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Water Safety

Newfoundlands were bred to be water dogs with their webbed feet and water-resistant coat. There are hundreds of stories of Newfs rescuing people from drowning with their swimming abilities and many have a natural lifeguard instinct, despite having no training. They feel very natural in and around water.

Still, not every Newf is an expert swimmer. Precautions should be taken around the water to ensure their safety. If your Newf has never been swimming before, or is a puppy, don't assume they will immediately take to the water and start swimming. Start out with a life vest in the shallow water. Get in the water with your dog and stay near them. You may also want to invest in some swimming lessons if you discover your Newf is apprehensive about swimming. Just as with humans, practice will give your dog confidence and improve swimming skills.

If you take to the water on a boat with your Newf, make sure he/she has a life preserver on, even if he/she is a good swimmer. This will keep your Newf afloat and give you something to grab on to if they jump in the water so you can bring them back on board. Remember, your Newf will weigh even more when wet with the excess water.

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Where to Take Your Newf Swimming

On a hot summer day, spending time in the water is a great activity for your Newf. Even if they don't care to swim, most will appreciate the opportunity to stand in the water or wade to cool off. For other Newfs, a day of swimming or retrieving in the water is a favorite activity.

Of course, there are hundreds of ponds, lakes, rivers and streams in the New England area and beyond, and five of the six states boast miles of beaches. Many of the waterways are dog friendly, particularly in the off-season or off hours. **Be sure to check with the town where the body of water is located for exact rules and regulations for dogs.** Good manners will keep areas open for all dog owners – pick up after your pet and be in control of your dog at all times.

Below is a list of dog-friendly of beaches by state. While not all-encompassing, you may find one near you for a fun day trip:

Connecticut

Cheshire -Mixville Recreation Area has a dog-friendly swimming area in the pond and is open year-round. There is a parking fee during summer. Dogs must be leashed at all times in common areas. *Continued on page 4*

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Who's at TNP?

Three dogs - two males and one female - are in the process of arriving at TNP, all due to family hardship. Stay tuned to the TNP Facebook page and newsletter for updates.

Recently Adopted

Seven-year-old **Olivia** was adopted by Ann & Andy McCann on June 30 and is settling in with her new family in Newfane, VT. "She is doing well and has calmed down," Ann said. It took Olivia a few days to relax, but "she has been sleeping on her back with her paws in the air," Andy said, the tell-tale sign that she is comfortable in her new home.



Olivia is crazy about stuffed animals, and went home with a rabbit. She has added a llama and loves to walk around with her stuffies. She also enjoys spending time in the West River, which is about one hundred feet from the house. Andy appreciates that Olivia is easy to groom. "She doesn't mind the blow dryer or electric trimmers," he said. That has been handy after the daily swim. "I just blow her off and she's all set," Andy said.

Olivia shares her home with Beau, a large mixed breed dog, and two cats. The McCanns also have 3 miniature sheep, but Olivia has not spent any time with them due to their proximity to the electric fence, which she avoids completely.

Lord Byron's *Inscription on the Monument of a Newfoundland Dog (or Epitaph to a Dog)* commemorates the life of his dog, Boatswain. Written shortly before Boatswain's death, it was later published in Byron's popular poetry collection, **The Corsair** in 1814.

Near this Spot
are deposited the Remains of one
who possessed Beauty without Vanity;
Strength without Insolence,
Courage without Ferocity,
and all the virtues of Man without his Vices.
This praise, which would be unmeaning Flattery
if inscribed over human Ashes,
is but a just tribute to the Memory of
Boatswain, a Dog,
who was born in Newfoundland May 1803
and died at Newstead November 18, 1808.

The McCanns are veteran Newf owners since 1990 when they adopted their first Newf, Delilah, from Even Keel Kennels. Ann had been a fan of big dogs for years and loves the Lord Byron poem *Inscription on the Monument of a Newfoundland Dog* which commemorates the life of Byron's dog, Boatswain. Delilah was Andy's first dog, but the love affair with Newfs developed quickly. "They bonded like one soul in two different bodies," Ann said. Olivia is their 11th Newf, and the first from TNP. They have adopted 3 from the Newfoundland Club of New England, and others from breeders, mostly as adult dogs. Andy has done water rescue and draft training with many of the dogs.

