

# Newfie News



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## TNP 2020 Review: Rescuing through the Pandemic

*By Cathy Derench, TNP President*

What a year this has been! Whereas 2020 started out on a normal note, things sure went down hill fast! That Newfoundland Place turned 10 years old in March of 2020. Up until that time we had 270 dogs, mostly Newfoundlands, come in through our gates and exit these same gates to new forever homes. Reasons for surrenders during 2020 remained the same: family hardship, illness, job loss, back yard breeder or puppy mill toss outs.

January started with us taking in three Newfie brothers from a hardship situation. After vetting, which included neutering, each went to their new home. Huck left in January for MA; Monte and Atlas left in February and are in CT and NH.



Jack

January also brought us Jack the Greyhound and Beau the Standard Schnauzer due to owner illness. Jack was adopted from TNP by a long time Greyhound lover and lives in MA. Beau was adopted in working with one of our sister rescues, the Animal Welfare Society in New Milford, CT, and lives in CT.

Koda and Rosie arrived and left in March, again due to family hardship. Both were vetted and were looking good. Each went to their new home right before the world shut down. Koda lives in Long Island; Rosie, a Landseer, is in CT.



Rosie

May brought Maya from NY, a lovely black 2-year-old female. Owners felt a new home was in order as Maya is energetic and was knocking the little kids over. After being vetted Maya is now living the life in MA.

Quinn was a puppy when she arrived in May, and was too much for her owner at 12 weeks old. She was fostered by our Shyann and JD and learned a lot. The best thing she learned was how to swim and she LOVES the water! Quinn is now living in CT and doing super.

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## Who's at TNP?

**Teddy**, a 9-month-old male, arrived at TNP at the end of the month, after his owner went into assisted living. Teddy will be vetted and evaluated, then the TNP staff will decide on the best placement for him.



Nearly 2-year-old **Admiral** is currently in foster care in upstate NY after a quick turn around the first week in December. Admiral had been living outside 24/7 near the Canadian border and is adapting to life as part of a family. He loves spending time with the two teenage boys.



**Stripe** the French Bulldog, remains at TNP after coming in with 2 siblings in October (both in foster care). Stripe has an eye specialist recheck in January and for now enjoys spending time with the big dogs at TNP, including TNP resident Mia the Saint Bernard.



## Recently Adopted

**Lucas** (now Chewbacca/Chewie) went to his new home in southern NH with his family Chris and Melissa and their daughter Makenzie and son Sebastian on Christmas Eve. Chewie is 3-4 years old and healed from his eye and neuter surgery while at TNP. "He is doing well. He's extremely lovey and wants his belly rubbed all the time," Chris said. Chewie also loves long walks and his cat sister, Daisy, although she is taking longer to warm up to Chewie.



## Expert Excerpts

*With Dr. Lauren Flanagan of Pepperell (MA) Veterinary Hospital*

Two of the most dreaded words to a Newfie owner are...hip dysplasia. If you own, or plan to own a large breed dog, it's best to educate yourself about the condition, what can be done for it, and how to recognize if it's a problem.

*What is hip dysplasia?*

Hip dysplasia literally translates to abnormal growth or development of the hip joint. The hip joint is a "ball and socket" joint. The "socket" is the acetabulum, the hollow area on the pelvis where the "ball", or femoral head, seats itself. In hip dysplasia either location can be malformed. The acetabulum can be too shallow, the femoral head can be too flat, or they both can be abnormal.

In any of these situations it means the femoral head does not fit properly into the acetabulum. This results in instability in the joint causing abnormal motion of the two parts against one another. Over time this wears away the cartilage and arthritis develops as the body tries to stabilize the joint.

Affected dogs are born with hip dysplasia. It is not a disease of just old dogs. They may not show pain until their elderly years when the arthritis has set in, but the joint problem has existed since puppy-hood. Some young dogs can show signs of pain even before the arthritis has set in.

*Next month: symptoms, causes and treatment of hip dysplasia.*

## Recently Adopted

It's been a difficult year for Helen Saulia, beyond the stress caused by COVID-19 and other events. Helen lost three treasured family members – a horse in January, and Newfoundlands Harley in April and Chief in September. Both were 10 years old. "I was devastated," Helen said.

