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## That Newfoundland Place - 2021 Year in Review

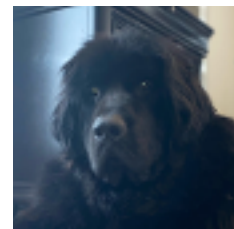
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The year 2021 was another year of challenges. Who thought that we would still be battling the pandemic a full year later, and it's not over yet! But Covid did not stop the work of TNP. We continued to take in dogs, do all the necessary vet work, and find these dogs amazing homes. Including the current dogs we have here and in foster for placement, TNP handled and is handling a total of 23 dogs in 2021.

Per the norm, we also found ourselves helping in many other situations. Vet help and food were the biggest challenges in 2021. Many folks found themselves faced with strays - dogs or cats - needing help. Rather than ignore the situation these good people stepped in to help by reaching out to TNP for additional assistance for advice, vet expenses, or food. We were happy to help with all of these where we could.

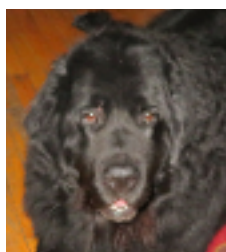
### January

Our first adoption for 2021, **Admiral**, now called Chance, was taken from a hardship situation and fostered NY. Once all the vet work was done, Chris and Estelle decided that this big, slobbery Newf was definitely meant to be in their family. Chance continues to do well and we have seen him in many TNP Facebook posts.



Admiral/Chance

**Milo** from NY was another foster situation. TNP took care of Milo's neuter and vetting. Once healed, TNP sent one of our pre-approved adopters to meet and potentially adopt Milo. It worked out great and Milo is living the life with his new family, also in NY.



Brynn

### February

**Brynn** the Newfoundland and **Cooper** the Bernese Mountain Dog from NY arrived at TNP, again, a family hardship situation, both lovely, sweet dogs who had been well cared for and well loved. Within two weeks of arrival, Cooper wasn't himself, going from eating and playing to no appetite. Vet visits, x-rays, and ultrasounds revealed a tumor that had probably been there for some time. His surgery was scheduled for the next day but Cooper didn't

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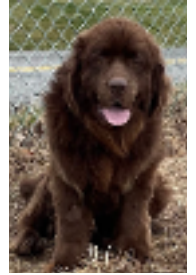
## Who's at TNP?



Seven-year-old **Samson** arrived at TNP on November 2 and tested positive for heart worm. His first treatment was on December 4, with his second injection scheduled for early January. In February Sam will have neuter surgery and then TNP will address his dislocated hip as a result of being hit by a car.

Sam is in foster care while he gets healthy enough to be adopted. He should be ready for his new home by March or April. He will be going to a wonderful home in NY.

**Clifford** is approximately 1 1/2 and was picked up as a stray in New York. He arrived at TNP with some serious orthopedic issues and will be receiving an orthopedic evaluation soon and any subsequent surgery needed. Clifford is currently at TNP and will be placed in a foster-to-adopt home.



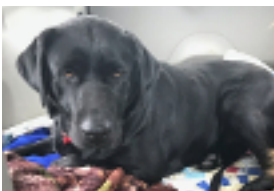
Izzy, far left, with her foster family

January 10 for luxating patellas to determine her prognosis. Izzy loves her status as "honorary herder" with her pack who have been playing with her and helping take care of her.

**Izzy** is a 10-week-old Landseer puppy who had the opportunity to cross the path of TNP with help from an amazing foster friend. She is with her foster mom Mary, and is growing and doing well. Izzy will see an orthopedic specialist on

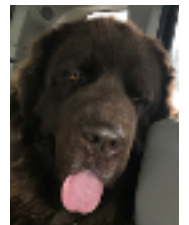


**Lilly** is sweet and friendly and in excellent health. At just 10-months-old she is full of energy. Lilly was surrendered due to family hardship and is currently in foster care until she is spayed and TNP can find her the perfect home.



Stella

**Mabel** the Newf and **Stella** the English Black Lab arrived at TNP from NY on December 27, both due to family hardship. Stella, 2 1/2, already has a new home in CT. Mabel, 3, will stay at TNP until she is ready to go to her new home in PA. Both girls are scheduled to be vetted and spayed.



