

NEWSLETTER



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NEWFS AND NEWS...The Inside Poop

Looking back it seems like a quiet year for the Northstar Newfoundland Club. We did not have any events cancelled by blizzards, we kept a constant membership level, maintained our funds in the Treasury, and had some fun with our dogs along the way. The Northstar Newfoundland Club is for all of us, and it is what we all make it. We did have the largest rescue effort in many years this past fall, and thanks to the efforts of many volunteers, led by Susan Wagner we succeeded in placing about a dozen dogs in a month. A few of us are now proud owners of foster dogs that never left their foster homes. What a great breed we have that their fabulous personality shines through in spite of less than ideal living situations.

I just learned last week the Board of Directors of the Newfoundland Club of America has (finally) approved our revised By Laws. There were two major changes made: the size of a quorum was reduced to 10% of the membership (about 10 people at the current membership level) which will mean that we can once again carry out business with binding votes at most, if not all, of our meetings; we created a new membership category for honorary membership: "Honorary-Life membership is for persons who have made an outstanding contribution to the Newfoundland Breed. These members will enjoy all privileges of membership including the right to vote and to hold office."

Our parade 'team' led by Ted Mittelstadt (and with a lot of help from several members, including Jim and Bunny Snyder who are organizing the St Patrick's Day Parade in Brainerd next week) has done a great job of getting Newfs out to places all over the state, pleasing crowds and dogs alike. We also manage to eat pretty well at all these events. This year's St Paul Winter Carnival followed a different route, and also a different speed. We were right behind the "Up She Goes" team and whenever they stopped, the dogs worked the crowd. The problem was that once we got about half way through the parade, they started running to the next spot. The Newfs did their best to keep us relaxed and make us enjoy a beautiful day with very mild temperatures.

Finally, I hope to see you at one of our upcoming events. After the annual meeting in Owatonna on March 31, our next meeting will be at the Cambridge Kennel Club show. Our Fall meeting has not been set yet, but we can count on Missy and Spanky to open the Manke Castle to us with a fun day based on past history. The winter meeting will either be Friday December 8 (I think) in conjunction with our annual Specialty Show, or the next day. Friday we have a banquet and silent auction, but if Saturday works better for you, then that is when we will meet.

Thanks for having a Newfoundland (or more than one) and for making this a special club.

Author: Christopher Plum

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ST. PAUL WINTER CARNIVAL GRAND DAY PARADE

Saturday, January 28, 2012

St. Paul, MN

The Northstar Newfoundland Club participated in the Grand Day Parade. It was a different route for the parade this year but it seemed to work well. The tailgating went well, Ted brought some chili and Jim Snyder grilled hot dogs, Turners brought corn bread, and others brought some things also. It was enjoyed by all. We hung out in the Salvation Army parking lot and got to enjoy watching the parade until we entered. We went in behind the bouncing club so we were entertained while walking. Club members participating were: Tammy Corrow and Peanut, Ted Mittelstadt with Brunswick pulling a wagon, Chris Plum with Rhamnous, Jim and Bunny Snyder with Zorro, Charles and Martha Turner with Rosebud. New member applicants Burke and Loraine Zimmerman with Chuckles and some people Tammy met at Home Depot and invited the walk their newfie with us in the parade.

You can access the Winter Carnival web site for photos taken during the parade <http://www.winter-carnival.com>

Author: Ted Mittelstadt





ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING Saturday, March 31, 2012 Owatonna, MN

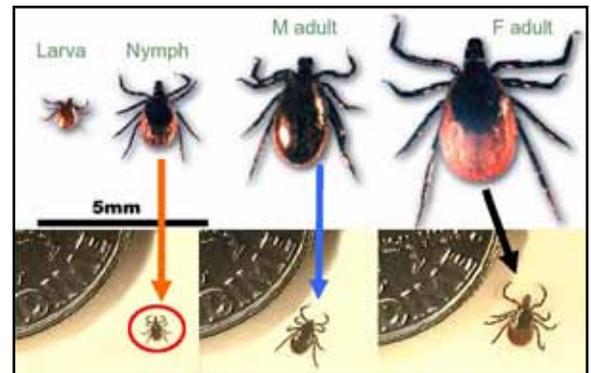
At this years Annual Membership Meeting and Potluck we discussed ideas for future activities, such as parades, water workshop, Salvation Army Bell Ringing and a Christmas Tree Pull. We also had a discussion on Lyme Disease (for more info see pages 4 and 5) and Tom Smith talked to us about his and Ruby's therapy dog work with READ (Reading Education Assistance Dogs, <http://www.therapyanimals.org/R.E.A.D.html>) and the Delta Society (<http://www.deltasociety.org/>). Jim and Bunny Snyder were there to take pictures of you and your newf(s) and we held the Board of Directors elections.



