiff. If your [dog's breath is fetid and foul](#), this is usually associated with bacterial infection. "Doggie breath" shouldn't be a reason to avoid your dog. Remember that sweet smelling "puppy breath?" A dog with a healthy mouth should have pleasant or at least neutral odor. If your dog exhibits any of these signs, see your veterinarian for help.

**8. What's that really big tooth in the middle of my dog's upper jaw?**

[The largest tooth in a dog's mouth is the upper fourth premolar also known as the carnassial tooth.](#) Its special shape and tooth surface is designed to help shear, crush and hold. This is why you see dogs grasp chew toys with the side of their mouth, chomping feverishly. This is also why you have to replace so many chew toys. Next time blame the carnassial teeth instead of your dog.

**9. I heard that dogs could get mouth cancer. Is that true?**

[Unfortunately oral tumors are diagnosed in many dogs. In fact, it's estimated that one in four dogs will die of some form of cancer.](#) Malignant oral tumors in dogs can be very aggressive and quickly spread throughout the body if untreated. If you observe any [swelling](#), lumps, or dark and unusual colored tissue in your dog's

mouth, have it examined immediately. If diagnosed early, many oral cancers have a relatively good prognosis.

**10. I've tried many times to brush my dog's teeth with no success. She seems to hate it. Is there anything else I can do to take better care of my dog's teeth?**

[You're not alone. In fact, I've written many articles over the past ten years on how I personally struggle with this very basic procedure in my own pets. I don't brush my dog's teeth every day, either. So what do I do? First, I have all my pets' teeth professionally cleaned under anesthesia](#) once a year by one of my specially trained veterinary technicians. This is perhaps the single most important thing a pet parent can do for their pet when they can't brush the teeth daily. While they're under, I also take oral [x-rays](#) to make sure there are no hidden problems lurking out of sight underneath the gums. Next, I make sure to provide my dogs with chew treats approved by the [Veterinary Oral Health Council \(VOHC\)](#) to help remove plaque and tartar. Many have special ingredients embedded in them that help reduce harmful mouth bacteria. I regularly rinse both my dogs' mouths with an antimicrobial rinse designed to kill pathogenic bacteria that can cause gum infection. This also helps leave their breath highly kissable. Finally, at least once a week I take a peek inside my dogs' mouths to make sure everything looks, and smells, healthy. See, taking care of your dog's mouth isn't so hard after all!

*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.*

## History of the Breed

A Tale of Black Beauties - Emma H. Mellencamp PhD. Art History '57

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When a researcher sets out to find the history of a certain breed of dog, the world is wide open - more or less. Patient searching will usually find the material in paintings, photographs, engravings, etc., as well as in written material. In my article of Newf Tide (Vol. 7, No.4: Winter, 1976) concerning the Landseer Newfoundland, the major problem was which of the scores of examples of that black and white dog to use.

The case of the orderly progression of the black Newfoundland is considerably more confused. I admit to a bias: black Newfies are my first love, so there had to be another side to the story - only a rainbow has one side, and the pot at the end of it is gold. not black! The beautiful blacks of the second half of the 1800's did not spring full-blown like Athena from the head of Zeus: inspired breeding and careful standards must have accounted for such magnificent specimens as that of William Coat's "Leo", 1872 (Drury, p. 29) and many others of that period you can name.

The serious historian searching the origin and development of our modern black Newfoundland cannot be content with collecting "Histories of Dogs", looking in the Index under "n" for Newfoundland, and taking what is found there as gospel, as one of our more popular monthlies (Dog World: May, July, November, 1977) is doing. These "Histories" cannot be ignored, of course, and there is a very persuasive weight to the printed statement. And, in too many cases, they "borrowed" material and illustrations from each other, to the extent that the best material is to be found elsewhere - in original sources. There is a good deal of tangled

seaweed to be cleared away from the history of our black breed before we can even begin.

**The difficulties of clarification fall into a number of categories:**

1. I. Emotional judgment based on insufficient information.
2. II. Decisions made on supposition - ignoring dating of statement or picture.
3. III. Inadvertent misinformation.
4. IV. Intentional inaccuracies - usually for publishers' financial gain.