Olivia is a wonderful addition to the McCann's family. "We are so grateful to TNP for this perfect match!" Anne said.



Moose went to his new family - Oliver, Martha, Oliver, Bowden, and Lara - on July 19 as a foster to adopt. Check the September newsletter for a full update.

Expert Excerpts

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

Distemper Symptoms and Treatment

Distemper is an infectious disease caused by a virus that can be spread from dog to dog through any bodily secretion. Symptoms often present as a cold - gooey eyes, runny nose, and a mild fever - yet eventually the virus enters the central nervous system.

Traditionally we would look at the constellation of symptoms and clinical signs to diagnose distemper. Recently PCR technology has allowed us to test for viral DNA to distinguish infection versus vaccination. Biopsies of calloused foot pads can be tested for the presence of distemper virus. Blood titers (antibody levels) cannot distinguish vaccination from infection, but distemper antibodies detected in cerebrospinal fluid are highly indicative of infection as the vaccine antibodies do not cross into the cerebral spinal fluid.

Unfortunately, there are no treatments effective against the distemper virus. Veterinarians provide supportive care to the animals while they wait for the patient to mount an immune response. Fortunately, there is a vaccine available that is highly effective when administered at correct intervals. The virus does not survive long in the environment and is readily killed by routine disinfectants.

TNP Alumni

Some Newfoundlands are born to work. They are happiest when pulling a cart, lifeguarding, or performing water retrieval. Others prefer to spend their days close by their humans, napping, or just being a family pet.

Alison (AJ) Cole has always been attracted to working dogs. When she was 10, AJ's family got their first dog, a Siberian Husky. She became interested in showing in sled racing, confirmation, and junior showmanship, which focused on the skills of the handler rather than the dog's breed standard, and attended many American Kennel Club (AKC) shows with the Huskies. AJ also had Bernese Mountain Dogs during the same time. "I love the big bulky dogs," she said.



Simon, Tessie, Owen & Corey

At the sled races, AJ saw Newfoundlands performing weight pulling and fell in love with the breed. As an adult, however, her first dogs were Golden Retrievers, Simon and Corey. While she no longer showed

dogs in conformation, AJ remained active with AKC obedience and saw a recommendation in one of the AKC Gazettes for "In the Company of Newfies: A Shared Life" by Rhoda Lerman- for all dog owners, not just Newf owners. She read it and was hooked. "I really wanted a Newfie," she said.

AJ was more interested in having an older Newfie, rather than a puppy. Her research led her to the Newfoundland Club of New England and Cathy Derench. In 2003, AJ adopted Owen at 11 months old.



Owen & Tessie

In 2004, AJ added 2-year-old Tessie to the family. "She was quite a bit of trouble," AJ said. "It took a group of people to come up with a plan to make her a family dog. It took a couple of years, patience, and sticking to the plan. But, she came around and was very worth the saving. She was a sweet dog."

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Be especially mindful if your dog is swimming in water with a current. Even strong Newfs can be swept away or tire easily to keep themselves afloat in a fast current or rip tide. Dogs don't tread water to save energy, rather they keep in continuous motion when swimming so supervise your pup at all times. Don't let them get too far away from you. Water temperature is important too. Dogs tire out faster the colder the water is, even with a double coat.

If you have a swimming pool in the backyard, make sure it is fenced to keep your Newf away from the water when it's not time to swim. A cover should be kept on the pool when it's not in use. Teach your Newf how to get in and out of the pool using stairs or a ramp.

Remember, swimming is exercise. Have fresh water available when your Newf comes out of the water. This is especially important at the beach as salt water can make your dog sick.

Salt water, as well as chlorine, and bacteria found in lakes and ponds, can also damage your Newf's coat and skin. Thoroughly rinse him or her after swimming. Stay away from water with blue-green algae.

With those big floppy ears, Newfs are notorious for ear infections and swimming can increase the risk as water gets trapped in the canal. Dry the ears thoroughly after swimming or other water activity and watch out for signs of an ear infection.

If your Newf doesn't like the water, don't force him or her in. Your Newf is not broken! There are lots of other activities you can share during the summer.

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Fairfield- Jennings Dog Beach is open to off-leash dogs between October and March. The Town Marina also welcomes dogs, so renting a boat for an afternoon excursion is an option. There's also a Jennings dog park near the beach.

