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Huge Turnout for TNP Open House

The first in person event at That Newfoundland Place in over two years was a huge success with dozens of friends - both new and old - gathering to celebrate Newfoundlands and talk to perspective adopters at the first Open House of the season on April 24.

Guests enjoyed pizza and soft drinks, two raffle prizes, and Newfoundland-inspired items for purchase from "That Newf Shop." Many folks new to TNP filled out applications and visited with Samson and Hagrid, both up for adoption (read more about them on page two).



Several recently adopted dogs and their families returned for a visit as well as seasoned TNP alumni and canine visitors in all shapes and sizes. It was a fantastic show of support for TNP staff and volunteers who work tirelessly behind

TNP staff Nancy is happy to see recently adopted Clifford *Continued on page 6*

More Open Houses

If you weren't able to attend the April Open House, you have two more opportunities on *Sunday, June 12* and *Sunday, August 21*.

All Open Houses are:

Noon to 3 pm

554 Pucker Street, Coventry, CT

Pizza and soft drinks will be served.

The purposes of the Open House is to allow people interested in the breed and rescue to meet some of the dogs and see what they are about, and to see what TNP is all about! No dogs are adopted out on the day of the Open House. It is solely a meet and greet event. Applications will be available as well as a copy of TNP's adoption agreement.

Well-behaved, leashed dogs are welcome!

If the weather is excessively hot and humid, do not feel that you must bring your dog, especially older or health-compromised dogs. Shady grounds, kiddie pools, and air conditioning is available, but please do not put undue stress on your dog. Of course, no dogs can be left in cars during hot weather.

All events are open to the public, held outside, and are subject to COVID protocols.

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Who's at TNP?

Samson had a challenging few months when he arrived at TNP but is now healed from his neuter and recovered from his heartworm infection. This lively 7-year-old has a dislocated hip due to an old injury from being hit by a car but does not need surgery at this time and is ready for adoption. Should hip surgery be warranted in the future, Sam will return to TNP for the procedure and rehabilitation.



Blake & Sully

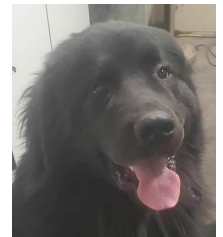
Sully has begun his long road to the ability to walk and a more normal life with his first surgery on April 13 to repair torn bilateral ACLs. He is healing well and feels good, and even spent a week on vacation in upstate NY with his foster family, who live on Long Island. If all continues to go well, 2-year-old Sully will have his second surgery in June. The entire process of surgeries and rehabilitation will take an estimated six months from his arrival at TNP in March. Watch for updates about Sully on the TNP Facebook page and future newsletters.

Hagrid has healed from his neuter surgery and is ready for his new home. This energetic 1-year-old has been at TNP since March 18 because he does not get along well with other males. He would do best as the only dog. Hagrid is great with people and eager to learn. With additional training he will make a nice addition to a home with adults only or a family with older children.



Grizzly arrived TNP on April 24 from NY due to family hardship. This 6 1/2-year-old boy loves to be petted and is a typical Newf, wanting to be close to his people. He is being vetted and evaluated by TNP staff in preparation for a new home.

Kobe is an 18-month-old currently in foster care in NJ. This healthy boy has been vetted and neutered and is up to date with vaccinations. Kobe was surrendered because he did not get along with the other male dog in the house. He does fine with females. Kobe is ready to be adopted by his forever family.



Interested in adopting from TNP?

All dogs are placed only in APPROVED homes. Email Nancy for an application: nancy@thatnewfoundlandplace.org. Home checks are also required (virtual or in person).

Keep in mind that TNP places dogs in homes that are in the best interest of the dog, but welcomes applicants to express interest in dogs through TNP Facebook posts.

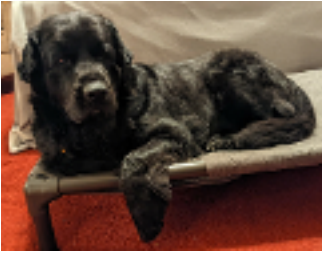
May is National Foster Care Month

Foster care homes play a crucial role in pet adoptions. Animal rescues and shelters depend on foster care homes when the rescue is at capacity or when an animal needs additional care such as recuperating from surgery.

TNP is very grateful to all the foster homes who provide exceptional care for Newfs who are waiting for their forever homes.

THANK YOU!

Recently Adopted



Three-year-old **Elsie** is settling in well in her new home in Newark, Delaware with Shawn and Lucie Hale. "She's great. We love her to death," Shawn said.

Elsie was adopted on March 29. "It's like she's been here all her life," Shawn remarked. Outside, Elsie is a bit skittish, as if she's overwhelmed with the sights and sounds. But Shawn expects with a little time she will become comfortable and enjoy her fenced in yard and swimming pool. Inside, Elsie is very content. She loves to snuggle and be around people. "Her social skills are fantastic," Shawn said. "She's very warm and accepting."

