NEWFSLETTER





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NEWFS AND NEWS...The Inside Poop

As we move forward into a new year I can't help but look back on my past two years serving as your President and note the significant progress we have made as a club. Many of the goals I had for the club were realized such as obtaining a quorum at membership meetings and approving revisions to our Constitution and By Laws. We also saw an event calendar full of opportunities for us to learn, work and play with our Newfs providing something of interest for everyone. Club information was made more readily available with the addition of a club web site and an electronic version of our newsletter. Some goals are still a work in progress such as having an active rescue program but we continue to work hard to achieve them.

I am pleased with the progress that was made and optimistic that the positive trends of 2008 will continue in 2009 and beyond. I am confident that this can be achieved through continued improvements to communication, organization and the availability of information about all aspects of the Newfoundland breed. The versatile nature of our dogs makes them appealing for a multitude of reasons. As a club we need to embrace and find joy in all things "Newf" be it parades, working events, conformation shows and companion shenanigans!

The next club event will be held on Saturday, March 21st in Owatonna, MN where we will have a Veterinarian about the deadly condition known as bloat that can have a deadly outcome for our dogs. We will have information for you to take home as well as bloat kits available for purchase that just might save your Newfs life in an emergency. Please look for more details inside this edition of the newsletter. Additionally, we will hold our Annual Meeting where we will recognize the accomplishments of our members and their Newfs. Please plan on joining us is celebrating our new titlists.

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

Author: Susan Wagner

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

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APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

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

Jim & Beverly "Bunny" Snyder

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Dogs Name: Zorro

Sponsors: Daryl Andersen, Ted Mittelstadt *Jim & Bunny visited at Cabela's Bell Ringing*.

Christopher Plum

923 Crabapple Dr. • State College, PA 16801

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Dogs Names: Nemo, Odeyssey, Rosebud, Rhamnovs Sponsors: Susan Wagner, Richard & Sandy Donney Chris Plum was a founding member of the club and

he is planning on moving back to MN soon.

Urban L Plain and Barbara S Farrell

1555 Bellows St., Apt 204 • West St Paul, MN 55118-3329 651-457-3639

Sponsors: Daryl Andersen, Ted Mittelstadt

Urban says "Newfoundland dogs are his favorite among all animals and they want to be involved with them."

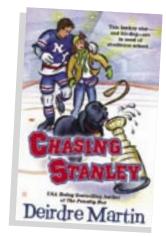
Since there were no applications for the last newsletter there are no new members to welcome in this newsletter.

New Title Featured on Newfoundland Dog Library



by Deirdre Martin

From Booklist - Jason Mitchell has landed his dream job--on the New York Blades hockey team. He is young, rich, and thrilled to be in the Big Apple. He has just one small problem, his dog, a large Newfoundland named Stanley who is used to large open spaces, not cramped city sidewalks. Fortunately, Jason meets Delilah Gould, dog walker, boarder, and trainer extraordinaire. Delilah knows all about dogs and can discuss their care and management with ease. Ask her to speak about anything else in front of more than one person, however, and she has serious social problems. Her



parents' constant fighting taught her to fade into the woodwork, so when Jason shows interest in her, she is out of her league. In fact, Jason and Delilah are almost polar opposites, and their differences threaten to be almost insurmountable. But Martin has a way of bringing her dissimilar characters together that rings true, and fans and curious new readers won't want to miss her latest hockey-themed romance.

See this and other books in the Newfoundland Dog Library (available on amazon.com) at http://www.ncacharities.org/books/index.html

TRIBUTE TO JOHN SODER

JOHN WAS A QUIET MAN, BUT A MAN WHO DID NOT PUT UP WITH ANY HOOPLA. TO HAVE HIM FOR YOUR FRIEND WAS AN HONOR. HE WAS SOMEONE WHO SEEMED TO PERCEIVE LIFE AS IT SHOULD BE.

