



High Country Newfoundland Club's

# Newf News

Third Quarter 2016



Riggs (Megan Goldin) and Olivia  
at the July 2016 Water Test

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High Country Newfoundland Club Website

<http://www.hcncnews.org>

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<http://www.ncanews.org>



Message from the Newsletter Editor:

Submissions for the next issue of HCNC Newf News are requested by December 30th. Please send them to [corylyn77@hotmail.com](mailto:corylyn77@hotmail.com) with "HCNC Newsletter Info" in the subject line. Send Photos Too. Happy Autumn!!

## HCNC Membership News

Mark O'Connor  
HCNC Membership Chairperson  
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**NCA Membership Information**  
<http://www.ncanewfs.org/mambers/shtml>

### New Member Applications:

#### GENERAL

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#### GENERAL

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#### GENERAL

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Sponsors: Mark and Kate O'Connor

## 2016-2017 HCNC CALENDAR OF EVENTS



NCA Independent  
Regional Specialty

November 10

(see pages 13-16 for  
more information)

March 2017  
Annual Awards  
Banquet

Dear HCNC Members,

The High Country Newfoundland Club Board of Directors will be meeting on Saturday, October 15, 2016 at 12:30 pm at the Standley Lake Library, 8485 Kipling St, Arvada 80005, in the Reserved Meeting Room. All general members are welcome.

The next General Membership meeting will be on Saturday, October 22, following the draft test (afternoon) at Fairmount Park, 5222 Quaker St, Golden, CO 80403. The draft test will feature an auction and a costume contest (dogs and, optionally, handler). All members are welcome to participate in the auction and are encouraged to participate in the costume contest.

Matt Sidesinger  
President, HCNC

Our Fall Draft Test is approaching and October 22nd and 23rd will be here before we know it. A number of us will gather to practice at Fairmount Park (5222 Quaker Street Golden, Colorado 80403) this Sunday, October 9th, at 9AM.

This practice is open to all members and non-members regardless of your level of experience.

We plan to have another group practice prior on Sunday, October 16th.  
We hope to see you there.

Please contact Steve Gunther ([sagunther@live.com](mailto:sagunther@live.com) / [651-253-5851](tel:651-253-5851)) if you have any questions.

## July Water Test Report

### July 2016 Water Test at Chatfield State Park

After a one year hiatus due to flooding in 2015, the July HCNC Water Test returned to Chatfield State Park in 2016. We were thrilled to welcome our judges, Bethany Karger and Gaby Cohen. The weather was hot and our entrants had been hard at work getting their Newfs ready for the test. On Friday our highlight was Northshore's Spirit to Lakota WD, call name "Lakota" and handler John Cody. At 15 months he was a demon running through the Jr. exercises with great enthusiasm and speed. He was fun to watch! I know John and Jewel were both very proud and thrilled with his performance and his new WD, Water Dog Title.

Several of our other entrants were very close, missing an exercise or two.

On Saturday, day 2, there were no new titles but we did have a WRD requalifier, Sweetbay's Caspian, call name, "Ian" BN CDX RE NAP WRD2 DD3 DDX requalified. Congrats to Ian and owner/handler Terri Desnica. Ian is a very deliberate and steady performer. Ian struck again on Sunday, gaining his 4th qualification for WRD and also qualifying for his NCA Working Achievement Title. This is a huge accomplishment and quite simply a lot of work and dedication. Congratulations to Ian and Terri!

I want to take a moment to thank my great Committee members, Katie Sidesinger did a great job keeping the test organized as Test secretary and also to Lynn Kitch for her work as third committee member, doing so, so many little things that make the test great. Also we owe a huge thank you to our many volunteers who came out to steward. I often say great stewards give the dogs and entrants the best chance at achieving titles.

For those entrants that just missed, keep up the good work and with patience we'll see you earn the those titles next year.

Mark O'Connor, HCNC July 2016 Water Test Chair

July Water Test Report

John and Lakota



Vickie and Mina



Ian and Terri

July Water Test Report



**NCA News**

**Good Sportsmanship Award**

October 15 is the deadline for the NCA Good Sportsmanship Award given to an NCA member who exemplifies good sportsmanship in all venues and who works diligently on behalf of others and Newfoundlands without concern for personal gain.