About Lyme Disease

Lyme disease is caused by a bacteria called *Borrelia burgdorferi* and is spread by ticks. Ticks become infected with the bacteria by feeding on infected mice and other small animals. When an infected tick bites other animals, it can transmit the bacteria to these animals. Lyme disease is transmitted by the deer tick (blacklegged tick) and a small group of other closely related ticks. The deer tick is small and may bite animals and people without being detected.

Lyme disease affects a variety of species, including dogs, cats, and people. Up to 95 percent of dogs infected with *B. burgdorferi* do not develop symptoms (people are much more likely to become ill with Lyme disease). There is no evidence that Lyme disease is spread by direct contact with infected animals. However, keep in mind that ticks can hitch a ride home on your pets and move on to the humans in the household.



Risk Factors

Dogs that spend a lot of time outdoors, especially in the woods, bush, or areas of tall grass are most commonly infected with Lyme disease. However, ticks can be carried into yards on other animals, and dogs can become infected anywhere ticks are found.

Infections occur during tick season (usually spring through early fall), but the time between infection and the appearance of Lyme disease symptoms can be up to 2-5 months.

Lyme disease is seen across the US and in many other parts of the world. In the US, Lyme disease is most common in the northeastern US, along the Pacific coast, and in the midwest.

Signs and Symptoms of Lyme Disease

When symptoms do develop, they may be transient or recurrent, and can include:

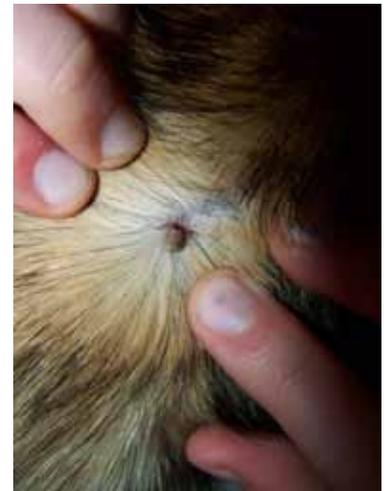
- fever
- decreased appetite
- lethargy
- swollen lymph nodes
- swollen, painful joints (dogs may be reluctant to move)
- lameness -- limping which may be mild at first, then worsen, and may also shift from one leg to another

Some dogs with Lyme disease may develop kidney disease. Signs can include depression, vomiting, loss of appetite, and increased thirst and urination (sometimes a lack of urination will develop). Dogs who develop kidney disease can become very ill and may not respond to treatment. Neurological disease (behavioral changes, seizures) and heart complications, which are sometimes seen in humans, are rare in dogs.

Diagnosis of Lyme Disease

The diagnosis of Lyme disease must be based on a combination of factors, including history (tick exposure), clinical signs, finding antibodies to *B. burgdorferi* bacteria, and a quick response to treatment with antibiotics. A positive antibody test is not enough to make a diagnosis on its own, because not all dogs that are exposed to *B. burgdorferi* get sick, and antibodies can persist in the blood for a long time after exposure.

Other diagnostic test such as blood and urine tests, x-rays, and sampling of joint fluid, may be done to check for signs of kidney disease and to rule out other conditions with similar signs and symptoms.



Treating Lyme Disease

Treatment with antibiotics usually produces a rapid improvement in symptoms (antibiotics will be prescribed for 30 days). Treatment may not completely clear the bacteria, but produces a state where no symptoms are present (similar to the condition in dogs that don't have symptoms from infection).

If kidney disease is present, a longer course of antibiotics along with additional medications to treat the kidney disease is usually necessary.

Kidney disease may develop some time after the initial infection, so it is a good idea to regularly check for excess protein in the urine of dogs that have had Lyme disease. Catching the kidney disease early in its course offers the best prognosis.