JOHN'S EARLY EXPERIENCE WITH DAIRY CATTLE SHOWING LED HIM TO EVALUATE NEWFS WITH A TRAINED EYE. AS YOU SAT NEXT TO HIM AT RINGSIDE, HE WOULD COME UP WITH A WINNER AND ASTOUND YOU WITH HIS REASONING. JOHN AND JUDY ACCUMULATED MANY BEAUTIFUL CHAMPION NEWFS WITH EXCELLENT CERTIFICATIONS TO THEIR CREDIT. THEY WERE CHARTER MEMBERS OF OUR CLUB. THEIR ENTHUSIASM AND EFFORTS DID MUCH TO MAKE OUR CLUB THE SUCCESS IT IS TODAY.

JOHN LOVED HIS ANIMALS--SHEEP, LLAMAS, EMUS, NEWFS, CORGIS, CATS AND THEY LOVED HIM. THERE WAS A MECHANICAL SIDE TO JOHN; A SIDE WHICH LED HIM TO TINKER. DID I SAY TINKER? I MEANT TO SAY DESIGN AND MODIFY "SOMETHING" (OUT OF ANYTHING ON HAND) TO SUIT HIS CURRENT PROJECT. JOHN AND JUDY BUILT A LIFE LONG DREAM HOME ON LAND OWNED BY HIS ANCESTORS SOUTH OF DULUTH, MINNESOTA. IT WAS A JOY TO OBSERVE JOHN "SLEEPING" PEACEFULLY IN HIS FAVORITE CHAIR SNUGGLED TO A NEWF, CORGI, OR CAT. WE ALL KNEW THAT EVEN IN THIS SLEEPING MODE HE WAS AWARE OF EVERYTHING SAID AND DONE AROUND HIM.

JOHN IS NOW AT A PLACE WHERE HE IS FREE FROM THE CONSTANT SUFFERING HE ENDURED THESE PAST YEARS. WE WILL MEET AT THE RAINBOW BRIDGE.



2009 ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, March 21st, 2009 Owatonna, MN

The Annual meeting topic will be bloat. We will have a veterinarian speak on the topic and have bloat kits available for sale at the meeting. It will be held at the same place as last year, Isaac Walton League Cabin (1546 58th Street SW) in Owatonna on Saturday, March 21st starting at 11:00 with a pot luck lunch.

Directions:

From Owatonna take County Road 45 south 3.5 miles to County Road 31 (aka 58th Street SW). Turn right or west on 58th Street and go 1/4 mile, the Izaak Walton League Cabin is on the right hand or north side of the road.

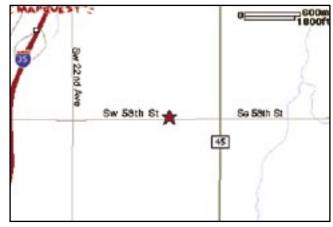
If you're traveling on I-35, take the Highway 14 east exit; go about 1 mile; you will come to the County Road 45 exit.

If traveling from the east, you would most likely be on Highway 14 so watch for the County Road 45 exit. Questions about the location: Call Ted Mittelstadt at home, ahead of time 507-451-7946, or at 507-451-5751 on Saturday.

Below are maps with varying amounts of detail to help you locate the Izaak Walton League Cabin located at 1546 58th Street SW in Owatonna.







ANOKA HALLOWEEN PARADE

Saturday October 25th 2008 Anoka, MN

It was a sun shiny day and the temperature was in the low 60's but there was a breeze. Even with the breeze, which was cool, it still wasn't what a person would call a wind chill. The parade took on a brisk pace so there wasn't a lot of time to stop and interact with the crowd. The people did show their appreciation for us being in the parade. Dave and Ted carried the banner and it did take 2 hands each. 1 hand on the banner pole and the other holding down the banner so it didn't flop in the wind too much.

Participants were: Ted Mittelstadt, Dave & Stacie Kramlinger with Sully (Sully wore a very attractive jesters outfit although he looked a little embarrassed). Tammy Corrow with Peanut, Tom & Donna Bretl with Callie, Sarah Gerbig with Breezy Sarah was dressed as a passion pink crayon, Missy Manke with Monte, Steve Gunther with Gitchie.