Figure 1: *The Head of Caesar, a Newfoundland Dog* by Sir Edwin Landseer, 1852. From W. Cosimo Monkhouse, p. 128

- I. Five years ago I found a drawing by Sir Edwin Landseer (Fig. 1) duly signed and noted in his own crabbed handwriting "The Head of Caesar, a Newfoundland Dog of Wm Lee". Where's the rest of Caesar - gone with his legions? Behind that vibrant head he could be almost any color or pattern. Drawings are usually made as notes for future paintings: so far I have not found a painting including this dog. Obviously he is a retriever. The bird he carries is tentatively identified by Prof. Robert Storer of the University of Michigan Dept. of Ecology & Evolutionary Biology, as a "Lapwing", mainly because of the broad wings, distinctive markings on the tail and dark throat with lighter breast. The lapwing is a fairly small game bird - it would appear that Caesar is not a huge

dog. But he is labeled a "Newfoundland" and the drawing is dated 1852 (W. Cosmic Monk-house, *The Works of Sir Edwin Landseer*, Fig. 86, p. 128. It tempting to assume that Caesar is an all-black Newf, and indeed he may be, but this would be an emotional judgment, not based on sufficient information.

- II. Adding to the confusion of the development of the black Newf as we know him today, are statements made by knowledgeable authorities on the basis of pictorial evidence, without reference to the date and historical accuracy of the painter himself. To say that "Leutze's painting of George Washington in New Jersey shows a large black dog disappearing into the shrubbery" (AKC Gazette, K. Drury, "The Newfoundland", Aug. '76, p.63), intimates, without actually saying so, that that large black dog is a Newfoundland and that it existed in George Washington's time. The painting however, was done by German-born Emanuel Gottlieb Louts who was not even alive in Washington's time. The Dusseldorf school of painting in which he was trained, was noted for its realistic painting, but not necessarily for its absolute authenticity of detail. Leutze's most famous painting, "Washington Crossing the Delaware" was painted in Dusseldorf in 1851; the General's costume is authentic but the flag carried by the soldier behind him was not composed until 50 years later. And practical seamen have had a good many salty things to say about the improbability of Washington's being able to maintain that heroic stance in an over-crowded boat in treacherous, ice-bound water. All we can really say about the New Jersey painting is an unusually modest, large black dog existed (probably in Dusseldorf) in 1851.

The above explanation may be over-long. My apologies if it is, but the point to be

emphasized is that the presence of a dog in a mid-19th century painting does not prove that dog's existence in the third quarter of the 18th century. Even if it was black Newf.

- III. Which brings us to one of the most puzzling problems I have met in more than a quarter-century of art-history research. Fig. 2 is an illustration from the Yale Univ. Beinecke Library's copy of *Annals of Sporting* (Vol. 3, 1823, facing p. 72). The description is titled "Fan, a celebrated Half-bred Bitch. Fan is a cross between the beagle and the terrier and is proof of the superiority of this species of half-breeds over the usual bull-and-terrier products." Now if this dog is a cross between a beagle and a terrier, I'll eat my dunce cup. Surely this dark beauty is an early dark (black, I hope) Newfoundland? Surely the resemblance between this dog and Reinagle's well-known "Newfoundland Dog" (Fig. 3, Sportsman's cabinet, London, 1803) is unmistakable? The dog is standing in a stream of water, which can't surprise many Newf owners. And he's facing a male grouse, identified by his lyre-shaped tail and white wing-bars. The mature grouse is approximately 21" high, which makes "Fan" a very large dog indeed. The painting was originally done by a now quite forgotten painter, identified in the lower left corner "F.C. Turner". (F.C. is not the famous Turner, he was J.M.W.) But F.C. did exist, 1795-c. 1846, according to E. Benezoit's *French Dictionary of Painters & Engravers*, and was, in his time, a rather prolific British painter of sporting scenes. Sporting painters such as F.C. were rather like the news photographers of today rather than the more fashionable painters such as George Stubbs and Edwin Landseer. F.C. Turner has not (yet) become a "collector's item."



Figure 2: From a painting by F.C. Turner. By Courtesy of Beinecke Rare Book & Manuscript Library, Yale University



Figure 3: Newfoundland Dog by Phillip Reinagle, from "sportsmen's Cabinet," 1803 Courtesy of Beinecke Rare Book & Manuscript Library, Yale University.

With all due respect to both beagles and terriers, no possible combination of these two could produce "Fan". The problem is solved when I finally acquired my own 13 volumes of *Annals of Sporting*, in which "Fan" is Fig. 4, engraved from a painting of J. Webb, and is colored "terrier's tan." This original had been removed sometime between 1823 and the time the Yale copy was rebound. In my copy the covers are mouldering, but the spine is untouched. The foregoing detective story mayor may not be of interest to you, but I emphasize it mainly to insist that this is not an isolated example. The substitution was doubtless unintentional. But many were not.



