

NEWSLETTER



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NEWFS AND NEWS...The Inside Poop

The old saying, "the bigger they are, the harder they fall" is certainly true when it comes to one of the biggest health issues facing the Newfoundland today. Injuries to the cruciate ligament is an increasing orthopedic problem, so much so that the NCA has recently funded research studying an orthopedic condition, cranial cruciate ligament rupture (CCLR), that causes hind limb lameness in nearly 20% of dogs. The study hypothesis is that mutations may exist in genes predisposing some dogs to CCLR. Newfoundlands 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.

The U of M is collecting blood samples for DNA from Newfoundlands affected and unaffected with CCLR. These samples will be searched for genetic markers that may serve as disease predictors. These markers will then allow identification of carriers of CCLR, and potentially the reduction or elimination of CCLR from the dog population.

To aid in this important research, the Northstar Newfoundland Club will be hosting an informative seminar detailing the basics of CCLR and how it affects our dogs at our next membership meeting, September 27th. In addition, we will be collecting DNA samples from Newfs to be submitted and stored for future research. The NCA is supporting this research by offering all Newf owners a full rebate to cover the cost of the DNA submission.

I encourage each of you to mark your calendars and plan on attending this informative and worthwhile seminar. Your Newfs life might someday depend on answers found by the DNA we submit today.

Author: Susan Wagner

NNC'S ANNUAL PICNIC/SUPPORTED ENTRY

Saturday, June 19th, 2008

Cambridge, MN



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*CH Buckboards Forging a New Frontier CD
"Inga"*

April 8, 1997 to
April 1, 2008

CH Buckboards
Forging a New
Frontier CD "Inga"

passed over the rainbow bridge on April 1, 2008, just 1 week shy of her 12th birthday. She had a long and very happy life with us. She graced us with beautiful puppies and left us with lasting memories. Even to the last she was in good health for a senior dog. She ate her breakfast, trotted out to the kennel, took her cookie, and in the time it took Glenn to refill the water bucket she died laying on the grassy knob on the hill. A very graceful parting for a very special girl.

Inga is missed by Bonnie and Glenn Plumley and her Landseer playmate Sammy, of Monticello, Wisconsin.



WAGS 'N BRAGS



Good News from River Bend Kennels!!!

CH. Topmast's River Bend ACE (DOB 4/21/06) finished his AKC championship at the Pasco Florida Kennel Club show on 1/20/08.
Judge: Dr. Donald J. Jones;
Handler: Frank Murphy (PH-AKC)
Owner: David L. Drain; Breeder: Margaret Willmott
Sire: Topmast's Bond James Bond; Dam: Topmast's Henrietta
Ace finished with 4 — 4 point majors in 6 shows.



At the Alberta Regional Specialty Newfoundland Trial on March 21st, 2008 my dog, Bowser won High in Trial and at the Newfie Booster, my girl Teaser was Best of Winners; Best of Opposite & New Champion - 5 points!

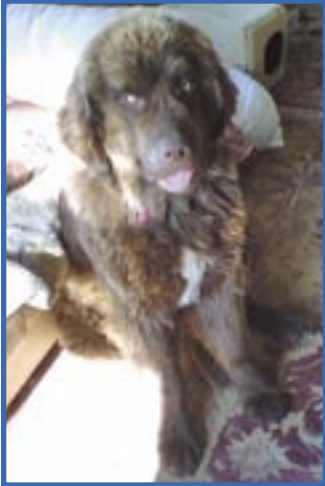
Can Ch Nautica's Boughs of Holly "Bowser", PCD, CGN was High in Trial with a 191 1/2 for his first Canadian CD leg,
Can Ch Nautica's Probabilities "Teaser",
Can PCD, Am/Can CD
Both Bowser and Teaser are owned by Dawn Fretts, Nautica, Perm Reg'd

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



MEMBERS CORNER

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



We recently added a "bronze" to our Newf family, which now stands at 4. His name is Kody, short for Kodiak. He is 6 months old and we acquired him from the Newf rescue in Kansas City. He is a fully papered pure bred, with a great disposition. We were concerned that he would not get along with our senior male Talison who is 13.5 and really intolerant of our 2 year old, but he walked in the door, Tali gave him a good sniff, took him into the downs stairs bathroom and said this is my shower where I sleep when it is hot outside, they both laid down in it and they have been inseparable ever since.