Mabel

Check the TNP Facebook page and future issues of the newsletter for updates on all available dogs. Dogs are placed only in APPROVED homes that have had home checks (virtual or in person). Email [nancy@thatnewfoundlandplace.org](mailto:nancy@thatnewfoundlandplace.org) for an application.

## Recently Adopted

**Pharoah**, an 11-month-old Airedale Terrier was looking for a new home due to family hardship. TNP assisted in finding the perfect home for Pharoah, who now lives in NH with long time Newf owners and has a Newfie sister named Buggie.



## Recently Adopted



**Onyx** is enjoying his new home with Rebecca Diamond in Lansdowne, PA, just outside of Philadelphia, after being adopted last month. He loves to

play tug-of-war with Rebecca, and with his ball and soft toys.

This 3-year-old boy didn't know how to walk well on a leash, but Rebecca reports, "We have been working on manners and he is doing better." Onyx is not food motivated, which Rebecca had not experienced before with dogs, so she has been working with a trainer since mid-December to reduce pulling. "He prefers play and being outside," Rebecca said.

Onyx is Rebecca's first Newfoundland, although she has had dogs for 20 years, including three Leonbergers. She had been looking for a dog for about a year and a half – but was not breed specific – and joined a variety of Facebook groups, including TNP, where she saw Onyx. Currently, he is the only pet.

Onyx's favorite pastime is the dog park, where he goes at least three times a week. He loves playing with the other dogs. "He completely ignores me,"



Rebecca said. "He won't even take treats." Onyx and Rebecca's future appears to be an active one.



**Mabel** was adopted on November 28 and is doing well in her new home with Linda and Tom Gardner. "She's a star," Linda said.

Linda and Tom have three grown children and are both



Mabel at work

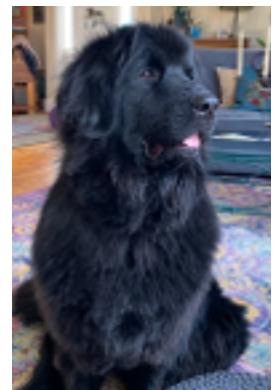
semi-retired, so someone is always with Mabel. She shares her Warren, VT home with two cat brothers, Buddy and Bobby Orr. Buddy is older and maintaining his distance but 2-year-old Bobby Orr has shown his curious side and interacts with Mabel. "She doesn't intimidate him whatsoever," Linda said. "He's like a wind-up toy to her." Mabel watches him run about and dash under the kitchen table.

Linda works in a flower shop a couple of days a week and Mabel goes with her. Of course, Mabel has charmed everyone. "She's been a great ambassador," Linda said.

Mabel also enjoys her stuffed toys, including a lamb, and a flattened squirrel and raccoon that she likes to play with after dinner and before bed.

Linda grew up with Newfies, which her mom got from breeders in the 1940s through 1960s. As an adult, Linda has had eight Newfoundlands, all from rescues and four from Cathy/TNP. Max was the first, in the 1980s. Then came Milo in 2006 or 2007, Robbie in 2014, and now Mabel. Linda is impressed with the way the TNP rescue is run – with the needs of the dogs coming first. All of her dogs from TNP have lived past age 10. "I've had the best dogs from Cathy," Linda said.

Linda has also had horses and donkeys but after Robbie passed away in May 2021, now only Mabel and the two cats share her and Tom's home. "I'll always have a Newfoundland," she said.





## Expert Excerpts

### January is National Eye Care Month

Although dogs' eyesight is not their strongest sense, it is important to keep their eyes healthy. Several eye diseases are common among dogs and they can experience discomfort, vision impairment and vision loss. In fact, dog and human eyes are very similar in design and function and experience similar ailments. The most common include:

**Cataracts** are a medical condition that causes the eye lens to become progressively opaque and are identifiable as thick, white spots at the center of the eye. Cataracts can cause impaired vision and may require surgery. Causes are heredity, eye trauma, or other health conditions such as diabetes.