Figure 4: "Fan" painted and engraved by J. Webb *Annals of Sporting* Vol. III, 1823. Photo by IVORY

IV. Publishers of engravings were some of the worst offenders. Engravings of Sir Edwin's as well as those of many other painters were enormously popular in the mid-nineteenth century. So an enterprising publisher brought out a set of three: "My Horse", "My Wife" and "My Dog". Obviously Sir Edwin had a horse - there was no alternative in 1842. But the "My Horse" of the series is an engraved detail from the painting "Return from Hawking" and "My Horse" belonged to Lord Francis Egerton, afterwards Earl of Ellesmere. But a wife? No. Illicit relations from time to time? Maybe. But the engraving titled "My Wife" is a portrait of Miss Power, a niece of Lady Blessington. Miss Power, a lovely young Victorian lady, often served as Landseer's model, but NEVER as his legal wife. "My Dog" ? Compare that endlessly reproduced lovely dog's head (Drury, p.60) with that of "A Distinguished Member of the Humane Society" (Drury, p.52). Same dog, same pose, only the stalks of grain have been added. Sir Edwin's dog? No. The subject of "Distinguished Member" was Paul Pry, bred by Philip Bacon, Esq. and was never owned by Landseer.

In our search for early Newfoundland dogs, a major point we've over-looked, I believe, is that until about 125 years ago, most dogs were bred primarily for specific purposes: coursing, fighting, herding, retrieving, etc. Not content with this, breeders specialized within the



groups: Dinmont Dandies for hunting the rabbit, dachshunds for the badger, fox hounds, stag-hounds, otter hounds, etc. Even knowledgeable sporting men of the early 19th century were confused about the names for dogs, cross-bred and inter-bred. Some of them and some up to contemporary times, were of the opinion the breeders should have left well enough alone. But they didn't. One example: An exhibition of paintings in the Royal Academy was reviewed in 1822 as follows: "Concerning a painting by J.F. Lewis, *An Old Newfoundland Dog*, that is a Black Mastiff (*italics theirs*) but it is well-painted, notwithstanding this error."

I do not mean that beauty of form, gait, color and coat were ignored in breeding, but showing for breed alone is a comparatively recent phenomenon. AKC Field Representative Bob Bartel made this most excellent point in a recent issue of Time Magazine, (Sept. 5, 1977, p.72) "What has happened with many breeds is that two separate strains of genetic pools have evolved - good-lookers vs. good-workers. Seldom did the twain meet. ..." The developing interest in dogs that do well and also look well might make the pre 1850 attitudes more understandable. Giving just two examples of what I'm certain are many: Claire Carr's Am Can Ch Shipway's Knight Patrol has also earned titles of UDT many times over, and most recently, the coveted WRD, the highest Water Dog Title. And Kilyka's Betty McDonnell's Am Ch Dryad's Lord Nelson won his UDT at an early age; not to forget the distaff side, some of her Champion bitches not only won UDT's but produced litters of Champions besides.

Having stated some of the pitfalls of a too-eager

search, I must confess I have found very few paintings of the all-black Newfoundland in the early half of the 1800's. None, at least, which I could certainly verify. But there are many too black to be Landseers, or have too much white to be the current standard of black Newfs. Significantly, most are found in "working scenes" - on the field, in the barnyard, running with children and ponies, etc., such as that of Fig. 5. The "almost blacks" were there, ready to emerge when fashion dictated the all-black. And when Dog Breed Standard Groups of all concerned countries took their courage in both hands and dictated the points of the ideal Black or the ideal Landseer.



Figure 5: Landseer's "Horses and Dog with a Carrot" 1827, Courtesy of Christies of London, Photo by A.C. Cooper, Ltd.



## Brumus

(Reprinted from NCA e-Notes January 2023)

Robert Kennedy was an animal lover, with a collection of pets, primarily dogs. Of this menagerie, his well-known favorite was a Newfoundland Dog named Brumus from Little Bear kennels, who was his devoted companion, often accompanying him to his office

while he served as Attorney General in his brother's administration. Seen here in a pose familiar to many Newfoundland owners, Brumus curls up next to his master's chair, keeping him company during his long hours at work.

"The most notorious (of Kennedy's pets) was Brumus, the malodorous Newfoundland, who peed once on Senator Harry Byrd's spaniel and twice on two ladies picnicking at Hickory Hill, and who got his name and mug shot on the lyric sheet of the Jefferson Airplane's Crown of Creation album." -Bobby Kennedy - The Making of a Liberal Icon, Larry Tye.

"The doors to RFK's office was often open, and the staff felt free to drop in. The walls of his office were covered with his children's drawings, and his oversized, under supervised Newfoundland dog, Brumus, annoyed visitors." - Robert F. Kennedy, His Life and Legacy, Time.