Preventing Lyme Disease

Tick control is extremely important for the prevention of Lyme disease (and many other diseases that can be transmitted by ticks). Check your dog daily for ticks and remove them as soon as possible, since ticks must feed for at least 12 hours (possibly 24-48 hours) before transmitting the bacteria causing Lyme disease. This is especially important in peak tick season and after your dog spends time in the bush or tall grass (consider avoiding these areas in tick season).

Products that prevent ticks such as monthly parasite preventatives (e.g., Frontline®, Revolution®) or tick collars (e.g., Preventic®) can be used; be sure to follow your veterinarian's advice when using these products. Keep grass and brush trimmed in your yard, and in areas where ticks are a serious problem, you can also consider treating your yard for ticks.



Vaccines for Lyme Disease

Vaccination against Lyme disease is a controversial topic and is something that should be discussed in depth with your veterinarian.

Many specialists do not recommend routine vaccination because so few dogs actually develop symptoms of Lyme disease, and when Lyme disease does occur in dogs, it is usually readily treated. Additionally, because the arthritis and kidney problems associated with Lyme disease are at least partly related to the immune response to the bacteria (rather than the bacteria itself) there is concern that vaccination may contribute to problems. Vaccination is also not 100 percent effective, and only helpful in dogs which have not already been exposed to *B. burgdorferi*. Another concern is that the Lyme vaccine can cause an untreatable form of Lyme disease. This is rare, but possible. Additionally, there are other tick-borne diseases that are much more life-threatening, for which there are no vaccinations.

However, vaccination before exposure can help prevent dogs from getting Lyme disease and also prevent them from becoming a carrier of the bacteria. Where vaccines are used, it is usually recommended to start vaccinating dogs as young puppies (e.g. at around 12 weeks, with a booster 2-4 weeks later). The vaccine does not provide long lasting immunity, so annual revaccination (ideally before tick season) is necessary. The recombinant form of the vaccine is considered to have less potential for side effects than the bacterin form of the vaccine.



Please note: this article has been provided for informational purposes only. If your pet is showing any signs of illness, please consult a veterinarian as quickly as possible.

<http://vetmedicine.about.com/od/diseasesandconditions/a/CW-K9Lyme.htm>



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.

There were no new applicants.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The people listed below were voted upon at the annual meeting.

Burke & Lorraine Zimmerman

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Dogs Name: Chuckles "Chuck"

Sponsors: Jim & Bunny Snyder

Linda (LinMarie) Turgeon

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Dogs Name: Jatte

Sponsors: Ted Mittelstadt, Dave & Stacie Kramlinger

The Animal Humane Society's Walk for Animals

Join the Northstar Newfoundland Club at the
38th Annual Walk for Animals with the Animal Humane Society!!

The event is on Saturday, May 5th in Golden Valley, MN.

Registration starts at 8:30am and the walk begins at 10:00am. Live music and activities until 2:00pm.

For more information and to register visit:

<http://events.animalhumanesociety.org/site/PageServer?pagename=walk2012>

Please contact Tammy Corrow at 612-239-0401 with any questions.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

Saturday, March 17, 2012 Cross Lake, MN

Another fun time at the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Cross Lake. The Newfs were a big hit as always. We had a wonderful turn out, with current members new members & potential members. We also had a super time at the motel with the dogs.

Dave & Stacie Kramlinger with Sully, Jim & Bunny Snyder with Zorro, Tammy Corrow with Peanut & Lacey, Rick & Mary Yarns with Teagon & Hank, Connie Schultz & Lynn Dablow with Teddy, Burke & Lorraine with Chuck (Chuckles). Mark, Marsha & Taylor with Bear, and Daryl & Andrea Andersen.

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website at
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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Saturday, May 5 – Animal Humane Society’s Walk for Animals – Plymouth, MN -
Event Host: Tammy Corrow

Saturday, June 23 – Picnic/General Membership Meeting – Cambridge, MN -
Event Host: Chris Plum

Stay tuned for information on more upcoming activities!

The Northstar Newfoundland Club Newsletter is a quarterly publication. The submission deadline for information to be included in the newsletter is the 15th day of the first month of a quarter, ie January, April, July and October. Please submit your information to our newsletter Editor, Stacie Kramlinger at 5415 Dupont Ave. N., Brooklyn Center, MN 55430: or email 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.