For more information, or to submit a nomination, please contact [Ingrid Lyden](#).  
nakiska@comcast.net

**Heroic Newfoundland Award**

The NCA is seeking nominations for the Heroic Newfoundland Award, to honor a dog that has been instrumental in warning others about potential danger or rescuing someone from danger.

For more information, or to submit a nomination, please contact [Ingrid Lyden](#) by October 15.  
nakiska@comcast.net



September Water Test Report  
Submitted by: Sue Raney

**Snake Charmers, Cats, Ducks, Puppies, Newfs and Leos make for a great weekend of fun!**

The High Country September Water Tests were a great success again this year. Three days of WD/WRD/WRDX, all breed tests, tadpole tests all brought out the best in Newfoundland fun, good sportsmanship, and was a great way to end the water season.

Those of you who have been to Lake Chatfield know that every now and then there are little sticks that float into our test area. They bob along and sometimes a dog can be distracted and try to fetch them. This year, along with sticks we had a very determined duck! She kept coming into the test area, floating by casually as dogs and drowners tried their hardest to discourage her. Luckily, no dog chased her across the lake during the test!

And then! What's that? Another stick?? Not so much. Terri Desnica, snake charmer extraordinaire, managed to rid the test area of a small snake with a flick of the towel! (Was it a rattler or not? Inquiring minds want to know!)

And Cats at the water?? Oh yeah! Arvada West High School Wildcats from the swim team assisted with stewarding for the weekend. The Cats were a great help, and many of the dogs rescued them throughout the weekend.

Highest on the cute factor was Dewey! 6 months and one-day old, he happily fetched and towed that big boat along, earning his WD, then spent the late afternoon lunchbreak paddleboarding with his dad! Nothing like puppy love.

Huge congratulations to those who put together flawless performances over the weekend! Earning titles this weekend:

**New WD: CH Old Bay's Theodorable Spicy Altitude RN, CGC, DD, BN and Stephanie Magid**

**New WD: Bydand's Dapper Dewdropper and Ralph Hayward**

**New WRD for a new VN (pending) followed by WRD1 and WRD2: HIT CH Sweetbay's Sullivan, CD, RE, WD3, DD3 handled by Maria Rizzuto, owned by Patti Pigeon**

**New WRDX: Ch Saltydog's Lagniappe Jackpot Heir Born WRD, DD1 and Andre Lapeyre**

Our other Newfie entrants all had shining moments! They will put it all together next year, for certain. They are sooo close! Perrie and his great retrieves, Choo Choo's water enthusiasm, Sadie's swim back with the hand, Callie's great take a line, Samantha's love of all water exercises, Neville's quick jumps, Ian's rescue of the unconscious drowners, and Vivian's super three drowners all made for great memories of the weekend.

It was also a great thrill to watch NCA member Deanna Alko's lovely Leo Medley qualify in our all breed WRDX for WRDX 7 and 8 and her sweet Leo Anchor to qualify for her first WRDX. Super job!!! Our lab entrants were adorable. Jay and Hippy earned their WD, and Susan and Ozzie earned their WRDX - their tails constantly waggin' and making them look like lab power boats!

And TADPOLES! Whoooo hoooo! The weekend had three newf tadpoles, one Malamute tadpole, and two Leonberger tadpoles who were all adorable, responsive and enjoyed their splish splash time at the lake. Congrats to Sue Schneider and Max, Lyle Payne and Otis, Cindy Davis and Sampson, Steve Gunther and Choo Choo, Rob Melick and Kona, and Stephanie Lucero and Balto!! You are all on a great track for water work in the future, way to go!!

Many thanks to the committee Patti Pigeon, Terri Desnica and Sue Raney and stewards John LeVett, Jay Acker, Kevin Reynolds, Stephanie Magid, Bill Espander, Lori Moreland, Chris Hodges, Chris Raney, Gene Kohlmeier, Carol and Jeff Jefferson, Courtnae, Steve Gunther, Lyle Payne, Lisa Johnson, Andre Lapeyre, Armand Cohen, Deanna Alko, John Campbell (and of course our Wildcats Juliana Santarelli, Evan Crosby and Kailey Robb) and any others I may have missed who make the weekend so special, we couldn't do it without your support. Your great efforts at rowing and drowning and reaching and coaxing and cheering make for a terrific way to spend the weekend. You are greatly appreciated by all who were there!!