"When Bobby brought to work his beloved Brumus, the black Newfoundland who was the size of a pony and could drool at will, he let nature call in the courtyard and trusted the guards would clean up after him." -Bobby Kennedy - The Making of a Liberal Icon, Larry Tye.

On January 10, 1964 Brumus was involved in a rear-end collision in the Kennedy limosine on the way to the Justice Department with his master, her and Bobby were unhurt - [check out the story from the Times](#).

"Taped on the walnut paneling were brightly colored drawings done by Bobby and Ethel's children. There was a dartboard on the wall, a football on the desk. And, more often than not, there was Brumus - a huge, ill-tempered Newfoundland who nipped at visitors, stole food, raised his leg on the furniture, drooled on staff. Bobby adored him. If the dog was left at Hickory Hill, he whined at the front door until his master returned. Bobby couldn't bear the idea of Brumus spending a long, unhappy

day at home, so every morning, the attorney general and his shaggy sidekick climbed into a chauffeur-driven Cadillac and set off for work. Bobby found the limosine a little embarrassing, but the ride gave him a few uninterrupted minutes to go through paperwork - - and besides, Brumus liked it." - - Robert Kennedy, His Life, Judie Mills

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## Eight Tips for Keeping Your Dog Free From Tick-Borne Diseases

**Posts by:** Dr. Nancy Kay, DVM, DACVIM

(Airport Animal Hospital January 2023 Newsletter)

[Ticks](#) are such annoying little creatures, but far more significant than the nuisance factor is their ability to spread [disease](#). Ticks that embed in a dog's [skin](#) can transmit a variety of serious and even life threatening infectious diseases including:

- [Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever](#)
- [Ehrlichiosis](#)
- [Anaplasmosis](#)
- [Babesiosis](#)
- [Lyme disease \(Borrelia\)](#)

Another problem ticks can cause is a rare neurological condition called "[tick paralysis](#)." Lastly, ticks can produce [inflammation](#) and [bacterial infection](#) right at the site of the [bite](#).

### Prevention strategies

Prevention is the golden rule when it comes to keeping your dog free from tick-borne diseases. Here are eight tried and true tips to accomplish this:

- 1. Learn which season is "tick season."**  
While ticks are prevalent throughout North America, and year-round tick



prevention is recommended, the time of year they are most problematic varies from region to region. Ask your [veterinarian](#) when tick season occurs in your neck of the woods. This will be the time of year to be most vigilant with tick control measures.

## 2. Know the lay of the land.

Ticks prefer areas with dense vegetation. Much of their time is spent on the ground, but they are adept at crawling up to the tips of shrubs and grasses. This vantage point enhances their ability to successfully leap onto an animal passing by. Best to avoid exposing your dog to such shrubby and grassy areas, particularly during peak tick season.

## 3. Use tick prevention products.

There are a variety of products on the market that prevent and/or kill ticks. Some tick collars work well, but are not a good choice for [dogs](#) who do a lot of [swimming](#) or those who have “mouthy play” with other dogs (chemicals within the collar might be ingested by your dog’s playmate).

Other tick-prevention options include monthly [medication](#) administered orally or applied topically (to the skin). There are a variety of products to choose from and most are combined with flea prevention medication. Talk with your veterinarian about which tick prevention products make the most sense for your dog.

## 4. Frisk your dog daily.

Perform a “tick check” on your dog daily, particularly following outdoor excursions. Getting rid of the little buggers before they’ve had a chance to embed eliminates the possibility of disease transmission. The ticks’ favorite places to attach are your dog’s neck, head and [ears](#), so pay particularly close attention to these areas.

## 5. Save the ticks you remove.

Sounds gross, I know, but saving the ticks you remove just might prove to be useful. Different species of ticks transmit different diseases. Given that symptoms of the various tick-borne diseases overlap, having knowledge of the type of tick your dog was exposed to may help your veterinarian hone in on a diagnosis more expediently. I recommend dunking and storing the ticks in a disposable container filled with isopropyl alcohol. Show them to your veterinarian should your dog become sick.

## 6. Remove embedded ticks promptly and properly.

Do your best to remove any embedded ticks as soon as possible. Less time spent attached to your dog lessens the odds of disease transmission.

You’ll find dozens of recommendations online describing how to remove an embedded tick. Be wary of what you read. Burning a tick with a hot match is not effective, and you risk singeing your dog’s haircoat. Coating the tick with Vaseline® or some other type of lubricant does nothing but render the tick slippery and more difficult to remove. And acetone, such as the chemical found in nail polish removers, causes the tick to become brittle and more likely to shatter during the removal process.

Talk with your veterinarian about preferred methods for removing embedded ticks. Whichever method you choose, be sure to wear gloves so as to eliminate any risk of disease transmission for yourself.