Author: Ted Mittelstadt



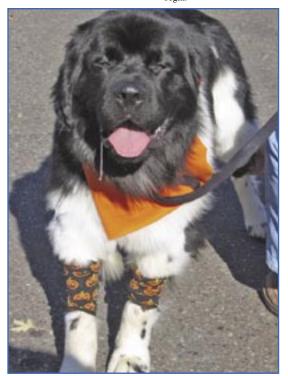
Gitchie thinks his collar is itchy.



Breezy is just clowning around and waiting for the parade to begin



Sully does not think his costume is any laughing matter.



Peanut, do not get any drool on your halloween costume.



Monte doing the Monster Mash.

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING

Saturday, Dec. 13, 2008

Rogers, MN

The Northstar Newfoundland Club was asked to participate in the Salvation Army Bell Ringing once again this year at Cabella's in Rogers, MN. Following is a thank you letter for everyone who participated.

Dear Volunteer Bell Ringers,

During Christmas 2008, volunteer bell ringers donated over 15,300 hours at a red kettle in the Twin Cities. Those kettles raised more than \$2.9 million and it all happened because of Salvation Army volunteers like you.

We can't thank you enough for your help during the Christmas season. Without it, The Salvation Army could not have served the tens of thousands of people who needed our assistance.

Now we kindly ask you to:

- Keep us in your prayers as we serve those in need throughout 2009;.
- Consider attending a free tour of our facilities to discover what we do all year;
- Volunteer for other activities this year;
- Be prepared to help again next Christmas; and
- Accept our thanks for your gift of time.

If you would like to volunteer as a bell ringing in 2009, visit www.thesalarmy.org/chris/bellringing.htm or call 651-746-3519 to reserve a time.

Thank you and God bless you,

Sarah Lipker, Kettle Volunteer Coordinator

651-746-3519

www.thesalarmy.org



Dave Kramlinger (with Sully) , Tom Smith (with Ruby) and Tammy Corrow (with Peanut).



Ruby enjoying some luvin'.



Sully getting a belly rub from a group of hockey players.



All in a days work for Sully and Peanut.



Peanut giving out kisses to raise money for the Salvation Army.



April 27th - May 2nd, 2009 Frankenmuth, MI

The 2009 NCA National Specialty will be held in Frankenmuth, Michigan, one of the state's popular tourist destinations. Located in the "Thumb Area" of Michigan, Frankenmuth is 26 miles from Flint, 16 miles from Saginaw, 86 miles north of Detroit, and easily accessible from Interstate 75. Judging will be held outdoors for conformation and indoors for obedience, regardless of weather, in beautiful Heritage Park, a city-owned park adjacent to the beautiful German-style Bavarian Inn Lodge, our host hotel. The park has level grassy areas for the rings, ample parking, and easy access. Grooming will be indoors in the Kern Pavilion with priority grooming space. Please go to our website for a visual map of the Lodge and Show area to get a better picture of the show site layout at www.glncnational2009.org.



ABANDONED PETS AND HOME FORECLOSURE

written by Patti Emmerling, published in NewfTide

The trend of pets being turned loose, abandoned in rural areas or left in vacant homes has put animal welfare officials on notice that financially-strapped pet owners are in critical need of help.

As a way to help educate current and prospective pet owners, here are a few suggestions that you may offer to help them keep their pet.

Foster care

If you have a friend, relative or neighbor who would be willing to take over the care of your pet until your financial situation is better, that option would relieve the distress of having to part with the dog on you, your family and the dog. The more normalcy and consistency you can provide to all involved, the better.

In some areas, there have been programs started for families that lose their homes to foreclosures. As a part of the program, some of these groups will get a pet into foster care for as long as it takes for the family to get back on its feet, or if the family sees no way to take the pet back, they will get the animal into its adoption program and will assure a good life for the pet. (Contact your local breed-specific Rescue group, veterinarian or animal Shelter to check on availability of similar programs).

If you can't find someone to foster your Newfoundland, contact Newfoundland Rescue at rescue@newfdogclub.org and ask about its Rescue Program.