The Hales have already taken Elsie on a road trip to meet her extended family. "She travels well," Shawn said. "She's very quiet." They made the 5 ½ hour trek to Warwick, RI to visit their daughter and celebrate their grandson's 3rd birthday, whom Elsie adores, along with the Hale's one-year-old granddaughter. Elsie also had fun with the Hale's granddog Golden Retriever.

At home Elsie is the only pet. The Hales have had a Golden Retriever and a Beagle, and one other Newf, Mocha, they got as a puppy from a breeder. Mocha passed away at age 11 ½ in May 2021. "It was so devastating," Shawn said. "We thought 'let's take our time and be spontaneous without having to worry about a dog at home.'" That soon got old. "The house was quiet. Something was missing," Shawn declared.

The Hales looked into adoption for their next Newf. "We were looking at re-homing, not a dog that had been abused or had a lot of medical issues," Shawn said. He reached out to the Newfoundland Club of America, who recommended they contact That Newfoundland Place. "The first contact [with TNP] felt like something special," Shawn remembered. "It was a great experience from top to bottom. With TNP, you just feel the sincerity. The dogs were comfortable, we were comfortable. The follow up was great."



The Hales are happy they waited for Elsie. "We wanted the right dog for us," Shawn said. "It sounds cliché but it's true. The right dog found us. She's got nothing but a great future ahead of her. We all do."

Mocha was adopted by Frank Salerno and Laurie Hall on April 8 after having surgery to remove a large benign tumor from her mouth on March 21. Laurie remarked that Mocha is completely healed from surgery, has no issues with eating, and the hair is starting to grow back.



"She's doing really well," Laurie said. "She's beginning to fit in. She's very affectionate and sweet." Mocha enjoys treats, using the many dog beds available to her, and watching TV. "She barks at it," Laurie said.

Eight-year-old Mocha shares her home with two other TNP rescues – 9-year-old Juneau and 7-year-old Coco. "Their noses are a bit out of joint," Laurie said. "But they will get used to Mocha." Laurie and Frank have always had at least two Newfoundlands, and as many as four at

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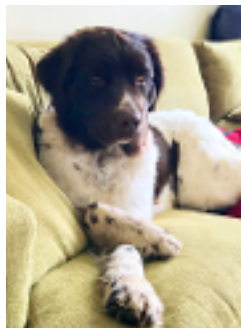
one time. "I can't imagine my life without one," Laurie said. She was not introduced to the breed until she was an adult, when her mother – who lived about a mile away – got a Newf. Laurie walked the dog with her mom every day. She and Frank got their first Newf in 1998.

Frank and Laurie noted that Mocha doesn't respond well to commands. But that could be due to lack of training. It has not been too much of an issue thus far and Mocha will not wander off as there is an acre and a half of fenced in yard at her Vernon, CT home. In fact, Laurie called Mocha "the easiest rescue we've had." With five other rescues under their belts, and several fosters through TNP, they have experienced many situations and dog behaviors. "I tend to do best with those who need me most," Laurie said.



"The only problem is she won't go near the car," Laurie said. "That could be an issue when it's time for a vet or grooming visit." Several recent car rides to new homes and vets may have made Mocha leery. Laurie and Frank plan on working on car rides and hope to get Mocha in the car to bring her to a park for a walk so she can associate rides with fun times too.

For now, Mocha isn't going anywhere. "She's already a member of the family. We love her," Laurie said. Mocha likely feel the same.



Kate and Phil Harrison and 17-year-old daughter Caroline adopted Julia, now **Josie**, on April 20, and she's doing great. "She's really happy and really comfortable," Kate said.

At 16-months-old, Josie is energetic. "She's super exuberant," Kate remarked. "But she's also willing to chill and just cuddle. It's a great combination." With a big field and a pond at her of Lyme, NH home Josie has lots of room to run, one of her favorite activities. She has also checked out the pond, wading up to her shoulders. No doubt she'll be regularly swimming this summer.

Josie has quickly gotten used to the routine. "She's so trainable and wonderful," Kate said. "She is very good at night and stays in her dog bed [next to Kate and Phil's bed]."

Josie is the Harrison's only pet. They have had 6 Newfoundlands since 1990 and lost two dogs last year, 11-½-year-old Newf Willy and 12-year-old rescued Lab/Weimaraner mix Timber (to degenerative myelopathy). With a son and daughter in college, the house is a little bit fuller with Josie's arrival.



Josie loves running in her big field.

Josie is their first Newf rescue. Kate was interested in rescue because of their previous experience with Timber and the need for homes for surrendered dogs. Still, Newf puppies pull at her heartstrings and the Harrisons are on the breeder's list for a puppy, which they are considering for this summer.

Josie loves to snuggle on the couch and stay close to Kate, following her around the house. Kate also noted that Josie is not as vocal as some of her previous Newfs, seldom barking, but has quietly made her way into the Harrison's hearts.

Recently Adopted - cont.