## 7. Consider the Lyme disease vaccine.

The Lyme disease [vaccine](#) has been available now for several years. Most veterinarians who specialize in infectious diseases continue to recommend against vaccinating dogs who do not live in areas where there is a high incidence of Lyme

disease. Additionally, there is lack of agreement about exactly how much protection the vaccine provides. Discussion with your veterinarian on this topic is certainly warranted.

## 8. Know the symptoms and seek early veterinary intervention.

Rest assured that the majority of dogs exposed to ticks never develop a tick-borne disease. But for those who do, early recognition of symptoms, quickly arriving at a diagnosis, and prompt treatment by your veterinarian enhance the likelihood of a positive outcome. If your dog has tick exposure, talk with your veterinarian about what symptoms you should be on the lookout for.

### Questions for your veterinarian

- When does tick season occur here?
- Which tick prevention products do you recommend for my dog?
- What method of tick removal do you recommend?
- Does the Lyme disease vaccination make sense for my dog?
- What are the symptoms of tick-borne disease that I should be watching for?

*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 Things Veterinarians Can Learn from Dog Poop

**Posts by:** Dr. Mike Paul, DVM

What can a dog [poop](#) sample tell your [veterinarian](#) about your dog's health? As it turns out, a lot!

### 1. Parasites in dog poop

By analyzing a dog poop sample under a microscope your veterinarian can

detect [internal parasites](#), even if they are not producing signs of [disease](#). Some parasites ([worms](#)) like [tapeworms](#) are often passed in the stools. Less often, spaghetti like [roundworms](#) may be seen in the dog poop. Because many drugs used to prevent [heartworms](#) are also used to prevent intestinal parasites, finding signs of worms in dog poop tells your veterinarian that perhaps your dog is, for some reason, not getting his heartworm preventive every month.

### 2. Abnormal odors in dog poop.

Granted, poop never smells good, but unusual odors, beyond what you would expect, or [the presence of blood or mucus](#) are indications of [inflammation](#) in the intestines. Abnormal stools don't always give your veterinarian a specific cause for the abnormality but will let him know to looking further.

### 3. Signs of bleeding in dog poop.

The color of dog poop is important. If stools are red, it indicates fresh blood--probably from the lower intestines. (Note: Dogs do not develop hemorrhoids like humans that could produce fresh blood.) Very dark or black stools indicate bleeding higher in the stomach or upper intestines where digestive acids break down blood.

### 4. Foreign objects in dog poop

Some [dogs](#) develop a habit of [swallowing undesirable materials \(pica\)](#). White stools indicate that your dog is eating excessive bones in his [diet](#) or perhaps swallowing rocks containing chalk. Both are a potential problem. Foreign materials like gravel, twigs or even pieces of plastic crayons indicate your pet is chewing on potentially harmful things.

### 5. The consistency and moisture content of dog poop.

This can tell your veterinarian a lot. Very hard and crumbly poop indicates

[constipation](#) and possibly dehydration. Watery stools indicate intestinal inflammation.

Abnormal stools for more than a few days can indicate serious problems. It's a good idea to know what your dog's poop normally looks like so you can be alerted to abnormalities and notify your veterinarian as soon as possible.

*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.*

## Dogs In Sweaters: Don't Laugh!

(Reprinted from [PetHealth Network](#))

For all of those tempted to laugh when they see a little dog wrapped in a sweater and booties, [Dr. Jeff Werber](#) has a message: don't



laugh! Sweaters and other accessories can go a long way in keeping otherwise shivering little dogs warm in the winter. Learn why in this Dr. Jeff's video blog below.

## For Your Library



New for the new year! Read the story of Whizz, the Newfoundland water rescue dog, follows his life path, from the hairy bundle of fluff arriving to canine super-hero.

Read of the bond between man and dog and the amazing tale of his outstanding career, through the laughter and the tears. It is surely a book to pull at the heartstrings and brighten your day.

We spoke to author David Pugh, who shared: "I've trained Newfoundlands for water. Rescue for 36 years. Whizz was just the most amazing dog I've ever trained, truly a dog in 10 million. He had confidence in his own ability, was never phased and he was full of determination".

### [Buy the Book](#)

*Our library is hosted in partnership with Amazon.com and a portion of the proceeds of every book you purchased goes to the NCA Charitable Trust to benefit the NCA Rescue Network and the Newfoundland Health Challenge.*

# RESCUES, PARADES & MOUNTAINS

## AKA The Secret Life of Zazu

by Brad Cole



The Southeastern Newfoundland Club (SENC) has a rescue arm just like the CNC does. SENCers also like to do parades, just like many of those in the CNC. However, SENC Rescue adds a twist to this state of affairs. SENC Rescue uses the Black Mountain, North Carolina Christmas Parade as a major yearly fundraiser. Newf people walking with the SENC Rescue group make a nominal donation to that rescue to walk in the parade. Parade attendees are free to give over and above the requested amount.