Fortunately, the year ended on a bright note. Helen brought home 2-year-old **Rilla** from TNP on December 6. Rilla, or Rosie Rilla/Rosarilla as Helen calls her, was re-homed due to owner illness. Helen recently found out



that Rilla's name came from looking like a gorilla as a puppy.

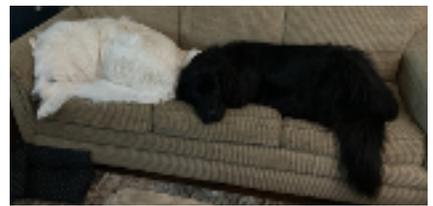
Rosie Rilla is Helen's 8th Newfie and 6th rescue (5 from TNP). She first became interested in Newfoundlands at college in Pennsylvania. She rode horses at a nearby barn with 2 resident Newfs and fell in love with the breed. Helen got her first Newf in 1991 – a birthday present to herself – and connected with the Newfoundland Club of New England (NCNE) because the dog had bone spurs, which Ellen Katz at NCNE was very knowledgeable about. Helen also met Cathy Derench at NCNE and stayed in touch when TNP was founded.

Helen is well known to many familiar with TNP. She had been doing home visits from her Marshfield, MA home for 25 years, on the South Shore and Cape Cod. Helen now resides in Rehoboth, MA on a large property with her daughter and son-in-law. Rilla joined 4 horses, 9 cats, 11 chickens and black Labs Dixie, 12, and Bobo, 7, who belong to Helen's daughter.

Rosie Rilla is enjoying life on the farm and has won over her family very quickly. "I'm very happy to have her," said Helen. "My family loves her."

## TNP Alumni

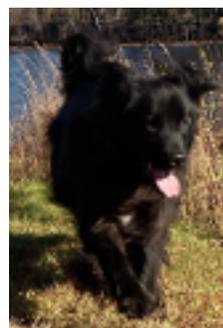
For Albert and Priscilla Wozniak, the joy of dogs is black and white. Black as in Newfoundland Shelby and white as in Great Pyrenees Bentley (Ben).



Albert and Priscilla have been dog lovers their entire lives and have a long history of Newfoundlands. Albert grew up with Collies and Priscilla with Golden Retrievers, yet she was always interested in Newfoundlands. After researching the breed, they brought home their first Newf, Ivan, from a breeder in New York in 1983. Ivan proved to be the hero Newfoundland that you might read about in the news, having instinctively rescued an infant neighbor that fell into the swimming pool.

Morgan, a female, was their second Newfoundland and got them interested in breeding. Albert and Priscilla joined the Newfoundland Club of America and the Newfoundland Club of New England, but "didn't find a suitable stud for Morgan," Albert said. Angus, Chelsea and Arthur followed Morgan.

Shelby is their 6th Newf, and the first from rescue. Shelby arrived at TNP in Fall 2018, one of 3 female puppies from a puppy mill. Albert and Priscilla adopted her in December 2018 at 3 months old. Shelby joined Ben, who is about a year older than her, in his Sunderland, MA home along with cat Marshall, whom Shelby loves. There are also fish in a backyard pond.



Shelby enjoys many "typical" Newf activities. She loves to swim and often gets the opportunity when Albert brings her and Ben to a pond about a mile away. Shelby will

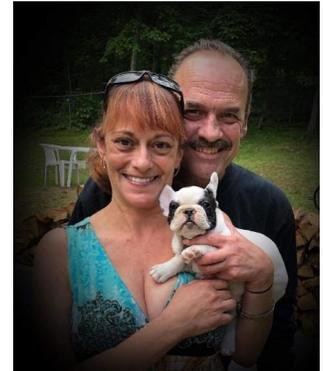
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Hudson

Hudson also arrived in May at 5 months old; he was too much for his owners. He went to his new home in June and lives in NY on a beautiful lake with former adopters.

June also brought us a deaf French Bulldog puppy. The timing was perfect as my neighbors had recently lost their little dog and were looking to get another small dog. Bella the adorable Frenchie now lives next door to me! She's been spayed and is often seen riding by in the car with her family, wearing a variety of adorable doggie outfits.



Bella

Rudy also came through TNP in June, a terrier/yorkie mix. After our own Krisy took him to the vet, he made it as far as her mother's house, where Rudy is now living large with Betty, Krisy's mom.

Angus left for his new home in July. Yet another pup that too much for his former owner. He is now living with his older Newf sister and a family with kids in NH and doing fantastic.



