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The High Country Newfoundland Club Newsletter



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A Message From Our Club President

Hello HCNC Members,

Since our last newsletter we had our Awards Banquet and a water seminar at Chatfield State Park. First, the Awards Banquet: We recognized the accomplishments of those dogs/owners who achieved titles from 2020 and 2021. This number was less than usual due to limitations of the pandemic. Nonetheless, we had new champions, new obedience and rally titles, therapy dogs as well as working titles among others. We once again congratulate our members on their accomplishments.

The Club gave special recognition to longtime member and Board member Claudia Walters. During my tenure, Claudia has served as President, current Vice-President, and Board member. Additionally, she has been involved in organizing working events and notably Regional Specialties as well as providing a quarterly column in the newsletter – keeping us cheerfully engaged of what Joy and Grace had been up to! I wanted to personally thank Claudia for all the times I have relied on her prudent advice as we have both served on the Board. I have depended on her frequently along the way and we have made a good team. Thanks Claudia!!

June brought water work. Sue Raney and Patti Pigeon rapidly put together a seminar for those new to water work. Several of these attendees are now working towards their Junior titles. Good job! It was at one of these workshops many years ago where I got the water work “bug.” Thanks to Sue and Patti and all who assisted in various capacities to make this event possible.

We are weeks away from the annual HCNC Water Test at Chatfield State Park (August 26th, 27th and 28th.) If you have not attended a water test – you are missing the greatest event that the club organizes! I strongly encourage you to come out one of the mornings to see these Newfies do what Newfies do – the NCA Water tests – which are a demonstration of the instinctual work that Newfoundlands were bred to do. If you are up for getting a front row seat and really seeing what’s involved in the test – volunteering as a Steward is enormous fun and we could really use the help! No experience is required, the tasks are easy. Contact Patti Pigeon or Sue Raney. We previously sent around a virtual sign-up email, which will be sent again prior to the test. PLEASE VOLUNTEER TO STEWARD!!!

Finally, Shine Sturtz resigned from the board last month and we currently have a vacancy. Contact Hilary Perry (HCNCSECRETARY@gmail.com) if you are interested in joining the board.

Best,

Mark

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

NEW MEMBER:

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UPCOMING EVENTS



Thank you to Claudia Walters for this 2018 capture of the Chatfield Gravel Pond

Don't miss the boat!

This year's NCA sponsored Water Test will be August 26, 27 and 28, 2022.

PLEASE NOTE THAT ONLINE ENTRY IS AVAILABLE FOR ALL NCA EVENTS

<https://www.ncanewfs.org/wdc/>

While Online entry is preferred for NCA Newf Tests, All breed, Veteran, Tadpole and those who prefer to mail in their entry must send it to:

Sue Raney, HCNC Water Test Secretary
6040 Routt St Arvada, CO 80004

Right Now is your opportunity to find out who is having the most fun at this much anticipated HCNC Club water event of the summer

Sign Up using this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10COE4BADAB2CAAFDCE9-water>

Pick your preference: I want to get wet activity or No way do I want to get wet activity. If you have questions about the "get wet" duties or any other part of the test, please Contact Patti Pigeon at ppigeon105@aol.com or Sue Raney at sue.raney11@gmail.com **We still could use a few more helpers who want to get wet over the test weekend!**

See you at the beach!!

UPCOMING EVENTS cont'd

The end of August will bring tons of summer fun for all our Newfies! Please check out these fun things to do in the next few weeks:



HCNC BEACH POTLUCK! Saturday August 27 at the close of the test, we are having a potluck lunch for all HCNC members! Bring a dish to share, come help us celebrate the end of summer in true Newfie style...with a BEACH PARTY!

Bring your dogs (and life jacket for you) if you want to splash in the water too. We are anticipating that the potluck will start around 1:00.... Time may adjust depending on the final count for the test entries on Saturday.

SUPER COOL FUNDRAISERS TO SUPPORT OUR HCNC EVENTS!



Two very cool baskets of swag will be available -- [High Country Cowboy Picnic](#) and [High Country Wine At The Lake](#) baskets will be stuffed with wonderful HCNC swag.





BBQ Dinner Saturday evening after the Water Test

Relax and unwind at the beautiful home of Summit and Yukon Johnson (and Lisa and Jim Johnson) as we welcome our judges to Colorado with great food, beautiful sunset view and super relaxed conversations. Always the highlight of our recent working events, Lisa and Jim work so hard so we can kick back and enjoy our Newfoundland friends on Saturday evening after the Water Test.

Please join us, **as the judges BBQ is open to all club members and test entrants.** Mostly a humans only event, there will be very limited crating space available for out of town dogs that may need to come with their peeps.