I personally thought that the donation concept was a great idea. Moreover, my Newf Zazu was a SENC Rescue. In other words, taking Zazu to the parade was a great way to “give back,” in my opinion.

“Zazu and I left for Black Mountain, North Carolina on Friday, December 2, 2022, the day before the parade. The trip was rather long (7 hours and 402 miles) but I felt that it was well worth it. I enjoy doing parades with my Newfs. The trip was enjoyable and uneventful until we got to our “pet-friendly” motel. The motel in question was the Super 8 Black Mountain, which happened to be right next door to the lineup for the parade. Zazu and I could literally walk across the parking lot to the parade lineup. Unfortunately, there was a little confusion upon arrival. The SENC had already called the motel and blocked off some rooms. I mentioned that I was with the group when I made my reservations. Upon arrival, I was told by the front desk clerk that they did not take dogs over 75 pounds! Fortunately, the lady behind me was a SENC member who knew me 15 years ago when I lived in South Carolina with my first Newf! She promptly set the front desk clerk straight!

Saturday was the day of the parade. SENC Rescue hosted a meetup in the morning since the lineup for the parade didn’t start until 2:30. The meetup was both fun and interesting! Let’s just say that Zazu was able to paint. A dog painting involved putting paint on a heavy piece of cardboard, then putting the cardboard in a large Ziploc bag. Peanut butter was then applied to the outside of the bag and the dog’s tongue would move the paint around underneath when the dog ate the peanut butter! I thought that this was some pretty neat stuff! Other features of the meetup included a visit by a veterinarian.

As stated, the parade lineup started at 2:30. Zazu and I arrived promptly and found the trailer where we would ride in the parade. We decided to ride because I have a bad knee and Zazu is about to turn 10 years old! It turns out that riding was a good idea because Zazu was a bit overwhelmed when the parade started. She hid under my chair as we rode in the parade! The whole event was a blast! Zazu and I will try to make this event again next year.





# OF RESCUES AND WINERIES

## AKA The Secret Life of Zazu

by Brad Cole

The CNC holds many official and unofficial events throughout the year. This story is about one of the unofficial events. A group of CNC members and friends met at Barrel Oak Winery near Delaplane, Virginia to raise awareness of Newfoundlands and Newfoundland Rescue. Barrel Oak is one of several wineries in the area that are dog friendly. Personally, Barrel Oak is one of my favorites.

The meetup was held on Saturday, November 12, 2022. Our group had a tent set up to tell people about Newfoundlands and Newfoundland Rescue. It generated a great deal of positive attention, with roughly 15 Newfoundland Dogs and 20 humans in attendance.

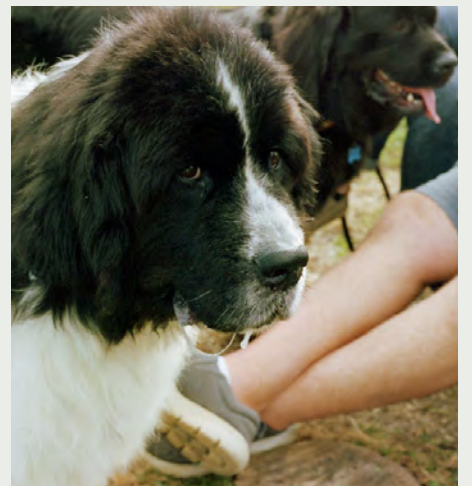
My rescue Newf, Zazu, and I drove up from Williamsburg, Virginia the day of the event. It was a smooth trip and we had a fun time meeting with long-term friends, both human and canine. Zazu and I were able to drop off an evaluation form from a home inspection. Many of us enjoyed the wonderful food (and some folks enjoyed the WINE) provided by the restaurant and winery.

A good time was had by all. Zazu and I definitely recommend attending one of these winery events in the coming year.





# Barrel Oak Winery





# COLONIAL NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB

## SPRING

### DRAFT TEST 2023



**Mark your calendars for MARCH 25-26, 2023**

Prepare to join us at Gunston Hall in Lorton, VA!  
<https://gunstonhall.org>

Premium should post no later than 1/27/2023.  
Links for online registration on will be on the CNC website.  
Registration opens up 2/06 for NCA members, and 2/16 for non-members  
and closes on 3/10.

