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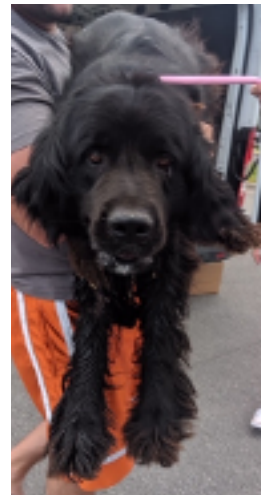
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Out of the Puppy Mill: The Road to Recovery for The Dogs

The conditions at puppy mills are not how Newfoundland parents would treat their pet. Dogs are kept in small cages or crates for the majority of their lives. Exposure to the outside world is limited; even walking on grass may be completely foreign to them. Those who have been onsite at the mills report that feeding is often regulated through automatic feeders set on timers, and the dogs are often handled only during breeding. Once rescued from the mills, the dogs can have a chance at a loving home, but not before weeks or months of rehabilitation from rescue groups like That Newfoundland Place.



When the dogs arrive, it's culture shock. Imagine if you were brought to a new place where you did not know anyone, or understand the language or customs. Everything smelled and sounded different. "Much of the behavior is a fear response, such as hiding, scurrying away and no eye contact. The dogs have no idea where they are or what is going to happen to them," said Shyann

Torstenson, TNP staff. "The dogs don't know anything...a leash, treats, toys, it's all new. We need to build the relationship and trust from the ground up." The typical behavior when the dogs first arrive is "planting" - spread eagle, stomach on the ground and not moving.



Newfoundlands from puppy mill situations often arrive at TNP severely matted and dirty from lack of grooming. Some arrive with orthopedic issues from limited range of motion from being caged for so long, and females show evidence of being bred every season until they are no longer able to produce puppies. These health issues are addressed as soon as they enter rescue.

Many dogs also arrive underweight, but TNP staff take care not to allow the dogs to overeat and bloat. They start with several small meals each day for a week with more Bil-Jac than

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Who's at TNP?



Zelma and Wally

Zelma (Zee) and Wally have been at TNP since July after rescue from a puppy mill in Ohio. They must be placed together.

Both dogs are friendly and affectionate and love biscuits, walks and lots of attention and pets. Zelma

Wally (front) & Zee (back) a huge swimmer; Wally likes to watch from the shore. Wally's has SAS (a heart condition), but shows no symptoms. They are otherwise healthy.

TNP is looking for a home with traditional fencing, minimal stairs, and no other pets; however, an older dog (9 and up) would probably be okay.

Upcoming Events

Mark your calendar for the first TNP Open House in 2020! No dogs adopted out on this day; solely a meet & greet.

April 26, noon-3:00 pm, rain or shine
554 Pucker St, Coventry, CT

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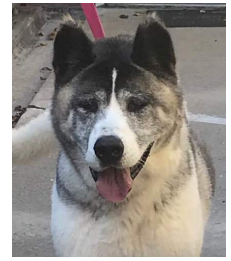
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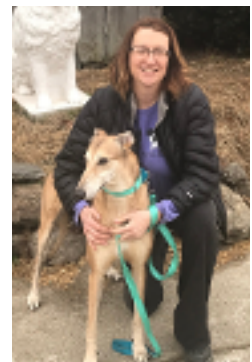


Bear, a 7 year old Akita, is still looking for his forever home. He is good with other dogs and loves people. He would do best in a home with a female pal or be an only dog. Bear is neutered and up to date on all vaccines. Contact [Cathy](#) at TNP.



Recent Adoptions

Jack went to his new home with mom Claire on February 1. TNP assisted in re-homing Jack after his owner and TNP friend was taken ill. Jack, 7, is a sweet boy who loves to run and will no doubt bring much joy to his new family.



Expert Excerpts

Weather forecasters warn us about cold temps and wind chills, advising pets be brought inside. Tell that to a Newfie owner whose dog prefers a blanket of snow over a blanket by the fire. So how cold is too cold to be outside?

Dr. Lauren Flanagan of [Pepperell \(MA\) Veterinary Hospital](#) says there are no studies regarding extreme temperature tolerance of domestic dogs nor any data on how long it takes them to acclimate to these extremes. We know that there are breed and individual differences, and other factors to consider are health, age and activity. Even non-coated breeds (i.e., Labradors) can tolerate colder temperatures if they are working outside.