Two photographers shot pics on Saturday and Sunday, to order pictures or just to check them out please go to:

Gallery of Images captured by Piper with Piper's Pix from Saturday 9/17/2016 at our September Water Test. You can view and order your prints using this link.

<http://www.piperspix.com/Dogevents/Newfoundland-Water-Trial/Newfoundland-Water-Trials2016/>

The next link is to the images that Brenda with Paws in Motion captured on Sunday, 9/18/2016. You can view and order your prints using this link.

<https://pawsinmotionphotography.shootproof.com/HCNCWaterTest>

While most of the water equipment is now probably getting dried and stored into our newfie basements or garages, the fun memories will remain throughout the cold winter days ahead and our wonderful water dogs will be back at the lake in a blink of an eye.....hopefully, the duck and snake will find other things to do next summer! Keep on splashin!

Sept Water Test



Dewey and the Cats - Evan Crosby and Juliana Santarelli



Vivian saves the victims behind the boat



Kevin and Callie

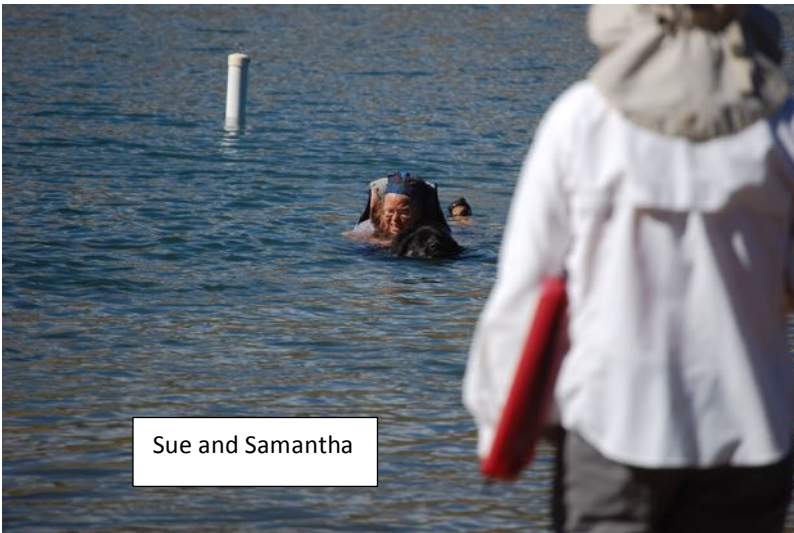
Sept Water Test



Callie tows the boat



Sue and Samantha



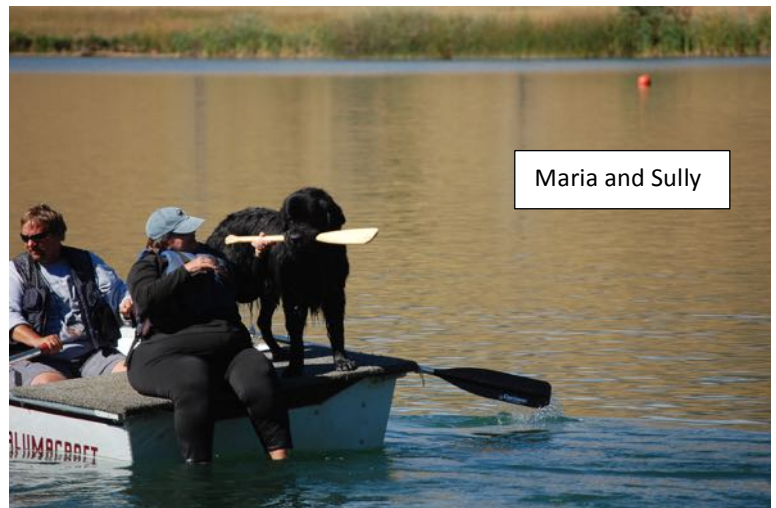
Sue and Samantha



Steve and Choo Choo



Deanna



Maria and Sully

Sept Water Test

the duck as herself (with Vivian, Evan and Gene in the background)



Cats and Dogs



Deanna and the Leos



NCA Independent Regional Specialty and Obedience Trial  
Thursday, November 10, 2016  
Colorado State Fairgrounds Event Center  
Pueblo, Colorado

Show Superintendent is Jack Onofrio  
Entries close on Wednesday, October 26, 2016  
[www.onofrio.com](http://www.onofrio.com)

Breed Judge  
Debra Thornton

Puppy and Veteran Sweeps Judge  
Linda Morley Roser

Obedience Judge  
Susan Oviatt-Harris

Ring Side Fundraiser for the HCNC Annual Awards Banquet

Please contact Karen Benenati to donate items for the "raffle".