It didn't take long for 8-month-old **Makk** to become part of Ellen and Bill Oppenheimer's family. Less than a week after adopting him Ellen said, "He's made himself at home. He's decided that he owns us and that wherever I am there's a treat." Makk has also decided that he prefers Honeycomb cereal treats over fancy dog treats.

Makk is living the life on a 14-acre farm with a lake and orchard he shares with Nova and Hobie. Nova is a 14-year-old Pomeranian/Spitz mix rescue and is partially blind due to abuse. Although just 27

pounds, she is the alpha dog. "Makk learned the rules really fast," Ellen said.

Newf Hobie was rescued as a puppy from an unethical breeder. She has Megaesophagus, a congenital combination disorder in which the esophagus dilates and loses its ability to move food into the stomach. She will be 6-year-old this month and is still active and manages well. Ellen said that Makk seems to understand that Hobie is compromised. "He'll sit next to her and stand over her," she said. "And Hobie accepts it."



Nova & Hobie

The Oppenheims also had Newf Big'n, whom they had as a puppy and was a therapy dog. Makk is the first from a Newf rescue.

Despite being tethered most of his life and living outside, Ellen noted that Makk is "very trainable. He learned the rules of the house beautiful. He knows sit, down, and leave it. He's really receptive and is learning stairs."

There have been some puppy 'teething problems' with Makk chewing through an easy harness, but Ellen describes him as "super happy. It's been an amazing experience," she said.

Did you know...

May 20 is National Rescue Dog Day. It's the perfect opportunity to celebrate the wonderful dogs that we have been able to share our lives with AND thank the rescue organizations staff and volunteers for dedicating their time and energy to ensuring that these dogs get the chance for the healthy and happy life that they deserve. Dogs are surrendered to TNP for numerous reasons and the TNP team provides a safe and loving environment while preparing them to become members of our family.

THANK YOU to everyone at TNP for all you do!

Is Pet Insurance Worth The Money For Big Dog Owners?

Pet insurance has become very popular in recent years with several options for carriers, but you may be wondering if it's worth the cost for Newf and other giant breed owners.

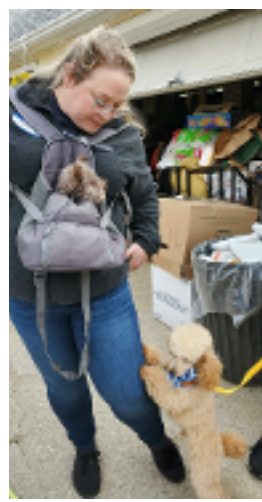
Blogger Big Dog Mom is looking to find the answer and needs your help. If you currently have pet insurance for one or more of your big dogs, please fill out very short [Pet Insurance for Large Dogs Survey](#).

The more data collected, the more meaningful the conclusions. Results will be released in a couple of months and reported in a future newsletter.

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the scenes to transport, vet, rehabilitate, train, and care for the Newfoundlands - and other dogs - who are surrendered throughout the year.

Scenes from the April 2022 Open House



Expert Excerpts

Heartworm Treatment and Prevention

With Dr. Lauren Flanagan of [Pepperell \(MA\) Veterinary Hospital](#)

Heartworm is a parasite spread to canines by mosquito bites. Adult heartworm live in the large pulmonary arteries of the host; immature larva circulate in the blood. Mosquitoes that bite an infected dog consume some of the larva in the blood. The larva then go through life stages within the mosquito to become infective and are injected into a new host when the mosquito takes its next meal. The larvae migrate and end up as adult heartworm residing in the host's pulmonary arteries.

Treatment of heartworm disease depends on the stage of the disease. Dogs with evidence of heart failure must have their heart disease addressed first. All dogs should have bloodwork and chest x-rays to stage the disease before pursuing treatment, as well as a heartworm blood test to confirm heartworm. Once a patient is ready to start treatment, they are usually started on an antibiotic called doxycycline for 30 days to kill a bacteria present on the adult heartworm, weakening the heartworm and making it more susceptible to treatment. All dogs are also started on an ivermectin based larvicide at that time as well, to kill the immature heartworm circulating in the blood. Three months after starting the larvicide, adulticide therapy begins. This consists of three injections of a medication called melarsomine. The first injection is followed by two injections 24 hours apart, one month later. Most patients are also put on prednisone to reduce inflammation caused by the dying heartworm. Absolute exercise restriction is imperative during the adulticide therapy and for several weeks after since the dying heartworm are prone to embolization. Nine to 12 months later we repeat a heartworm test to be sure the treatment has worked. In caval syndrome – in which a large mass of heartworms “falls” into the right ventricle and become entwined in the tricuspid valve - the heart valve between the right ventricle and the right atrium - the heartworm often have to be surgically extracted once the patient is stabilized.

While heartworm disease is treatable, prevention is much preferred. Treatment has risks and is expensive, and obviously disease is unacceptable. Most vets run a yearly test to confirm your dog is heartworm negative. If negative, there are many safe and effective preventive options available including monthly oral chews or tablets, topical preventatives, and 6 or 12 month injectable products. Discussed with your vet which prevention is right for you and your dog.

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