Don't Leave a Pet Behind when you Move Out

- If you need a place to live, contact your local housing authority for a list of pet-friendly housing. In some areas, local shelters may also have a similar list.
- For those on solid financial footing, be proactive. Take your animals in for regular exams. A small health issue won't become a big one if it's caught early. Get pet insurance.
- Put aside a little money out of each paycheck, to have just in case the bad economy jumps up and bites you, your family and your pet.
- If you absolutely must give up your pet, don't turn it loose. Contact the appropriate breed rescue or, as a last resort, the shelter. Just don't let it run off or abandon it. Abandoning an animal to fend for itself after it has been domesticated is cruel treatment to the animal.

Where there's an eviction or a foreclosure, families will sometimes leave a pile of food and some water; most often nothing is left for the pet. By law the banks can't come in right away, and the landlords can't come in right away either... so they don't. It can take weeks or months before the banks or landlords actually enter the property. It's a terribly cruel situation because pets are found in horrific conditions or dead due to starvation/dehydration.

Don't wait until foreclosure is eminent. Plan ahead and make necessary arrangements for your pets BEFORE eviction.

2008 NNC REGIONAL SPECIALTY

Friday, December 5th, 2008 St. Cloud, MN

The Northstar Newfoundland Club hosted its 16th annual Independent Regional Specialty on Friday, December 5th in St. Cloud, MN. This year saw several of our northern neighbors travel south from Canada. Based on their results one would guess it was worth the trip!

We were honored to have founding club member Roberta "Bobbi" Jarel judge our sweepstakes puppies and veterans. Chosen as Best Puppy In Sweepstakes was Haytee's Let's Talk Turkey With Nuvo owned by Susan Wagner & Wendy Hayman. Traveling south from Canada was Bythecreek Journeys To Badbear, owned by JoAnne Tait & Pat Johnson who was selected as the Best of Opposite Sex in puppy sweeps. Ms. Jarel selected VN CH Socorro's Snowdrift Tsunami, VCD2, CDX, AXP, OJP, TD, RE, WRD, DD owned by Cherilyn Antin & Jenni Lot as her Best Veteran in Sweepstakes.

The day progressed with the regular classes being judged by Donald Carmody. At the end of the day CH Sunvalley Petitions Pouch Cove earned Best of Breed bragging rights while CH Culpepper Had To Be A Lady Kettle Hill was chosen Best of Opposite Sex. CH Skipper's Eminence King of Helluland received the Award of Merit. Best of Winners/Winners Dog was the Canadian owned & bred Tiptop Nustar On The Horizon, owned by Tammy Dunbar and breeder Ellen Stomp. Winners Bitch was Haytee's On Fire At Snowdrift, CD, RN, WD owned by Cherilyn Antin & Wendy & Mike Hayman which completed her Championship that day.

Thank you to all who supported the club and this show by giving generously of their time and donations.

Author: Susan Wagner

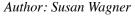
DNA CLINIC

Saturday, September 20th, 2008 Lake Elmo, MN

On September 20th, the Northstar Newfoundland Club was pleased to host an afternoon with Vicki Wilke, DVM, PHD, DACVS from the University of MN. Dr Wilke is conducting a study funded by the Newfoundland Club of America investigating an orthopedic condition, cranial cruciate ligament rupture (CCLR), that causes hind limb lameness in nearly 20% of all dogs. The study hypothesis is that mutations may exist in genes predisposing some dogs to CCLR. Newfoundland dogs are the focus of this study because they are at high risk for CCL injury, and previous study has shown that this is a hereditary condition. Dr Wilke explained that she and her team will search DNA samples for genetic markers that may predict the disease. These markers will then allow identification of carriers of CCLR, and potentially the reduction or elimination of CCLR from the dog population.

After a question and answer period, blood samples were taken from 16 of our members Newfoundlands and subsequently submitted to the OFA for DNA identification and storage to aid in future research such as that being done by Dr Wilke.