**Glaucoma** is an unhealthy increase of pressure in the eye that can damage the retina and potentially lead to blindness. Symptoms include watery discharge, redness, protruding or enlarged eyes, and lethargy. Glaucoma is usually treated with medication; however, advanced glaucoma may lead to removal of the eye. Causes are hereditary, tumors behind the eye or scar tissue build up.

**Dry eye** is caused by not producing enough tears. Symptoms include redness, excessive blinking, and mucus discharge. Dry eye is treated with lifelong eye lubrication drops. Causes are aging, certain medical conditions, and thyroid disorders.

**Conjunctivitis**, also known as pink eye, is inflammation or infection of the conjunctiva, the tissue that lines the eyelids, caused by a virus. Symptoms include pink or red color in the whites of the eye, swelling of the conjunctiva, increased tear production, and itching or irritation. Medication is usually prescribed.

**Entropion** is a condition where a dog's eyelid rolls inward, causing eyelashes to rub on the cornea. It is a painful condition which unfortunately, too often goes untreated and can cause damage to the eye. Symptoms include squinting, increased eye discharge, increased tear production, rubbing with his paw, and discomfort. Entropion can be a congenital problem or develop as a result of chronic squinting due to discomfort or eyelid scarring.

If entropion has occurred because of a condition that will resolve, a veterinarian can temporarily suture the eyelids into a more normal position. Surgery to permanently fix abnormal eyelid anatomy is necessary in other cases and although many veterinarians don't perform the procedure, they can refer you to a specialist.

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### TNP Events for 2022

TNP announces tentative dates for in person open houses, providing Covid protocols can be maintained for a safe gathering: Sunday, **April 24**, Sunday, **June 12**, and Sunday, **August 21**. Open houses will be held outside.

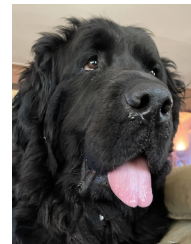
The Annual Reunion and Fundraiser, which was canceled for the past two years due to the pandemic, is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, **October 9**.

Watch for more information on open houses and the Reunion and Fundraiser on the TNP Facebook page and future newsletters.

wake up that morning. Despite doing everything that could be done, sadly, this happens. Cancer is common in Berners. Brynn the Newfoundland, however, went to her home in NH and is thriving. It took her a while to get the hang of riding in the car, but trips to MacDonald's for a burger helped her get used to the rides.

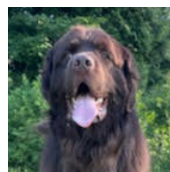
### **March**

**Buster's** owner from MA worked very long hours and felt that Buster needed more time and attention and made a selfless decision to ask us to help find him the perfect home. We did! Buster lives in CT although he spends much summer time at the Cape. Lucky boy!



Buster

### **May**



Moose/Mac

**Moose**, now Macaroni, from NJ was another foster. TNP had all of his vet work done while he was cared for by Nancy Weaver. An amazing boy who is now living the life in NJ with his new family, you may have seen Macaroni's pics on our Facebook page.

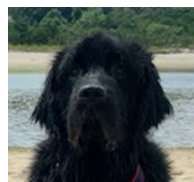
### **June**

Seven-year-old brown Newf **Olivia** from NY acts like she is 2! She was fostered in PA by Kathie and Cliff who then transported her to CT after TNP had all the vet work done. Olivia loves swimming so we knew she needed a home with available swimming. She is living in VT with long time Newf owners, loving the beautiful river in her backyard.



Olivia

### **July**



Little Moose/  
Wellington

**Little Moose**, now called Wellington, came to TNP at 6 months old from PA. This boy LOVED swimming and spent much time at our pond with the other dogs. We knew he needed a "water" home. We had a family who had been waiting for a couple of years for the right dog, and it was Wellington. He enjoys his family and kids, and boating and swimming in the ocean!

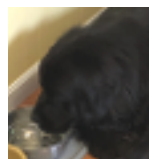
Another Moose - we called him **Big Moose**- was another case of family hardship from NY. We were able to work with the owner, get eighteen-month-old Moose groomed, and evaluated by an experienced evaluator, Mary, from Northland Newf Club. We had a pre-approved adopter standing by who traveled to meet Big Moose and it was a perfect match. Moose now has a Newf sister.