Please RSVP to Lisa Johnson at lisacjohnson0928@gmail.com by Wednesday, August 24th indicating your name, how many will attend, a phone number and whether you need to bring your Newfie.

TIME: 5 – 8:30 pm
LOCATION: 12190 W. 75th Lane
Arvada, CO 80005
PHONE LISA: 216-408-6214

Congratulations to our Club Vice President and Honorary Member Claudia Walters

Claudia was bestowed the title of Honorary Member of the High Country Newfoundland Club at the Awards Banquet held on May 22, 2022.

According to our parent club, the Newfoundland Club of America (NCA), Honorary Membership may be **conferred** upon persons who have made an outstanding contribution to the welfare of the Newfoundland dog.

Honorary membership is **the highest distinction that a club may bestow and should be conferred only in exceptional cases.**

Claudia has distinguished herself by her meritorious service and dedication to our breed, as well as the commitment she maintains with our HCNC club.



LET'S RECAP SECOND QUARTER 2022 EVENTS

Awards Banquet 2020 and 2021

Submitted by Florence Larsen, Banquet Chair



A CELEBRATION OF OUR NEWFOUNDLANDS AND THEIR PEOPLE

Oh What a Day- The Annual Awards Banquet was a Success !

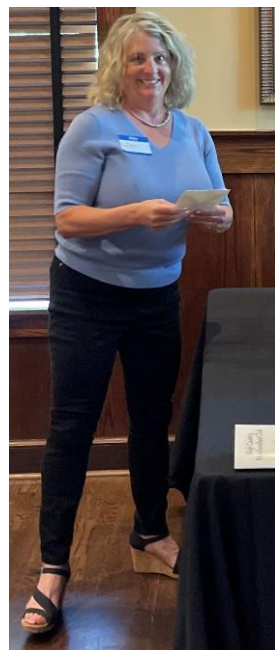
After a two year hiatus, The High Country Newfoundland Club's Annual Awards Banquet took place on Sunday, May 22nd with a luncheon at Maggiano's Italian Restaurant. Following a delicious Four Course Meal, the Program was presented by Mark O'Connor, HCNC President. Claudia Walters was named HCNC's Honorary Member. A good time was had by all as members mingled and shared their wonderful Newfie stories. Of course, the always popular and well-deserved Awards and Program completed the luncheon. We want to thank everyone who worked so hard to make HCNC's 2022 Award's Banquet a success.

If you enjoyed this celebration, let's do it again in March, 2023 !

Many thanks go to our photographer and fellow member, Jeannie Franco, who photographed the banquet for us. It's delightful to be able to remember what a nice time we all had.



Awards Banquet cont'd



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LET'S RECAP SECOND QUARTER EVENTS cont'd

Water Seminar

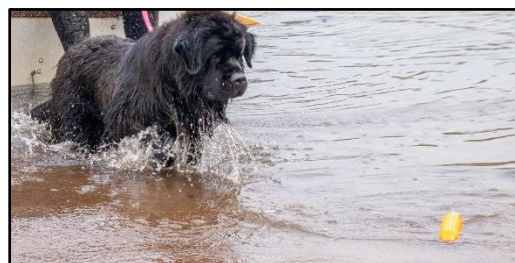
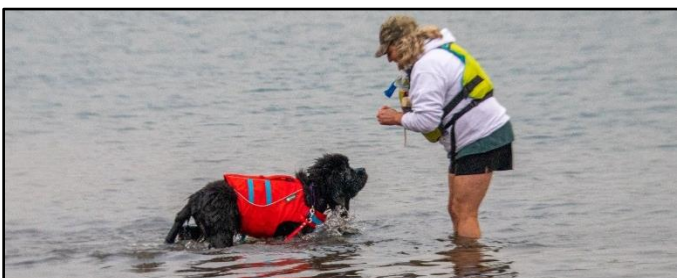
Submitted by Sue Raney

Thanks again to the folks who braved the coldish temperatures and joined us for a morning of fun at the HCNC Water Beginners Seminar!

Everyone did FABULOUS and it was soooo much fun to see all the dogs do what comes naturally to our wonderful Newfoundlands when they encounter a body of water.

By now, we have all warmed up from that chilly morning and your surely your Newfs are begging to get back out to Chatfield to play in the water with the rest of us.

For some of the Newfs, it was their very first paddle in the water. For others, it was an introduction to what the heck to do with a bumper, or it was their first boat ride, or their first attempt to take a leap off a boat and into the water.