For more information on this disease and how it affects our dogs, check out the NCA website at http://www.ncanewfs.org/health/genetichealthskeletal.html









WAGS'N BRAGS



CH. Brookside's Legends Live On (Levi)
 New Canadian Champion on September 19, 2008.
 Owner/Handled. Just like the American Title Levi finished his Canadian Title with Multiple Group Placements. We are very blessed to have Levi. He is not only a great show dog he is a great friend and family member. A special thanks goes out to all that have helped us succeed.

Owners: Wendy & David Gascoigne • Breeders: Rebecca Super DC, Ginny Graham, Cherily Antin

Sire: Fairweathers Headmaster • Dam: CH. BeeCreek's Very Superstitious

 Nuvo's BoDean (Bodey) New Champion

Owners: Susan Wagner, Clayton & Valera Wagner • Breeder: Susan Wagner Sire: CH Breakwater's Seaborne Legend • Dam: Safeharbor's Eloquently Nuvo

Please submit your brags to Stacie at skramlinger@visi.com. Please include: dog's registered name, call name, sire & dam, breeder, owner and brag.





ST PAUL WINTER CARNIVAL GRAND DAY PARADE

Saturday, January 24th, 2009 St. Paul, MN

The Northstar Newfoundland club was accepted to participate in the 2009 St. Paul Winter Carnival Parade. The temperature Saturday morning January 24th was -9 degrees with a wind chill added in. The sun was shining so it looked to be a beautiful day. By the time the parade started the air temperature was 4 degrees and it seemed that the wind had died down or at least the buildings in the parade area made it seem that way. The temperature was 20 degrees warmer than 2 years ago when the club was in the parade. This year the line up area had parking available where the unit waited so that was a big improvement from last time. A few hardy members braved the weather to represent the club and they were: Tammy Corrow with Peanut, Ted Mittelstadt with Waconia, and new applicants Jim and Bunny Snyder with Zorro. We ended up being the unit 100 out of 100 but did our best to take up the rear of the parade. Of course by that time the parade route spectators had thinned out but those that were left showed their appreciation.

The reason the flier came out with such short notice was a factor of the Winter Carnival. The information needed for the mailing was not available and then it changed after the mailing was sent out.

Author: Ted Mittelstadt



Albert, the "Reading Dog," as a TDI, is a good listener!



Albert and Lily get the 2009 Newf calendar from the mailbox.

2008 NNC ANNUAL AWARDS

In recognition of the accomplishments of NNC Newfs and their owners, NNC will once again be recognizing these special dogs. This year, awards will be presented at the Annual Meeting to be held March 21, 2009 and will have a new look!

If your Newf earned an AKC title or an NCA working title in the 2008 calendar year, please submit the details of their accomplishments on the following form. Deadline for submission is March 1st, 2009.

Congratulations to all the talented and hard working Newfs & their owners!

2008 NNC Annual Awards

Duluth, MN 5581 jisjps@msn.com

Dogs Registered Name:			
Call Name:			
Breeder:			
Owner(s):			
Owners Address:			
City:	State:	Zip Code:	
Phone:	Email:		
Title Earned:		Date:	
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Title Earned:		Date:	
Please return this information either by emai Judy Soder – Awards Chair 5678 North Cloquet Rd.	l or mail to:		

MEMBERS CORNER

Send your favorite pictures that you would like included in the newsletter to skramlinger@visi.com

I just want to share part of a story about my current Newfie. Her name is Brook. She is 8 1/2 years old. She went lame at 11 months and we were to discover she was born basically without hip sockets. The only thing holding her legs on were muscles, ligaments, soft tissues basically. Anyway, our vet helped us make a decision that was difficult. We thought first we would have to put her down. He sent us to the U of M for a second opinion for piece of mind. We did that. We were told that they could fix her, but it would be expensive. Now we don't have any children of our own, so our animals are our dependents. We chose first to get her a total hip replacement on one side, then 12 weeks later, total hip replacement on the other side. Only to learn she would dislocate her patella repeatedly due to the stretching of the ligaments, tendons, etc... That had been holding things together. So, next she had tendon banding on one side, and she pulled through well. Later on, she developed idiopathic (meaning they don't know why) thrombocytopenia and presented with bleeding