Big Moose

TNP had the pleasure of working with the Animal Welfare Society (AWS) in New Milford, CT. AWS took in a Newfoundland, **Mama Mia**. Collaboration is KEY in rescue and we work closely with AWS. Mama Mia, aka Bunny, went home to NH with a wonderful couple, who was our first adopter when TNP was established!

### **August**



Junie

**Junie** came to TNP from CT. Nancy from TNP spent a number of months coaching this lovely family as they wanted to make it work with Junie. They then realized that Junie would be better with another family who could handle her more easily. Junie came to us, was vetted, and went to her new home in MA. She's doing great!

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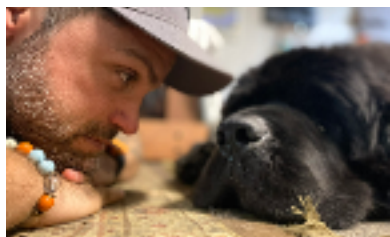
Ten-year-old **Kodie** from MA was well cared for and loved in his home but needed re-homing due to family hardship. He was up to date on medical, and we had an approved home not too far from where Kodie lived who had been waiting since April, 2020. Kodie moved right in and has been living quite the life with Claudia.



Kodie

Two-year-old **Milly** arrived at TNP from PA. She's a lovely girl but didn't get along with her female canine roommate, NOT an unusual situation. What starts out fine with a couple of girls when young sometimes end up in an unmanageable situation. Milly now lives in MA with an experienced Newf owner and is an only dog.

## **September**



Richard & Cooper

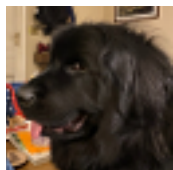
We received a call from PA from a family with health issues that were forcing the placement of their Newfoundland named **Cooper**. One of the best things about our TNP procedure of applications, followed by references, and then home checks, is that our homes are READY. When we got the call on Cooper, we contacted a potential adopter who had gone through our process. He jumped into gear, picked up Cooper, and fostered him. We did all the vet work, had him groomed, and Richard, who was by then smitten, adopted Cooper, who is living large on Long Island.

**Tessie** in MA needed to be re-homed due to her owner having to relocate. Tessie is now living with Stan, a long-time adopter in NY.



Stan & Tess

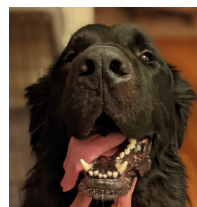
## **November**



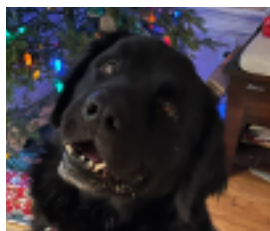
Mabel

Four-year-old **Mabel** arrived at TNP from CT. We had her vetted and she was ready to go. Mabel is loving her new life in VT with a long time TNP adopter.

We received a call from a friend of **Onyx's** owner in NY. Family hardship caused them to find a new home for this three-year-old boy. Working with the owner, TNP had Onyx groomed then sent one of our pre-approved families to meet Onyx. It was love at first sight and now Onyx is living his best life in PA.



Onyx



Sampson

Seven-year-old **Sampson** came to TNP from NY. Initially he was left out in a barn for most of his life. A couple took him from there but realized that he was a bit too much to handle for a working couple. They felt a re-home was in his best interest. Sampson was examined by our vet and it was determined that he had heart worm. He is in the process of being treated now. Once done, Sampson will be neutered followed by repair of a dislocated hip caused by a car hit. This boy has had a tough life but remains sweet and happy. Thank you, Rebecca, for helping with Sam's care. Stay tuned for updates.

**Izzy**, a ten-week-old Landseer, is currently being fostered in NY. Izzy has luxating patellas and will be seeing an orthopedic surgeon the second week in January. Watch for updates on Izzy.