Water Seminar cont'd



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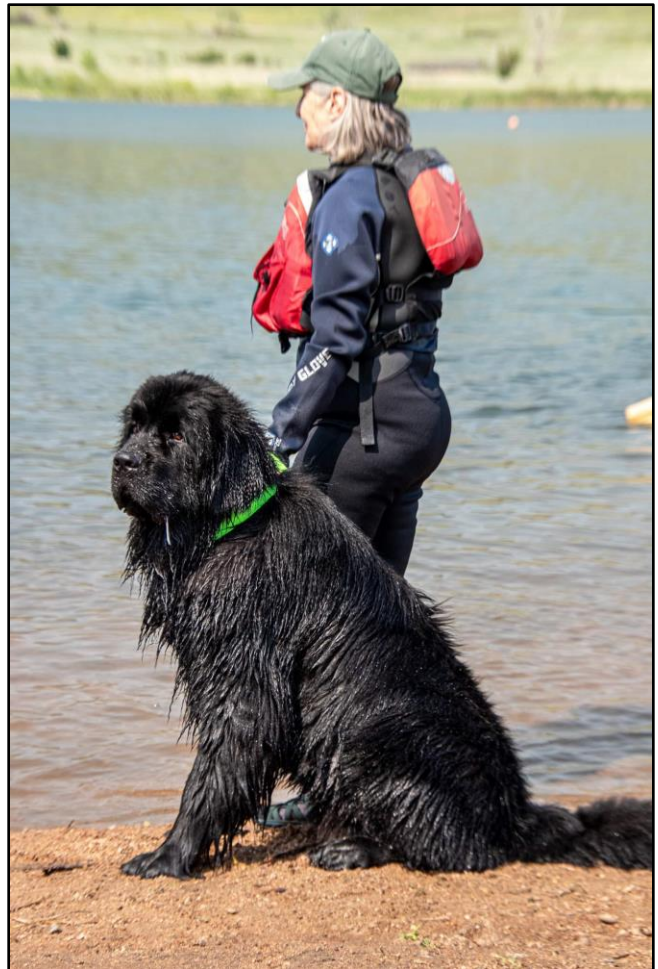
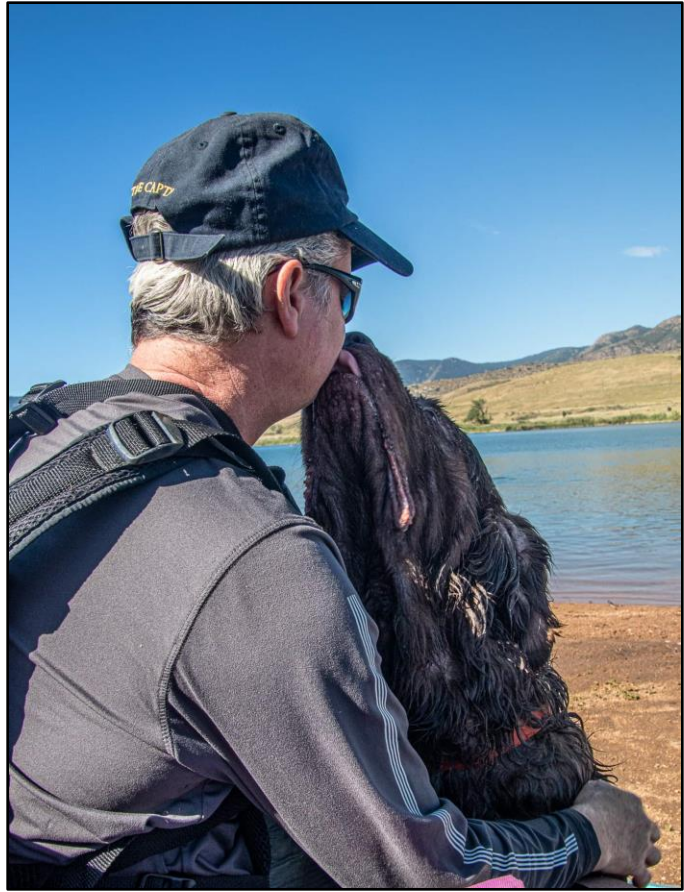
Second Quarter Recap cont'd

Is it Play, Practice, or Work?

As you might surmise, water work is not just about work and practice and more work and practice.

Be sure not to miss the next few pages to observe some great photos of our members and their dogs. Our dogs are witness to the friendships, camaraderie and teamwork we share in our club.

A very special thank you goes from the Editor, to my friend Sue (Chip) Schneider, who is always so willing to share her amazing camera and photography talent with our newsletter and Club.



Second Quarter Recap cont'd

And, notice in the background of these photos that paddleboarders and bystanders are curious about what we are doing at the pond with our dogs.