Groton- Bluff Point State Park allows leashed dogs from October to March.

Madison- Hammonasset Beach State Park welcomes leashed dogs between November and April. The park allows leashed dogs in all other areas year-round.

Westport- Compo Beach is open to dogs from October to March. Leashes are required, but there is a designated off-leash spot on the beach. The adjacent Ned Dimes Marina is also pet-friendly for leashed dogs.

Maine

Bar Harbor- Hadley Point Beach allows dogs on leash.

Biddeford- Biddeford Pool and Hills Beach allows leashed dogs before 9 am and after 8 pm.

Kennebunk- Gooch's, Middle, and Mother's Beach allow dogs on leash before 9 am and after 5 pm June 15 - Labor Day. They're allowed anytime the rest of the year.

Kennebunkport- Goose Rock and Colony Beach allow leashed dogs before 8 am and after 6 pm June 15 to September 15 and anytime outside those dates.

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Kittery- Crescent Beach, Fort Foster Park, and Seapoint Beach allow dogs on leash anytime.

Ogunquit- Dogs are allowed October 1 to March 31 only.

Old Orchard Beach- Dogs are allowed before 10 am and after 5 pm.

Portland- East End Beach allows dogs after Labor day to the day before Memorial day;

Willard Beach allows leashed dogs 6-9 am May 1 to September 30.

Saco -Leashed dogs are allowed at Bayview, Camp Ellis, and Kenney Shores Beach all year.

Scarborough -has complex rules for dogs. Read more here :[Scarborough Beach Ordinance](#).

Stockton Springs- Sandy Point Beach allows off-leash dogs.

South Portland -Willard Beach is off-leash 7-9 am and 7-9 pm May 1 to October 1 and free-range in the off-season.

Wells- Leashed Dogs are allowed on beaches April 1 to June 15 and June 16 to September 15 before 8 am and after 6 pm.

York- Cape Neddick, York Harbor, Long Sands, Short Sands, and Steadman Woods Beaches allow unleashed (owner should be leash-ready) dogs May 20 to September 20 sunrise to 8 am; after 6pm to sunset dogs must be leashed. The rest of the year dogs have free reign.

Massachusetts

Boston

South Boston- Dogs are allowed on Carson Beach on leash during the off-season.

Deer Island/Nut Island- Dogs can take a water taxi to both Boston Harbor Islands.

North Shore

Beverly- Dane Beach allows dogs from 7:30 pm to 7:30 am Memorial Day through Labor Day.

Gloucester - Good Harbour Beach welcomes leashed dogs October to March; Crab Beach is off-leash at all times.

Ipswich- Crane's Beach allows dogs on-leash and only below the high tide line October 1 to March 31.

Manchester- Singing Beach allows dogs October 15 to April 15.

Marblehead -Riverhead Beach welcomes leashed dogs.

Nahant- Dogs allowed October 1 to April 30.

Plum Island- Dogs are allowed October 15 to May 15, but never on the Plum Island Refuge.

Salisbury- Dogs are allowed all year on leash on the river side of the Salisbury Beach State Reservation but not on the ocean side.

Swampscott- Leashed dogs welcome October 1 to May 20. They must be off leash between the high tide line and the water under voice control.

South Shore

Duxbury -Resident Beach and the back beach north of Powder Point Bridge allows leashed dogs April 1 to September 15. All other beaches allow leashed dogs all year 8 am to sunset. You need a permit from town hall for all beaches.

Hull- Nastasket Beach allows dogs on leash November to April.

Marshfield- Rexhame Beach welcomes leashed dogs all year.

Plymouth- Dogs are allowed on leash year-round.

Quincy -Squantum Point Park requires leashed dogs in the park; dogs can play and swim at the beach when there are no other people there.

Westport- Herring Beach allows dogs on leashes October to March.

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Cape Cod and the Islands

Barnstable -Sandy Neck hiking trails and off-road beach only allow leashed dogs all year; other beaches allow leashed dogs September 16 to May 15.

Brewster– Dogs welcome November 1 to June 1.

Cape Cod National Seashore– Leashed dogs are allowed on all beaches year-round except where there is a lifeguard in the summer (You may walk through to reach unguarded areas). Dogs are never allowed near posted nesting areas and have restricted access to other parts of the Seashore from May 15 to October 15.