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719-661-1566



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It Takes A Village

**NCA Regional Specialty Committee Members**

Chairperson-Claudia Walters  
Chief Steward-Steve Gunther  
Conformation Steward-Kady Eckstrom  
Obedience-Patti Pigeon  
Trophy Sponsorship-Claudia Walters  
Publicity-Lynn Kitch (newsletter) and Carol Jefferson (email)  
Treasurer-Mark O'Connor

Volunteer Opportunities

The day of the Regional we can use a few extra hands to keep things running smoothly. Volunteers are needed to help with the following:

- Ring set-up (our wooden Newfies in the ring and sign for photos)
- Catalog Sales (ring side view!)
- Trophy Table (set-up display of trophies and hand trophies to ring steward for each class. Great opportunity to see the show up close and personal!)
- Assistant to the Conformation Steward (pass out arm bands)
- Obedience Ring Steward (check in entrants, hold leashes and adjust equipment)
- Clean-up (take down wooden Newfies and signs and generally check that we leave the ring clean)
- Judge's Attaché (help transport Breed Judge)

Please contact the Chief Steward, Steve Gunther

[sagunther@live.com](mailto:sagunther@live.com) 651-253-5851 or

Chairperson, Claudia Walters

[Newfperson@mac.com](mailto:Newfperson@mac.com) 719-332-7988



**HIGH COUNTRY NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB BANQUET  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2016  
6:00-9:30 PM**

Sangre de Cristo Arts and Conference Center  
Buell Children's Museum-Magic Carpet Theater  
210 N Santa Fe Avenue  
Pueblo, CO 81003

No Host Cocktails 6:00-6:30 PM  
Taste of Pueblo Dinner 6:30 PM  
NCA Regional Specialty Celebration  
BINGO with Cool Prizes

***Taste of Pueblo Dinner Menu***

Garden Salad with Ancho Ranch Dressing  
Pueblo Green Chili Cream Cheese Stuffed Chicken  
Garlic Mashed Potatoes  
Calabacitas  
Dinner Roll with Butter  
Tres Leches Cake

**High Country Newfoundland Club Banquet  
RSVP by November 7, 2016**



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number for Dinner \_\_\_\_\_

Number for Vegetarian Dinner (Stuffed Portobello Mushroom) \_\_\_\_\_

Total Guests \_\_\_\_\_ X \$27.50 = \_\_\_\_\_

Please enclose check or money order payable to HCNC.

Mail to:  
Claudia Walters  
1039 S Honeysuckle Drive  
Pueblo West, CO 81007

**Regional Specialty**

HCNC Trophy Fund Drive  
Part II

Support a first in class trophy for \$20.00  
Each sponsorship will be entered into a  
drawing to win this  
Betsy Johnson Life Ring Purse (\$88 value)



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Trophy Dedication: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle One: Dog Bitch

Circle One: Conformation Obedience

Enclose check for \$20 payable to: HCNC

Mail to: Claudia Walters 1039 S Honeysuckle Drive Pueblo West, CO 81007

The HCNC will be hosting a regional specialty in Pueblo, CO as part of the Southern Colorado Cluster, we will be having a raffle to benefit the HCNC awards banquet ringside during our show. Drawings will be an hour after judging. Please contact Karen Benenati to donate items, anything dog related, gift baskets, food, wine, etc. will be welcomed. Please donate, we had some amazing donations last year!!! Thank you to everyone who donated last year. If you will be attending the specialty plan on supporting the raffle with ticket purchases. Thanks so much. Let's work together to support our banquet to recognize the great achievements of our wonderful Newfs.