gums and into one eye. Our vet saved her life with a drug used for chemotherapy called Vincristine and lots of steroids at the time along with IV hydration and we almost lost her, but the girl wants to live. Then she needed TPLO surgery at age 4 on each knee. We again, had a great surgeon. Life bounced along pretty well for about 3 years. Then Brook wasn't getting up as much to greet us and we went to talk to our vet about comfort and pain management. Now I do understand we have a breed that can already have it's expenses, but again, she is our kid. And if she needs pain management, she needs it. We have been introduced to two wonderful medications which have helped improve Brook's quality of life immensely. And her response to the treatment has been so phenomenal, I feel compelled to share her story along with her picture to show how truly happy she is again. As a result of her severe hip dysplasia requiring corrective surgery, she has developed arthritis. Not surprising in the least. However, she is being treated with a daily oral medication called Deramaxx and a monthly injection called Adequan. The manufacturer is Novartis, and they do send a nice rebate check every month. Although her care has been costly, I'm glad this puppy picked us to be her Mom & Dad. I know a lot of people would make their comments and have their opinions. The "she's just a dog", the "how sad", the "poor thing", blah, blah, blah. But if



Brook with the other Unger kids, Sophie and Arwen.

you ever met our Brook and saw her spunk, and her beautiful disposition, you would see why we have made the choices we have made and the sacrifices we have made to give her the best quality of life possible. I see her as my highly functioning disabled kid. My husband says, he used to look at her and see the two 4 wheelers he could have had. But she has been worth every cent. I know that at 8 1/2 her years will come to an end soon enough. But they have all had their benefits. And she keeps up with the rest of them running in the woods up north. Stealing the stick when swimming in the river and taking all the credit away from our lab and golden. She is our beloved pet Brook. Unfortunately I work on the Friday of the Newfie show every year. And it's too much to get a day off that time of year at work. But I love the newsletter, the photos, and hearing about all of the other Newfles out there. Thanks for this connection.

Sincerely, Lynn Unger & Brook too!



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Stacie Kramlinger, Editor 5415 Dupont Ave. N. Brooklyn Center, MN 55430

Check out the club website at www.northstarnewfclub.org

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

February 28, 2009 - Kenyon Cutter Parade - Kenyon, MN - Event Host: Ted Mittelstadt

March 14, 2009 - St Patrick's Day Parade - Cross Lake, MN - Event Host: Ted Mittelstadt

March 21, 2009 - Annual Membership Meeting (more info and directions inside) - Owatonna, MN

April 27 - May 2, 2009 - NCA National Specialty - Frankenmuth, MI

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

July 11, 2009 - Water Training Workshop - Ham Lake, MN - Event Hosts: Gary & Rhonda Kern

The Northstar Newfoundland Club Newsletter is published four times a year - in January, April, July and October. The deadline for information to be included is the first day of the month that it is published (i.e. deadline for the January issue is January 1st), unless otherwise noted. The editor's goal is to have the newsletter in the mail by the 15th of the month. If you have any information that you would like included in the newsletter, call Stacie Kramlinger (763-566-6065); send it to her at 5415 Dupont Ave. N., Brooklyn Center, MN 55430; or e-mail it to her at skramlinger@visi.com. If you have information on matches, seminars, workshops, etc., please let Stacie know so that the information can be shared with other club members. Prepaid Advertising: Payment and copy should be submitted to the editor by the next submission deadline. Member rates for each insertion/issue: Full page @ \$10.00 and Half page @ \$5.00 (US Dollars). Nonmember rates for each insertion/issue: Full page @ \$15.00 and Half page at \$7.50 (US Dollars). Advertisement for other NCA or AKC Club's activities is at member rates. (A listing on the "Mark your Calendar" page is free.) If you would like a Northstar Newf Club membership application, e-mail Ted Mittelstadt. For Membership Applications for the Newfoundland Club of America, contact Mary Lou Cuddy, 1155 Raymond Road, Ballston Spa, NY 12020; 518-885-5030; e-mail: membership@newfdogclub.org. Additional information about the Newfoundland Club of America is available from the club's web site: www.newfdogclub.org.