We love the opportunity to share with the community the bond we have with our dogs and teach others about what a magnificent breed the Newfoundland is.



*Great info on how to properly greet a dog posted by
Eureka Dog Services*



🚫 Use your Manners! 🚫
The Sniff test - Stop doing that!

The sniff test - a badly engrained habit that society has been taught without a clear understanding of what they're actually doing.

▶ When you reach out towards a dog, you are using body pressure AT them, giving them no time to assess whether you are safe & whether they require further investigation to pick up your information. You are forcing

an interaction of a relationship that hasn't had time to develop. To some dogs, this is quite rude & the reason a lot of dogs snap at or bite people. This can cause a lot of behavioral issues because of layered stress due to forced interactions.

▶ If they are on lead, they have nowhere to go if they are sensitive to spacial pressure, so can end up shutting down, shying away or snapping at your hand so you back off. This is an example of how a dog is now using pressure to turn off pressure & make you back off so they aren't so stressed.

▶ People think by offering your hand it can give the dog time to sniff to know you're friendly... they can sniff without being forced to sniff your hand. Their noses are far more superior than ours & they don't need close contact forced upon them to smell you.

▶ Some dogs might not want to know you. You have no relationship with them and that's perfectly fine. They aren't your dog, so you don't need to touch them or steal pats for your own satisfaction.

If you are meeting a dog, what should you do?


⚠ Ask the owner if you can interact with their dog. Not all people want strangers touching their dogs. Especially strangers who you are unlikely to see again.

⚠ Stand up straight & relaxed, with your hands at your side.

⚠ Ignore the dog & talk to the owner.

⚠ Don't stare at the dog & don't try to force an interaction by going in for a pat. If the dog wants to know you, it will come up to you & sniff around. Usually they will move away & then come back for a second sniffathon.

Some dogs will bunt your hands & wag their tails, which are good signs that you're likely an accepted new friend. Give them a few slow pats down their back (NOT THEIR HEAD) & then stop. Is the dog happy? Has it accepted your interaction? This will determine whether you can give it more pats.

 This is a more stress-free option for dogs & a reason why in consultations we can develop a good level of trust, especially with fearful dogs & aggressive dogs, without a bunch of negative side effects from forced interactions.

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🔥 6 SIGNS OF HEAT STROKE IN DOGS 🔥

- RAPID PANTING
- WEAKNESS
- BRIGHT RED TONGUE



- DIARRHEA
- VOMITING
- THICK/STICKY SALIVA

WHAT TO DO:

1.



Move dog into a cool area

2.



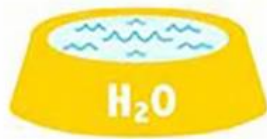
Apply cool water all over body

3.



Apply cool towels to head, neck and chest

4.



Give small drinks of cool water

5.



Take your dog to the vet ASAP

Many thanks to Johanna Matsuda for sharing this information and to Marylou Hoffman Zimmerman for posting in the Newfoundland Club of America Charitable Trust Facebook page

WAGS 'N BRAGS

Valerie and Bill Ritchie's Cash earned his CGC and CGCU and CGCA in June! As soon as Bill's torn tri-cep heals he will making his therapy visits at local Colorado Springs locations.



Kodiak Acres I Walk the Line.



Let's Wrap It Up:

In the 16 years of being a dog mom, I've had either black or brown dogs. Late summer of 2021, we adopted our Landseer puppy, Yukon. For those 16 years, I simply had to dunk their dirty paws into a pot of water and maybe wipe their tummies with a damp towel and Voilà, their coats were clean. I didn't even consider an alternative method that might be necessary for a Landseer, after all, his puppy picture was so darned cute that I lost all rational thought.

It did not occur to me about white coat exposure to muddy Chatfield water; my brown girl never seemed that filthy after swimming at the Pond. Or how about mud season in Colorado that extends from March to June: My backyard empties into a ravine that collects debris all winter long. Or how about the green grass stains caused by rolling around in the summertime grass all wet from the morning dew?

At the Awards Banquet, we shared amusing dog stories like these. Take a look at the pictures of smiling faces, the hugs, the friendships developed over the years that was reported earlier in this Newsletter. Read about the members, new members and volunteers braving the chilly and breezy morning at the Water Seminar that occurred not too long ago. These events pose opportunities to create new stories and memories.

Take note of the upcoming activities planned for all of us and make the time to join us, whether it is by volunteering, or as a supporter to our fellow Club members. Take a shot at winning one of the fund raiser Raffle items, or by joining us at the Potluck Lunch and/or BBQ Dinner all scheduled for that Saturday.

See you at the beach.

-Lisa

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