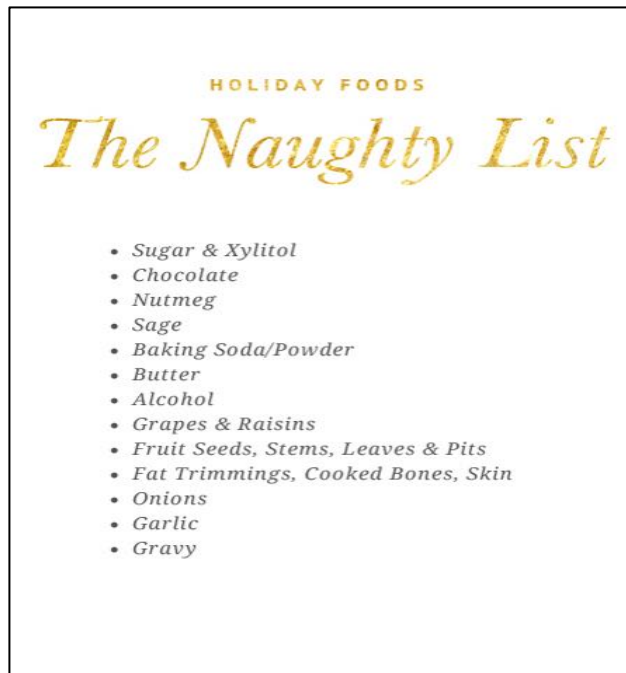
Contact Karen with donations.

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Health Tips



The Holidays are coming!  
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Help your dog(s) avoid these  
foods to keep his/her tummy  
healthy!

- **Sugar & Xylitol** – We all know sugar is a no no for dogs, but also be on the lookout for Xylitol as well. It is often used as an alternative sweetener. It is highly poisonous to dogs if consumed, even in small amounts. More and more foods have hidden sugars, so keep a watchful eye!
- **Chocolate** – Highly toxic to dogs due to the chemical found within, called theobromine. Chocolate has different levels of theobromine – pure cacao and dark chocolate having the most and lighter milk chocolates having the least.
- **Nutmeg** – Lots of holiday foods contain nutmeg. This little ingredient can cause hallucinations and a number of neurological problems.
- **Sage** – If digested in large amounts, the essential oils found in sage can pose problems on your pet’s nervous system as well as digestive system.
- **Baking Soda/Powder** – Contains sodium bicarbonate and can be very painful on your pet’s tummy.
- **Butter** – A little bit won’t hurt, but it’s not the best ingredient for dogs. Too much can cause an upset tummy and pancreas pain.
- **Alcohol** – This one should be a no brainer. Giving your dog alcohol can be dangerous, even in small amounts.
- **Grapes & Raisins** – Both of these foods are very toxic for dogs and can be severely damaging to their kidneys.
- **Fruit Seeds, Stems, Leaves & Pits** – Contains cyanogenic glycosides which can be poisonous to dogs. Make sure all seeds, stems, leaves and pits are removed before feeding any fruit to your pet.
- **Fat Trimmings, Cooked Bones, Skin** – Large amounts of fat and skin can be a dangerous choking hazard and can also cause problems to the pancreas. Cooked bones can splinter into sharp fragments and get lodged in your dog’s throat. Best to avoid all of them.
- **Onions** – Onions contain a high amount of thiosulphate, which is highly toxic to dogs. Onions should be avoided completely.
- **Garlic** – Garlic also contains thiosulphate, but not nearly as much as onions. Small amounts of garlic is considered safe, but refrain from giving your dog very much.
- **Gravy** – Way too rich for dog’s sensitive tummies, best to avoid.

## Community Service Update

### Canine Good Citizens

Since we had such a great turnout (Newfies and other breeds) for the Canine Good Citizen (CGC) Teat at our Fun Match this summer, Vickie Olson and I thought it would be a good idea to gauge members' interest in taking the next steps. The AKC offers two additional CGC Tests:

1. AKC Community Canine is the advanced level of the AKC's Canine Good Citizen Program. <http://www.akc.org/dog-owners/training/akc-community-canine/test-items/>
2. AKC Urban CGC requires that the dog demonstrate CGC skills and beyond in an urban setting.
3. <http://www.akc.org/dog-owners/training/urban-canine-good-citizen/cgcu-test-items/>

Please email me ([sagunther@live.com](mailto:sagunther@live.com)) if you are interested in testing your dog(s) in either one or both of these. If we have sufficient interest we will put something together.