Chatham– Dogs allowed on leash September 16 to March 31.

Dennis- Dogs are allowed after Labor Day to Memorial Day; Chapin Beach has a dog-friendly section.

Eastham- Dyer Prince Road Beach allows dogs before 9 am and after 4 pm in the summer season; All other beaches are open to dogs after Labor Day to June 15.

Falmouth– Welcomes leashed dogs October 1 to April 30.

Harwich– No dogs allowed Memorial Day to Labor Day.

Martha's Vineyard– Dogs are only allowed before 9 am and after 5 pm May 15 to September 15; Beware of other restrictions on nesting areas as posted.

Nantucket- Dogs allowed before 9 am and after 5 pm during the summer months.

Orleans– Nauset Beach allows dogs only south of trail (on-leash unless below the tide line) May 15 to Labor Day. Follow other rules as posted.

Provincetown– Leashed dogs are welcome any time; Off-leash dogs are allowed Memorial Day to November 1 6pm to 9 am.

Sandwich– Dogs allowed on-leash only October to March.

Wellfleet- Duck Harbor, Maguire Landing, Cahoon Hollow, White Crest, Newcomb Hollow allows dogs before 9 am and after 5 pm in season and any time off-season.

New Hampshire (Most places that have public beaches allow dogs after hours and early in the am before they open.)

Seabrook– Leashed dogs are allowed September 15 to June 1.

Rye- Dogs are allowed the Sunday after Labor Day to the Friday before Memorial Day at any time and between 7 pm and 9 am in season.

The Merrimack River is also a popular swimming place for dogs and runs from New Hampshire to Massachusetts. Be sure to use a life vest on both dog and human, along with a long leash attached to the dog because of currents.

Rhode Island

Block Island- Dogs are allowed year round.

Dogs are allowed October 1 to March 30 in these towns:

Charlestown –East Beach

Narragansett -Salty Brine State Beach

South Kingston -East Matunuck State Beach

Westerly- Misquamicut

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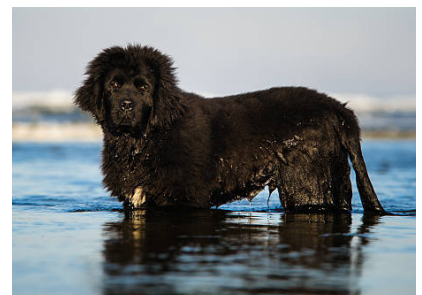


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AJ kept the Newfs working. They were trained for water rescue, draft work, therapy, and obedience.



Smiling Mickey

Hazel was next to be adopted, in 2012 at age 12 weeks. Tessie passed away and soon a senior Newf stole AJ's heart. "I brought Hazel to a TNP open house," she said. "I had no intention of adopting. I went to speak with the other adopters. Mickey was in a kennel barking her head off. I swear she was yelling mama." Mickey was part of AJ's family for less than a year, but AJ says of her, "she was the happiest 12-year-old dog for the time I had her. She had a gigantic smile all the time."

After Owen passed away in 2014, AJ was called upon by TNP to adopt and also foster a puppy from a litter of four later that year. It turned out to be the shortest foster in history. "When Cathy called and said she had a dog for me she also asked if I would foster one of the puppies," AJ said. "I said 'what if I can't give the dog back?' Cathy replied it would be okay. The puppy was a foster fail before I even got off the phone."

It was clear both puppies were meant for AJ from the start. "When I went to see the puppies for the first time, Jules & Gabe came running to me, she said. "The other two puppies held back. It seems they picked me."



Gabe, Hazel & Jules



AJ & Hazel paddleboarding

AJ is happy with Hazel, Jules, and Gabe, even if they don't "work" as much as previous Newfs. "The three I have now have rebelled against work," she said. Still, she has done tracking, therapy, rally, and obedience work with them. She keeps them active outdoors near her Richmond, MA home with swimming, camping, and paddle boarding. Alison also shares a tandem kayak with the dogs.

Despite the foster fail, AJ has remained committed to TNP and lends a hand when she can, including completing home visits and, most recently, transporting a dog. "Cathy D, is the most wonderful rescue person and I would do anything for her," AJ said. "I'm so grateful that she trusts me with the six Newfies I've had."

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