Veterinarians advise using common sense. If your dog is housed outdoors always provide shelter from the elements with warm bedding and adequate food and water. In the cold weather check the water frequently to make sure it's not frozen. If your dog is just outside to play and enjoy the winter fun, pay close attention to signs that might indicate a problem: shivering, reduced or minimal activity, icing on the coat (snow melting on their fur and reforming as ice), or the much more obvious Newfie face peering through the window at you.

TNP Alumni

Sometimes the best things happen by chance, such as Ruth Rubin's love of Newfoundlands. Her first encounter with being a Newf parent was back in 1983, when someone in her North Danville, VT area needed to place one of the gentle giants. She already had 2 dogs and wasn't particularly looking for a Newfoundland, but the Newf and family were in crisis. "It was complete serendipity," Ruth said. Seven Newfoundlands later, you could say it turned out to be a good fit.



Ruth is currently mom to Dexter, adopted in May 2016 at age 1. She lost her previous TNP Newf, Peter, in August 2015 and by Christmas was ready to adopt again. It was a few months before she got the call from Cathy about Dexter, but the match was perfect. "He has no trauma or physical issues that other dogs have had, which is what I wanted," Ruth said.

Ruth has rescued 3 Newfs in her local area due to family hardship and breed mismatch and purchased 2 puppies from breeders. After her 5th Newf passed away she researched Newfoundland rescue online and contacted the Newfoundland Club of New England, who referred her to TNP. After a visit to TNP and a home visit, Ruth received a call from Cathy the next day about Peter, an avid swimmer who needed a place where he could swim every day. With 65 rural acres, including a pond, Ruth was a natural choice.

Ruth appreciates making the right match for the dog and the family. She is training to be an adoption counselor at her local no-kill animal shelter for cats, and finding the right home can be time consuming, but is worth the effort. Cathy is a great role model. "Making the matches is what she does really, really well," Ruth said. "There is an art to it."

The match with Dexter is no exception. "He tolerates everything and is very friendly," Ruth said...an ideal temperament for life on the farm with horses and cats.

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kibble for easier digestion. "The dogs are nervous," said Shyann. "They eat as much as they can as fast as they can." Meals are used as a trust building process as well. TNP staff build a schedule so the dogs learn they will get fed regularly.

The dogs develop bonds first with Cathy and (husband) Ed, who are their constant caregivers, then TNP staff, and finally, new people they meet at TNP. The goal is to teach the dogs that a hand coming toward them is to pet and the world around them does not need to be scary. The first signs that the dogs are learning trust is eye contact and approaching people instead of running away. This usually happen within a couple weeks, depending on the dog.

Progress is seen by TNP staff when the dog "checks in" with the person they are with – they will go off and come back. "To me this signals that they are making the connection that people are a good thing," Shyann said. "We are teaching them manners and coping skills when things become too much for them. For example, when startled by something new (like a new noise), rather than running to a small and seemingly safe place, we encourage them to look to the person on the other end of the leash for guidance. "TNP staff continually talk to the dogs to get them used to voices and expose them to as many new sounds and situations as possible.

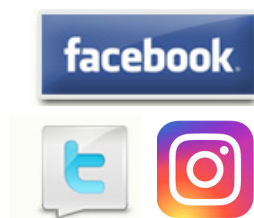
Mutual trust is essential to relationship-building for dogs who have had such limited interaction with people, but makes all the difference. The increased comfort and trust can be seen visibly. "The tail wags, they have a more comfortable walk, not hunched & crawling. Their head is held high," Shyann said. "The dog's body and neck are physically stretched out. They're more relaxed."

Dogs are cleared for adoption once they are healed from spay/neuter surgery and otherwise cleared medically, and are comfortable and trusting around people. "We look for homes that will bring out the best in the dog," Shyann said. Factors include other dogs, cats, children and family lifestyle.

Once home, the family's approach to the new addition should be open and receptive to what the new dog is telling them. "These dogs need to create a language and try to communicate it with you. It requires extra patience, understanding and TLC," Shyann said.

Despite coming from an environment based in fear, all of the dogs from mills have a wonderful temperament. "We have not encountered a fear growl," Shyann said. "It is truly amazing to see when a dog who would refuse to walk because they are so afraid before recognizes me and runs towards me, tail wagging, and unafraid."

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