**We will be offering BDD, DD/TDD, DDX,/TDDX on Both days**

#### **Places to stay: Hotel and Campsite**

ESA Suites - Washington, D.C. - Springfield \$25 pet fee  
6800 Metropolitan Center Dr, Springfield, VA, USA, 22150  
Call to book: 877.701.3383

Group Name: Colonial Newfoundland Club  
Dates: 3/24-3/26

2 Doubles \$114, plus tax  
1 Queen \$104, plus tax

POHICK BAY REGIONAL PARK- Lorton, Virginia - Camping Reservations & Camp...  
Reserve a campsite online:

<https://www.reserveamerica.com/explore/pohick-bay-regional-park-lorton/NOVA/1020012/overview>

One important note regarding camping:  
If you are planning to camp with your RV, Pohick Bay Regional Park presently has sites with water and electric hook ups available for \$55 per night. We highly recommend reserving your space now. You can cancel with a full refund up to 14 days prior to your reservation if you change your plans.



**SAVE THE DATE**

**SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2023**

**9 A.M. TO 4 P.M.**

Meet the NCNE Rescue Team, learn how to get involved (volunteering opportunities, adoption process and more).

Elizabeth Friday, DVM - Tick borne diseases, testing and treatment.

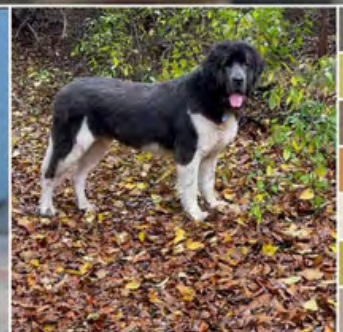
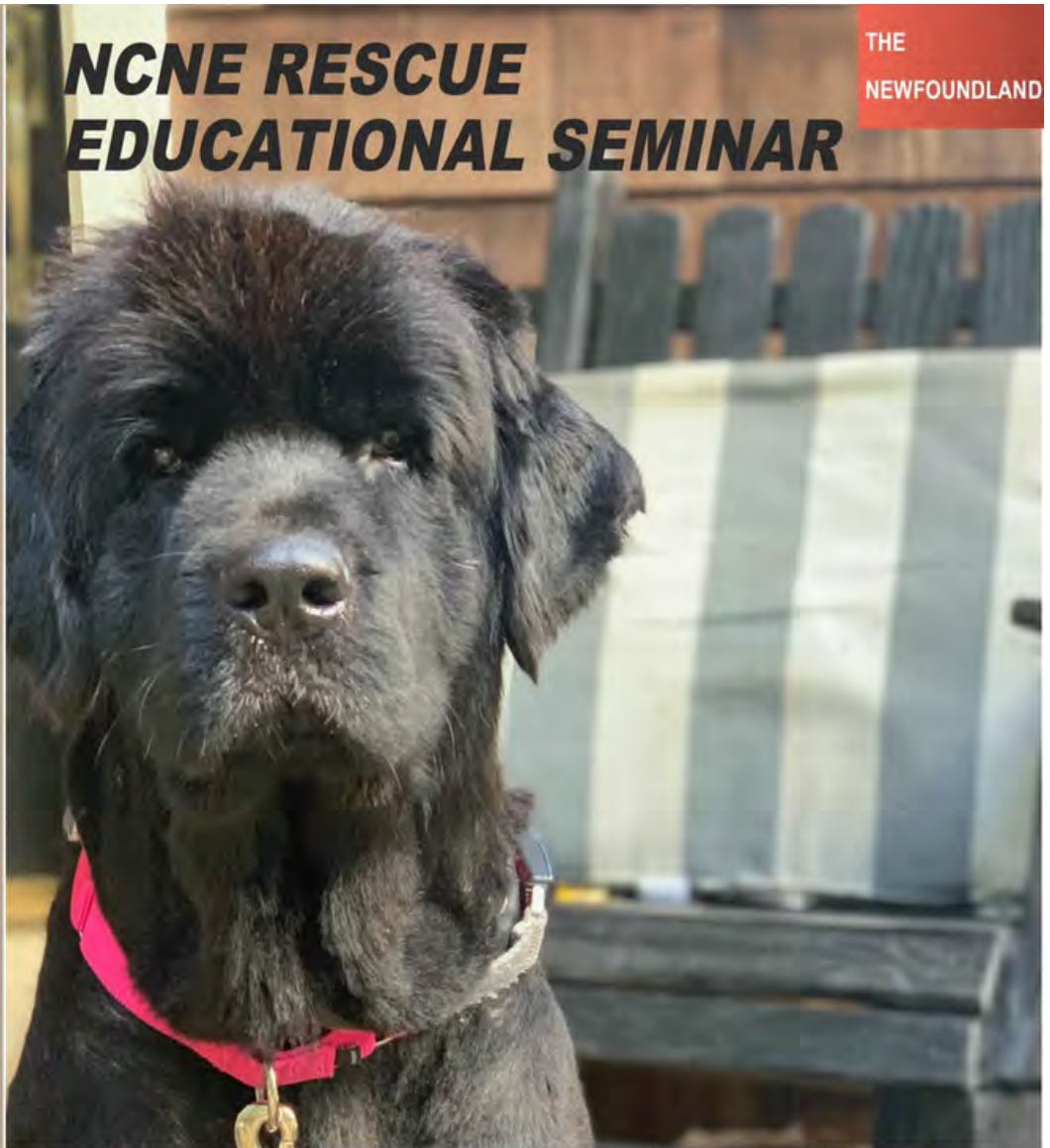
Brigid White - Grooming 101 - proper tools, how to comb, brush and more.