Alfie

Five to 6-year-olds Alfie and Rita arrived in Coventry mid-summer also. They were being held at the Chautauqua County Humane Society in upstate NY. The people there are amazing! They tried placing them from there but realized that these Newfs may do better being placed by a Newf Rescue and called us for assistance. With transport help, we got the dogs here and each are now in their new home. Alfie left at the end of July and Rita in mid-August. Both are in MA, each doing very well with their new families.

July also brought us Big Boy, an 11-year-old black Newf whose owner passed. Our own Annette and Rich have given this sweet boy a home!



Big Boy

Wick, yet another young pup, a Landseer, arrived in Coventry in September. He was surrendered due to family illness. He left in October with his new family and lives in CT.

The end of September saw the arrival of three 8-week-old Frenchies who were in need of help due to some eye and hairlip issues. One of our vets adopted one, one is currently being fostered by the vet tech, and one is here at TNP. We will update on these cute little dogs once we know what the future holds for them.

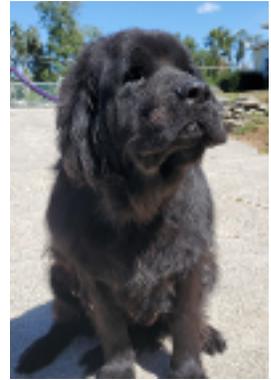


Peaches

Peaches is a 3-year-old black female who was living in Michigan with an amazing family who saw her through two cruciate surgeries. She had a horrible puppy mill past prior to getting to these kind people. You may have read her story on our Facebook page. Hardship made it impossible for them to keep her. With a TON of transport help, we got her to CT. She was adopted in October by an amazing family in Long Island with Newf experience. Peaches got to walk on the beach this summer and was loving that.

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Four-year-old Azi arrived in September. She was no longer able to get along with the other older female in the house. She spent a couple months here with us as we had her eyes evaluated by a specialist. It took a couple of visits and a variety of eye drops to determine the best plan for her. As of November, 2020, Azi is now Maisie and loving life living in NC.



Azi

Rilla, a 2-year-old black female, arrived in December, surrendered due to owner illness. After being checked by our vet, she was on her way to MA with a long time Newf owner whose dogs had recently passed due to old age.

The end of November brought us Lucas from a local humane society. We had him neutered and he needed eye surgery to repair one cherry eye. He's just now healed and left for his new home on Christmas Eve with long time adopters in NH.

How things can change within a day! We were able to get an almost two-year-old Newf into foster in NY from near the Canadian border during this first snowy week of December. He'd lived chained outside, which we all know is not good for any dog, but especially a Newfoundland who wants to be with his people. He looks like a new dog after grooming and is loving being part of his foster family. He is just now starting to relax IN the house. Good for you, Admiral! Stay tuned for updates. Admiral just may be our first placement for 2021 - a foster failure situation. LOL!

So 2020 has seen the placement of 24 dogs, 17 of which were Newfoundlands. TNP has assisted, as we do normally, with spays and neuters in other parts of the country in order to facilitate the safe placement of dogs in need of new homes. This year has also been a year of food donations and assistance with vet expenses in order to help people keep their dogs during this crazy, unstable year.

As always, we are so very grateful to our TNP volunteers who work tirelessly for the dogs and to our vet, Kirby Vet Hospital, Dr. Wendy and staff, who are always there for us.

Our gratitude to our supporters is HUGE!!!! We couldn't do any of this without you! THANK YOU doesn't even begin to tell you how we feel!

We are looking, hopefully, to more normalcy for 2021 so we can safely get together for our annual events.

Stay safe and well, friends!

*We wish everyone a Happy, Healthy, and SAFE  
Holiday Season and New Year for 2021*

*-That Newfoundland Place*

# Winter Hazards for Newfs

Newfoundlands are built for winter with thick double coats and warm fur. They were bred for the icy waters off the coast of Newfoundland and most of them thrive in frigid, snowy conditions. While you may have a difficult time getting your Newf to come inside during the winter, there are plenty of dangers you should be aware of to keep your Newf – or any dog - healthy throughout the winter. (Adapted from the American Kennel Club website akc.org)

## Avoid Thin Ice

Winter always brings stories of dogs falling through the ice. It might look safe to walk across a frozen pond, but ice can easily crack and break, especially under a Newf that's as heavy as an adult. Slipping on ice can also lead to muscle strains and other injuries.