### Canine Airport Therapy Squad (CATS)

The second group of dog/handler teams onboarded with the program in August. There are now 50+ teams making regular visits to the concourses at Denver International Airport. The program is strongly supported by airport management, by the Mayor of Denver and has received rave reviews.

Brightening up the day of a traveller, who may be stressed, anxious, homesick, missing their own pets, etc. is a very heartwarming experience. Crewmembers, gate attendants and employees at the various concourse shops and concessions also reap the benefits of having a friendly and furry four-legged friend to pet.

Hopefully some of you have had the pleasure of meeting one of these teams on your travel through DEN.

Please contact me ([sagunther@live.com](mailto:sagunther@live.com)) if you are interested in joining this program (you and your dog get to wear some really snazzy vests by Spyder).

### HCNC Rescue Report

This has been a busy quarter for rescue!! We have most recently placed 5 Newfs in their forever homes!! Two of these dogs were in need of surgery when they came into rescue, so we will be hosting a fundraiser in order to get these dogs the surgery they are in need of. Java came into rescue from a shelter and is in need of bilateral ACL surgery with a femur adjustment, this is a huge financial hit for the rescue so we felt it was a good time for some fundraising. If you are able to help in any way, whether it be donating items or just donating financially please contact rescue and let us know. We could also use help in setting up the fundraising and getting donations. Please contact Melissa Sharp for more information, [melissa@newmexiconewfs.com](mailto:melissa@newmexiconewfs.com). Thank you to all the people that have stepped up to fostering and adopting these beautiful babies, we couldn't be more thrilled to see all of these beautiful dogs being loved the way they always deserved. Here are some photos of our most recent rescues with their forever homes!

Did you know that you could generate funds for High Country Newfoundland Rescue simply by shopping at Amazon? If you shop on [amazon.com](http://amazon.com) please start your shopping experience [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com). It is simple to pick the charity of your choice, High Country Newfoundland Rescue of course. From that point on the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.05% of all your eligible purchases to High Country Newfoundland Rescue. There is no cost to you and AmazonSmile does not affect your shopping experience. You will retain your Amazon Prime membership advantages. Now that's something to SMILE ABOUT!!

