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Inside Puppy Mills - A Sad, But Often Legal, Life for Dogs

That Newfoundland Place has shifted its focus over the last year to work with other organizations in rescuing dogs from puppy mill situations. "TNP has had mill dogs in the past, but has noticed the problem worsening over time, causing an increased demand for reaction," said Shyann Torstenson, a TNP volunteer. A puppy mill is a commercial dog breeding facility in which the health of the dogs is disregarded in order to maintain a low overhead and maximize profits. There are thousands of puppy mills in existence all over the US and, in many cases, are legal.



In most states, a breeding kennel can legally keep dozens, even hundreds, of dogs in cages for their entire lives, as long as the dogs are given the basics of food, water and shelter. Only when documented cruelty exists, such as lack of food and water, inadequate shelter from the elements and not treating sick dogs, are puppy mills shut down by law enforcement. Despite this, the dogs' living conditions can be heartbreaking. "These dogs are used for profit, and are treated more as livestock than pets," Shyann said.



Animal cruelty laws have been in the books since the Animal Welfare Act in 1966, which outlines specific minimum standards of care for dogs, cats and other animals bred for commercial resale. Enforced by the US Department of Agriculture, the AWA requires certain large-scale commercial breeders to be licensed and regularly inspected by the USDA. But the system is fraught with inefficiencies and loopholes.

Almost all pet store puppies come from puppy mills. Pet stores market these as purebred puppies, which they certainly may be, but AKC certification does not guarantee reputable breeding practices or a good pedigree. If the dog's paperwork designates shipment from out of state, or by a "broker" service, it's a red flag that the puppy may come

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Who's at TNP?

Zelma and Wally



Zelma, or Zee, and Wally were rescued from a puppy mill in Ohio and have been together at That Newfoundland Place since July. They must be placed together.

The dogs have made tremendous progress in the last 4 months and are friendly and affectionate. They love biscuits, walks and lots of petting. Zelma LOVES to swim; Wally is content to watch from the shore. Both are healthy, despite Wally's SAS (a heart condition). He shows no symptoms.

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



Wally

Coming Soon

In the next few weeks 5-6 Newfoundlands will be arriving at TNP. The dogs are all under 1 year old but are not newborn puppies. Watch for more information on the TNP Facebook page and in the January newsletter.

Final TNP Open House Draws Families from Three States

A small crowd gathered at That Newfoundland Place on November 10 for the final Open House of the year. Four families from CT, MA and NY visited with the available dogs for adoption and TNP alumni with a solid interest in adopting from TNP. Home checks will be performed and the families will be considered as dogs become available for adoption.



Lotus and her family

The next open house will be held in April 2020.

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from a mill. "If a person or group always has puppies for sale, ask yourself 'where are these puppies coming from?'" Shyann said. "We hear from those in close contact with the mills that they have seen a big increase in breeding large and giant breeds, driven by popularity. What is selling is what mills are breeding. Every pet parent should do their due diligence when selecting their next dog."

It's best to get a dog from a shelter, rescue group or a humane and responsible breeder you have established a relationship with. Responsible breeders want to meet their puppy buyers in person and are concerned with the care and integrity of the breed.

Today, 35 states have some sort of laws regarding puppy mills. Nearby states that require licensing and inspections are ME, NH, NY, and PA; states that require some licensing or limits but not mandatory inspections are VT, MA, RI, CT, and NJ. Ohio laws have been changing, contributing to the significant rise in the number of mill dogs the rescues are getting. Changes are being made that are slowly benefiting the dogs.

For more information/sources:
<https://www.humanesociety.org>

<https://protectedpaws.org/legislation/puppy-mill-laws-by-state>

Expert Excerpts

Holiday Hazards

December often means lots of parties or company for the holidays and likely your Newfoundland will want to greet the guests as well. You probably know that chocolate is toxic to dogs, but by taking a few other precautions you can ensure your dog has a happy holiday season as well.

First off, make sure all human food is out of your dog's reach (an extra challenge for Newf parents!). Most foods, and especially sweets are too rich for your pooch. Keep alcoholic drinks away as well, as they can cause weakness or a coma. Mincemeat pies are also toxic (due to the raisins).

If you put up a live Christmas tree, keep your Newfoundland from drinking the water. It can cause an upset stomach. And, if you've experienced a tree with a Newf in the past, you know to keep all breakable ornaments above tail-wagging level and secure the tree. If something does break, clean it up quickly to avoid a cut paw or possible ingestion.

Source:

<https://www.aspca.org/pet-care/general-pet-care/holiday-safety-tips>

TNP Alumni

Newfie dreams do come true. Debi Broughton Wallace always wanted a Newfoundland. Earlier this year, she got her wish when she adopted 7-year-old Gabe (formerly Tank) and 2-year-old Jake.

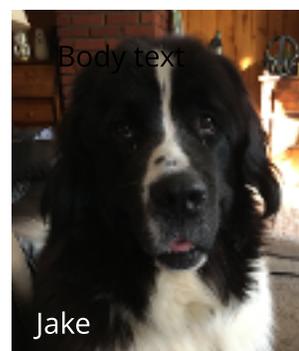
Debi has always been a big dog person, having grown up with St. Bernard's and has a soft spot for senior dogs. She lost her Great Pyrenees in January after being home for only a year and her Golden



Gabe

Retriever/Shepherd mix in November 2018 after only 9 months. In the spring she decided to look into finally adopting a Newfoundland and googled rescue groups in upstate New York. That Newfoundland Place came up in her search so she reached out and submitted an application. "The best thing in my life is when I got the call from Cathy," Debi said.

Debi brought Gabe home to Willow, her 13-year-old rescued Old English Sheep dog in May. It took a bit for Gabe to adjust but Debi said, "he fits in perfectly. This is his home." Jake had just gotten neutered when Debi picked up Gabe and wasn't available for adoption yet.



Jake

Debi called a couple weeks later and found out he was still available. Although TNP does not normally place same sex dogs together, Gabe and Jake arrived at TNP together when their owner died, and allowed the pair to be placed together. Debi's only concern was Jake's behavior with cats, but it turns out he was

more interested in the cat food than the cats. Jake was soon on his way to Chestertown, NY with Debi.

Gabe and Jake share their home with Debi's husband, Gary, 8 cats, horses and goats. "That's what happens when your best friend is the animal control officer," Debi said.

Debi is thrilled to finally have Newfs in her life. "Jake loves everybody but Gabe is my boy," Debi said.

Upcoming Events

Open House Schedule for 2020

The open house schedule for 2020 at That Newfoundland Place is:

April 26

June 7

July 19

August 30

All open houses are held rain or shine at 554 Pucker Street, Coventry, CT from noon to 3:00 pm. These events are a great opportunity to learn about adopting a rescue, the Newfoundland breed, and the dogs available for adoption at TNP. Meet the volunteers and TNP alumni, ask questions, and get answers! Adoption applications and TNP's adoption agreements will be available.

NO DOGS are adopted out on the day of the open house. It is solely a meet and greet event.

Dogs are welcome, but must be well behaved and leashed.

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Need the perfect gift for the Newfoundland lover on your Christmas list?

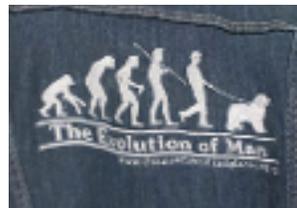
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