Our only female Tess has a penchant for chicken. We have a bantam rooster on our horse farm, whom Tess likes to "clean" and carry around. When ever we have foals born, Tess likes to get into the stall right after the birth and clean them, she likes to do this to the rooster as well, holding him down with a paw while she licks his head, and occasionally she will walk by and all you can see is a head and tail sticking out of her mouth. You ask Tess, is that a chicken in your mouth, and she will look guilty and spit it out, the rooster, "Carlos" will shake off the drool, peck at her a couple of times and wander off clucking disgustedly. Unfortunately we never have a camera handy when this happens, and Carlos does not find it as amusing as the rest of us do, so we did not stage it for the camera.

Submitted by Vicki and Bill Meyer



Here is a picture of Levi enjoying the "Dog Days Of Summer"

Levi also got his International Championship Title this May in Hutchinson, MN.

Submitted by Wendy and Dave Gascoigne



Duncan, Sophie, Halle, and Chance welcome their new brother Black Shadow's Secret Agent Man (James). James is Chance's son born on April 26.

Submitted by Kathi and Bill DeJohn

NNC ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Owatonna, MN March 29, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. Patricia Zeller took minutes. There were 12 members and 3 guests present.

Treasury Report: There was no treasury report. It should be coming via e-mail.

Committees: Working Dog - Dry land, obedience, draft and water at Isaak Walton. Supportive Entry June 21st in Cambridge.

Old Business

Constitution and Bylaws: The constitution and Bylaws will be decided by NCA.

Rescue: Susan has placed 7 newfs in the last 3 months. Foster homes are needed but they must be Northstar Club members. Susan will keep a list for referrals. Would like to set up rescue/placement committee. Wendy would like to help.

Membership Applications: Ted reported there have been 5 new applications

Smoky Yalok passed away last Thursday. MaryBeth will send a card from the club.

Website: Please forward pictures, etc., for the website.

New Business

Logo Items: Logo items can be ordered from Lands End.

Annual Awards: Icebergs.

New Members: Jerry and Denny Holm, Wendy Bocks

Ballot results for the Board of Directors are as follows: Ted Mittelstadt, Rhonda Kerns, Daryl Andersen, Judy Soder.

Bobbie and Judy gave tips on grooming. The motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 1:35p.m. by Wendy and seconded by Daryl.

Respectfully Submitted by Cindy Sponberg, Secretary

NNC'S OBEDIENCE/DRAFT/WATER WORKSHOP

Saturday, April 19th, 2008 Owatonna, MN

Wow! What a day! The obedience/draft/water workshop on April 19, 2008, had a bit of everything for everyone. The Northstar Newfoundland Club was fortunate to have Andre and Ann Lapeyre and Ann Dunnigan as the trainers for this event. Between the three of them, there was a wealth of information and experience.

The Izaak Walton League Cabin was filled with 29 people and 20 pupsters. The weather for the day was perfect newfie weather – cool and cloudy. Following were the individuals and pupsters who attended this working event: Daryl and Andrea Andersen with Bella; Chris and Tiffany Brand with Carmen; Tammy Corrow with Peanut; Brian and Jan Dunkelberger with Mina; Ann Dunnigan with Remy; Dave and Wendy Gascoigne with Billie and Levi; Bill and Joan Geyer with Belle; Jerry and Deni Hall with Cole; Rhonda Kern with Pooh; Dave and Stacie Kramlinger with Sully; Andre and Ann Lapeyre with Easy, Zack and Toby; Mitch and Heather Malecha with Hudson; Missy Manke with Monti; Ted Mittelstadt; Lori Mo with Asia; Glenn and Bonnie Plumley with Sam; Tom Smith with Ruby; and Mark and Becky Weninger with Ebony.

Obedience

After a round of introductions, the workshop started with an explanation of what is required for basic control in the water and draft NCA tests. This was followed by obedience demonstrations. Soon everyone was up and out of their chairs, dividing into 3 groups to work on a variety of obedience skills. There were groups working on left turns, right turns, side passing, slow pace, halts, and marking. We then rejoined as a group to work on recalls and stays (sit, down and stand). Lots of distractions, and everyone did great.



Draft

Before we knew it, we were on to draft work. We were introduced to different harnesses and carts. A demonstration of harnessing, hitching, and 360 degree turns was given inside the building followed by a maneuvering demonstration outside. To watch the experienced team of Andre and Zack maneuver through various areas was incredible, including watching them backup left and right. We then broke into 3 groups to work on draft exercises. People had the opportunity to try harnessing their pupster, learning to back up and side pass, walking the cart beside their pupster and even hitching their pupster to a cart.



Soon the morning was over, and it was time for lunch. Lunch entertainment was videos of water tests of a team (handler and pupster) earning his Water Dog title, Water Rescue Dog title and of two dogs earning their Water Rescue Dog Excellent titles. It was a great way to spend the lunch hour.