Questions? Contact Steve Gunther



HCNC Rescue Report

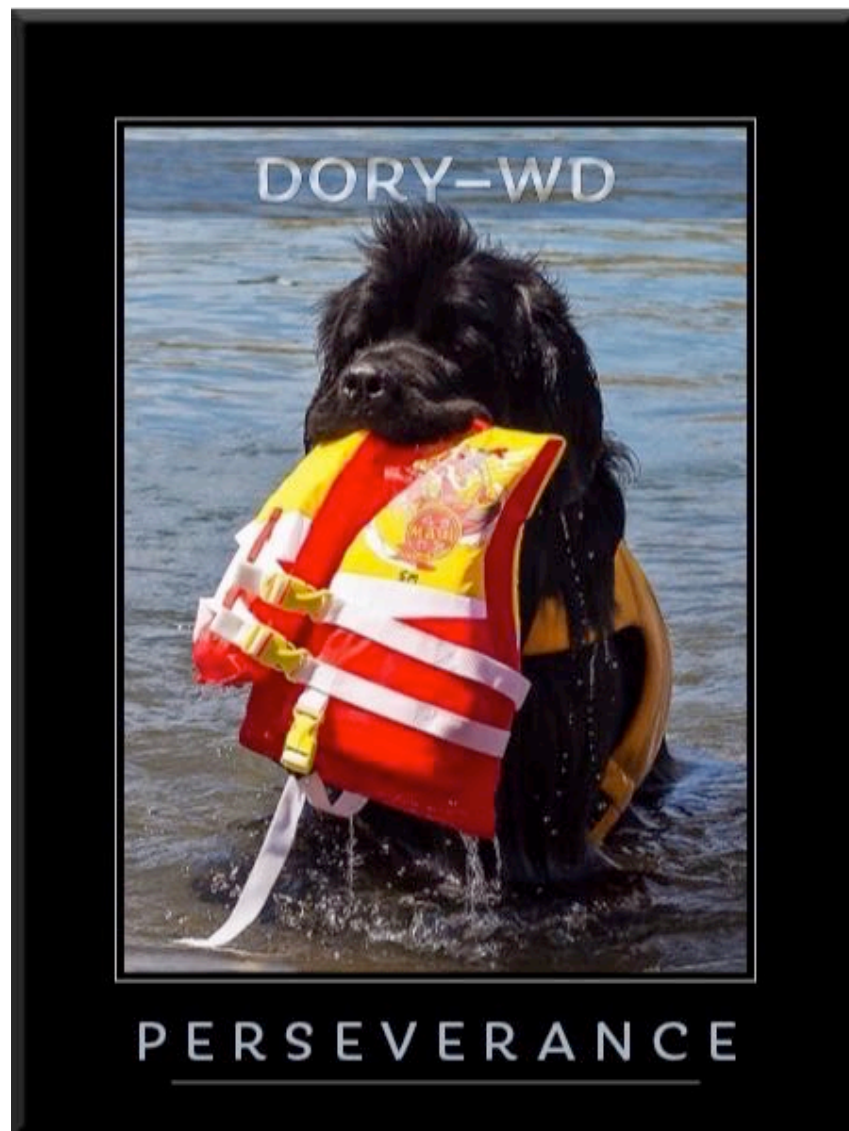


**Wags and Brags**

**Dory is a WATER DOG!**

CH Old Bay's Theodorable Spicy Altitude RN CGC DD BN WD

Three years after working for his Tadpole Certificate, Dory earned his Water Dog title! Yippee!



Dory is Owned and Loved by Stephanie Magid

**Wags and Brags**

“Jerry” Ch Heartsease Lover of the Cosmos attended the NDCC Regional/National in Saskatoon Saskatchewan. He picked up points in 4 of the 6 shows to finish his Canadian Championship (3 majors). He got Winners Dog at the regional, Best Opposite and Reserve Winner in the SKOC shows.

## Am/Can Ch Heartsease Lover of the Cosmos

Jerry is owned by Chris Hodges and Peggy Lange.



**Wags and Brags**

Dexter GCH Honey Lanes A Slice of Life on Heavy Seas CD CGC, Owned by Katie Sidesinger, has had a good few months at the shows.

Oklahoma City in July  
2 Best of Breeds  
Group 2  
Owner Handler Group 1

Eagle CO in July  
Owner Handler Group 1  
Owner Handler Reserve Best In Show

Greeley CO in August  
Best of Breed  
Best Owner Handler

Topeka KS in August  
3 Best of Breeds  
2 Group 4's



## Wags and Brags

"Rocker" Ch. Kirenska's Ready to Rock finished his championship in Longmont, CO at the Flatirons Show on June 4, 2016. I am so thankful to [Karen Benenati](#) for gracing me and my family with him. She has encouraged, advised, guided, trimmed and answered every single text from me calling for help. Cheers to Karen for helping us so diligently at the Longmont show. I called her my "Pit Crew". We sure appreciate the support from her and the Newfie people. Y'all are the best!  
Submitted by: Noreene Rodgers





**Wags and Brags**

On July 22nd, 2016, "Lakota" owned by Jewel & John Cody\_\_Handled by John Cody----  
Earned his WD!!!!!! He did this at 15 months of age, the first day of the test, and his  
first time!!!! WOW!!!! His mom and dad were very proud of him. He put on quite a  
show!!!! John did an awesome job handling this young boy. What a team! Two  
weeks later on August 6th, at our fun match, he got his CGC, handled by mom  
(Jewel). He is now known as: Northshore's Spirit To Lakota, WD, CGC!!!!!! Thank  
you to Claire, Marci, and Karen for entrusting us with this crazy fun boy! We love  
him.

Jewel & John Cody

**Wags and Brags**

Nani's Mile High Salute (Murphy) took BOW both days at Arapahoe KC. He also took Bred By Exhibitor Group 3. His owners are Geoff & Caley McManus and Greg Szynskie; handler was Greg Szynskie.