Janis Copes, ABCDT - Basic obedience, force free, positive reinforcement... basics that help build the bond between owner and pet.

Judy Moore, CCA, CDBC, BS. Certified CARAT Assessor, Certified Behavior Consultant, Canine Behavior Counseling - Understanding behavioral issues.

# NCNE RESCUE EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR

THE  
NEWFOUNDLAND



**Admission \$10.00**  
**Lunch included**

**Deer Lake 101 Paper Mill Road Killingworth, CT**

Join NCNE Rescue for an  
**EDUCATIONAL DAY** filled with Guest  
Speakers,  
Raffles, Lunch and more

More information coming soon!!!

Co-Chairs Sheila Mallinson  
KodiakAcres@yahoo.com  
& Kris Bruno Blud4life@comcast.net



# SAVE THE DATE!

## Colonial Newfoundland Club Water Test 2023



August 25, 26, & 27  
Codorus State Park  
Hanover, PA



WD WRD WRDX

Judges: Ron Horn & Matt Cobban



Watch for the premium coming out  
later this year.

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Online registration available.

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Logo items available for sale.



# OPEN SWIM DATES 2023

Saturday, May 27  
Sunday, May 28  
Tuesday, May 30  
Wednesday, May 31  
Saturday, June 3  
Sunday, June 4  
Tuesday, June 6  
Saturday, June 17  
Sunday, June 18  
Saturday, June 20  
Sunday, June 24  
Sunday, June 25  
Tuesday, June 27  
Wednesday, July 5  
Saturday, July 8  
Sunday, July 9  
Tuesday, July 11  
Wednesday, July 12  
Saturday, July 15 Workshop  
Sunday, July 16 Workshop  
Tuesday, July 18  
Wednesday, July 19  
Saturday, July 22  
Sunday, July 23  
Tuesday, July 25

Wednesday, July 26  
Saturday, July 29  
Sunday, July 30  
Tuesday, August 1  
Wednesday, August 2  
Saturday, August 5  
Sunday, August 6  
Tuesday, August 8  
Wednesday, August 9  
Saturday, August 12  
Sunday, August 13  
Tuesday, August 15  
Sunday, August 20  
Friday, August 25 CNC TRIAL  
Saturday, August 26 CNC TRIAL  
Sunday, August 27 CNC Trial  
Tuesday, September 5  
Saturday, September 9  
Sunday, September 10  
Saturday, September 23  
Sunday, September 24  
Saturday, September 30  
Sunday, October 1  
Saturday, October 7  
Sunday, October 8

# 2023 Upcoming CNC Events

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**MARCH**

**CNR ST. Patrick's Day  
Parade**

Line Up at 11:00-11:45 AM  
Old Town Alexandria, VA

**Pancake Breakfast & Walk**

MARCH 4, 2023 (rain date  
March 5) | 10:00 AM  
Oregon Ridge Nature Center  
Cockeysville, MD

**18-19**

**MARCH**

**NPD/CNC Regional  
Specialty**

Celtic Classic | York, PA

**25**

**MARCH**

**CNC SPRING DRAFT TEST**

Gunston Hall, Lorton, VA

**22**

**APRIL**

**Land Work Workshop**

MD Fire Dept., Walkersville, MD

**27**

**MAY**

**Open Swim Dates Begin**

Codorus State Park

**10**

**JUNE**

**Informal Water Workshop  
for Beginners**

Smithfield, VA

**15-16**

**JULY**

**Water Workshop  
with Sue Marino**

Codorus State Park

**25-27**

**AUGUST**

**WATER TEST**

Codorus State Park

**TBD**

**DECEMBER**

**Tree Pull**

Bees N Trees Tree Farm





# 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).

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

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