Water Work

The afternoon started with an introduction to the NCA water tests and to the water equipment needed for the NCA exercises. We then broke in to various groups where we had a chance to work on drowning (on land) and getting your pupster to save you, getting on and off the boat, retrieving a canoe paddle off the boat and bringing it back, and some more practice time on retrieving. Some even towed the S. S. Tide.

Before we knew it, the day had come to an end. It was a great day for everyone to spend time with others who share a common interest in working with their newfs. It was a day to learn and to try activities associated with obedience, draft, and water. It was a day to learn about what happens or what is required at an NCA water or draft test. It was a day to ask questions. And most importantly, it was another day that each of us takes in the journey with our pupster.

See Water Work pictures on page 5.

Author: Rhonda Kern

NNC'S OBEDIENCE/DRAFT/WATER WORKSHOP

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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.

Sarah & Eric Johnson

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Becky & Mark Weninger

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Dogs Name: Ebony

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Tammy Corrow

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Dogs Name: Peanut • Sponsors: Marilyn Fischbein-Byers, Sandy Donnay

Please update your directory.

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Dogs Name: Tug

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NNC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

North Branch, MN

February 9, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 11:20 by Susan Wagner.

Attendance

Susan Wagner, Ted Mittelstadt, Rhonda Kern, Daryl Anderson, Judy Soder, John Soder, Cindy Spongberg.

Meeting Minutes

Ted made the motion to approve the minutes with the following amendment: The third sentence under Job Descriptions on page 2 be deleted. Rhonda Kern seconded the motion.

Treasury Report

Susan reported there was approximately \$7,000 in the treasury. Revenue from the Specialty was approximately \$426. Upcoming expenses include postage and copies for membership renewals and the newsletter. The Board approved that an invoice is acceptable for reimbursement of expenses from the Treasurer.

Old Business

Nominating Committee: The Nominating Committee met and the following members have been nominated: Ted Mittelstadt, Rhonda Kern, Daryl Andersen and Judy Soder. Ted will send out a note with renewals seeking any other members who may be interested in the open Board position.

Applications: Pending information from the NCA, revision of the application form is tabled.

Dues: A mailing will sent out with voting ballots on the proposed dues increase.

Rescue: Ted made the motion to increase the Rescue Fund to \$500. This was seconded by Priscilla.

Show Committee: The Show Committee met recently and will be implementing some changes. They will be meeting again at the Annual Membership Meeting in Owatonna in March.

Other: Annual trophies will be presented at the Annual Membership meeting. They will be the same as past years. Different options to be discussed moving forward; i.e. certificates, plaques.

New Business

Calendar: The next meeting will be the Annual Membership Meeting on March 29th in Owatonna, MN. The them will be "Spring Cleaning" with the focus on grooming. Susan will have information about different grooming tools and price ranges for them. Their will be a potluck lunch. Ted volunteered to make a donation chest for meetings.

Membership Meetings scheduled:

June 21, 2008 in Cambridge, MN for the picnic and newf Olympics and supported entry

September 27, 2008 - place to be determined - crafts (ring favors, etc.)

December 6, 2008 - Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army at Cabelas

March 2009 - Annual Meeting in Owatonna, MN

Board of Director Meetings scheduled:

April 26, 2008 - North Branch, MN

August 9, 2008 - North Branch, MN

December 13, 2008 - St. Cloud, MN

February 14, 2009 - North Branch, MN

Upcoming Parades:

February 23, 2008 - Kenyon Cutter Parade

March 15, 2008 - St. Patrick's Day Parade

Inventory: Everyone was reminded to make a list of Club Items they have and give to Cindy so it can be noted in the Secretary's book.

As there was no further business, a motion was made by Ted and seconded by Daryl to adjourn the meeting at 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Cindy Spongberg, Secretary



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Check out the new
website at
www.northstarnewfclub.org

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Saturday, August 9, 2008 – Board of Directors Meetings – North Branch, MN

Saturday, September 27, 2008 – Potluck Lunch/Membership Meeting/Health Seminar/DNA Collection Clinic – Animal Inn Training Center in Lake Elmo, MN – 11:00am - 3:00pm

Saturday, December 6, 2008 – Holiday Party/Salvation Army Bell Ringing/Membership Meeting – Cabela's in Rogers, MN - *Event Host: Susan Wagner*

Friday, December 12, 2008 – Regional Specialty/Health Clinic – Civic Center in St. Cloud, MN

Saturday, December 13, 2008 – Board of Directors Meetings – North Branch, MN

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