## Protect Your Dog's Paws

Even giant paws can sustain injuries and abrasions from trudging on frozen snow or ice. Booties or paw protectors can keep your pup's feet safe.

## Trim Foot Fuzz

Fur on the feet of long-haired dogs like Newfoundlands can form ice balls between pads and toes. Trim the hair so that it is even with the surface of the foot to avoid cuts from ice stuck between the pads.

## Clean Your Dog's Feet

Streets are coated with ice melt, which can contain sodium chloride (rock salt) and calcium chloride. While it keeps streets and sidewalks clear for your daily walks, it can damage paw pads. Wash off your dog's feet with warm water and make sure to reach spots between the toes and pads.

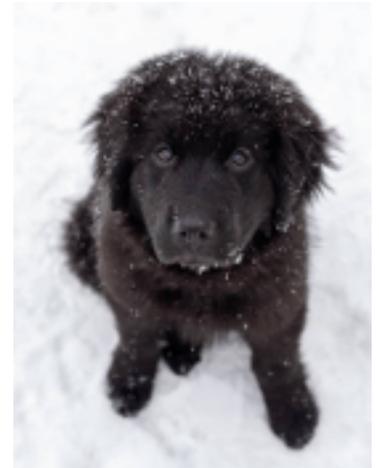


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## Limit Time Outside

Even cold weather dogs like Newfoundlands can get frostbite, especially on delicate ear flaps and tail tips. Be aware of the major signs of frostbite, which include skin that appears white or blue. Shivering, reduced activity, and icing on the coat (snow melting on their fur and reforming as ice) are also signs that it's too cold outside for your dog.

## Stay In

Even big fuzzy dogs that spend most of their time indoors need some time to acclimate to freezing temperatures. Short romps outside will help your dog's body get used to the change in the weather.

## Bundle Your Dog Up

Your Newf already has a heavy winter coat, but your short-haired dog does not. A winter coat will keep them warm in freezing temperatures.

## Consider Your Dog's Age

Like humans, very young and very old dogs have a hard time regulating body temperature and have more extreme reactions to changes in weather. Limit and monitor time outside.

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wade in chest deep and dunk her head under, while Ben prefers to just get his feet wet. In the snow, Shelby loves to run and roll around.

Albert notes that Shelby also loves her walks. "Ben has seniority," he said, so "she'll patiently wait for her turn." With a nearby forest to walk in and explore, it's worth the wait. Albert also said that Shelby is "indifferent to other dogs, but loves people. But she's shy with people until she gets to know them." Shelby has also been known to catch birds in the backyard. Fortunately for the birds, Ben is first out the door and barks to scare them away.

Their first experience with a Newfoundland rescue has been a success for the Wozniaks. "Shelby is "active, loving, and playful – the perfect Newfie," Albert said.

## Upcoming Events

COVID-19 continues to rage on in the US, making any in-person gatherings at TNP unsafe. Yet, the TNP team is hopeful that the latter half of the year will bring opportunities for Open Houses and the annual Fundraiser and Reunion in the fall.

Stay tuned for more information on TNP events in future newsletters and in the TNP Facebook group.

In the meantime, rescue work will continue as well as filling requests for food to those in need.

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### Beware of Antifreeze

As little as a teaspoon of antifreeze can cause kidney failure. Be alert to signs that your dog has swallowed it, including drooling, vomiting, seizures, excessive thirst, panting, lethargy and a drunken appearance. If you think your dog has ingested antifreeze, get to a vet as soon as possible. Even if you keep your antifreeze safely out of sight, there is still a danger from residue in the driveway and streets.

If your dog does run into any unfavorable winter side effects, be sure to consult your veterinarian.

<https://www.akc.org/expert-advice/lifestyle/10-winter-safety-tips-for-dogs/>

## Donors Generous on Giving Tuesday

TNP exceeded its fundraising goal on Giving Tuesday, thanks to the unwavering support of many Newf lovers and friends. Without the annual Fundraiser and Reunion this year due to COVID-19, the donations were especially meaningful.

"Saying thank you is NOT enough," remarked TNP President Cathy Derench. "Honestly, we are beyond humbled by your support, kindness, and generosity. It's you who make That Newfoundland Place what it is and for that we are beyond grateful!"

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