Izzy

## December



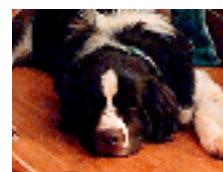
Clifford  
in transport

A call from a NY vet and animal control officer (ACO) told us about **Clifford**, a brown Newf stray picked up and never claimed. The ACO kindly met us part way and we picked up Clifford who the vet estimated at nine months to two years of age. We had him vetted and neutered. Orthopedically, Clifford has issues. X-rays have been taken and sent to an orthopedic specialist. His ortho problems appear to be genetic but at this time we are not sure if and what can be done. Clifford (the name given to him by the vet and ACO) is a very happy boy and not in pain and is quite mobile. Stay tuned for updates.

**Lilly** is a ten-month-old Landseer brought to TNP by family hardship. She has been vetted and spay is next. Lilly is adorable and will be a great addition for the right family. Stay tuned.

Three-year-old **Mabel** the brown Newf and 2 ½ year old **Stella** the English Black Labrador from NY just arrived at TNP due to family hardship. Both Mabel and Stella need to be vetted and spayed. We have appointments set up for this. Once done and healed, we have a home for Mabel in PA and a home for Stella in CT. The girls are lovely and come from a home where they were well loved and cared for. Thanks to Mary and Ernie for transporting to TNP.

**Sully**, a brown and white Newf from PA, was being fostered by Nancy Weaver until a few days ago when he left for his new home in NJ after being neutered and vetted through TNP. We're sure Sully will have a happy life.



Sully

In addition to the dogs who came through TNP, were fostered, or directly placed, there are a number of dogs (and cats) we have vetted, groomed, fed, etc., to help their people so the animals can stay in their homes. In working with their owners, we marvel at the care, love, and kindness these people give to their 4-legged family members.

Some names that we will always have in our hearts are Bessie, Pooh and Oscar, three Newfs in Ohio who we helped with vetting and grooming. Then there was Chester the Puggle from the South who needed help with his cancer treatment. You may remember Handsome the Newf from the South who was in pretty bad shape. Two old poodles came from NJ and with help from a sister rescue, Animal Welfare Society in New Milford, CT, vet care was provided and homes were found for them together.

Momma the stray cat with kittens that a good Samaritan took in and we were able to help get vetting as needed and spaying came next. Food donations were a common need this year as well as numerous spays and neuters of various breeds that TNP had the privilege of being able to assist with. Some sad endings, some happy endings, but all part of what we do in rescue.

We are grateful to all of our volunteers. It takes an exceptional TEAM to run a sound and reliable rescue. Everyone has a job to do. Communication and collaboration are key to a successful organization.

**Heartfelt thanks to all of you who support us in so many ways. We are beyond grateful for your ongoing kindness and generosity!**

**We wish you a happy and healthy 2022.**



**Corneal scratches or ulcers** occur when the clear outer layer of the eye is damaged. Tearing and discharge may occur. Left untreated, ulcers can lead to infection, loss of vision, or eye removal. Most ulcers are treated with medication.



**Cherry eye** occurs when the third eyelid of dogs, which is normally not visible, pops out of its location due to weak ligaments and swells to look like a cherry at the inner corner of the eye. Cherry eye is often a genetic condition and is treated with surgery.

### Signs of Eye Trouble

Healthy canine eyes are moist and clear. Pupils should be equal in size and react to light. Dogs typically exhibit physical or behavioral symptoms when they experience eye trouble. These include, redness, tearing, squinting or closed eyelids, rubbing the eye, face, or head, blinking, discharge, or cloudiness. Most dogs develop a haze in the lens as they age, which rarely causes vision impairment. Is it different from cataracts as it has a slight blue tint.

Discharge is also common among many dogs as a result of allergies or the shape of their head and as a stand-alone symptom is likely not a problem. If additional symptoms persist, see your veterinarian.

### Eye Care Tips

Keep all hair out of your dog's eyes to avoid scratches to the cornea. Keep eyes clear of mucus by wiping with ophthalmic wipes or eyewash. Be sure to avoid soap near the eyes during bath time. Most importantly, make sure your dog has annual eye exams with your veterinarian to keep those peepers healthy.

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