On June 4th, 2016, We lost our beautiful Rhiannon-----Bowater's Blue Moon Rising, CD,RN,WRD,CGC,TT. She was exactly 12 1/2 years old when she crossed the bridge. We found out that she had a large tumor that was pressing on her heart and esophagus. It was so hard to say goodbye-----but she was ready----she let us know. She taught us so so much-----She was our Princess! She is greatly missed and thought of every day.  
Jewel & John Cody

INFO from Other Clubs

**NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB OF AMERICA DRAFT TEST  
2 DAYS - 2 TESTS PLUS DDX NOVEMBER 12 & 13, 2016**

Hosted by



**PENN-OHIO NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB, INC.**

NEO Retreat Center  
16278 Shillings Road, Berlin Center, OH

**JUDGES**

Bob Rogers Derwood, MD Dwight Gorsuch Rock Hall, MD

**CERTIFICATION**

The Penn-Ohio Newfoundland Club, Inc. has been granted permission to hold this Draft Test by the Working Dog Committee of the Newfoundland Club of America, Inc.

**ENTRIES CLOSE on Monday, October 24, 2016** (or when entries are filled) at the test secretary's home at 5:00 P.M. after which time entries cannot be accepted, canceled, altered or substituted.

**ENTRY FEE \$35.00 each test**  
**Mail an Entry Form for each day to:**

Joyce Echon-Butler

168A Thompson Hill Rd Aliquippa, PA 15001

## GROWING WITH GRACE

By: Gracie Walters via Claudia Walters



My whole life has changed since my last column! First I got real sick and second my Mom retired. Life is strange sometimes but if these two events had to happen, happening together was perfect timing. One hot day in July, I had hard time breathing and we had to abort my daily walk just after it started. Mom took me to the vet in Pueblo West. They were very nice but said to take me to the Emergency Vet in Colorado Springs. So off we went. Long story short, I spent three days/nights in doggie ICU. I have partial laryngeal paralysis. We had to make some lifestyle changes but I'm doing very well! I've always had a couple of personal fans but now I have more of them and a gel pad to lay on if I feel like being even more comfortable. I eat out of a slow eater bowl that is kind of weird. I don't run to the back fence to greet walkers passing by on the recreational trail quite as often but Joy continues to welcome them. I am starting to feel my age so I have slowed down a bit and my evening walk is not as long as it used to be. I take a few more naps but I try not to miss out on anything really fun. I still follow my long held technique of bringing a toy to exchange for a treat. Mom and I have been doing that for nearly 12 years so I see

no reason to stop now. Even Joy has learned that the only way to get the treat is to hand the object to Mom. Dropping it on the floor in front of her does not produce a treat. Once a working dog, always a working dog!

About that retirement, everyday is like the weekend! We sleep in or get up early, it doesn't matter anymore. There is no alarm to wake us up. We have watched the entire seven seasons of the Gilmore girls. I can't believe they didn't get a dog until about season five! Mom, Joy and I like to sit outside and watch the sunset. We still have dinner with Rex almost everyday but timing is irrelevant. Most of our walks are after dark and with headlamps. The moon and the stars are ever present and changing. I like following Mom from room to room all day. She may be retired but she still seems to have a lot to do. I hear talk of moving but she doesn't seem to know exactly where she wants to end up (maybe the Springs). Personally, I would prefer to live out my life in Pueblo West. We have a great set-up for us canines and moving is such a hassle. I'm pretty sure she is taking my wishes under consideration. In the meantime, we are truly enjoying the gift of time together!

If the weather is cool, I get to attend the HCNC Draft Test and I'll be sure to stop by the NCA Regional in November. Hope to see you soon!

### **Have you heard about the Sunshine Committee?**

#### **SUNSHINE COMMITTEE:**

Hi all Newf people! Not everyone in our club is aware that we have this committee. It's been around for a long time! This committee is meant to reach out to club members who have lost a dog, family member, or if members become ill, etc. It's always hard to hear about a loss or illness, but getting a card or communication may send a little sunshine! It's nice to be thought of. The way to reach out and get information to the Chair is to contact a board member direct, (they will send info to the committee), or contact the sunshine committee chair directly. The committee cannot send a card, etc. out if they have not been contacted and do not know of circumstances.

Thank You,  
Jewel Cody, Sunshine Chair



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