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Your Newf Can Train to be a Canine Good Citizen

The Canine Good Citizen™ (CGC) program is a behavioral evaluation created by the American Kennel Club (AKC) to teach dogs good manners and foster responsible dog ownership. Dogs must know basic commands – sit, down, stay, come – and behave appropriately in a variety of circumstances; owners must show control over the dog and good handling.

The 10-skill test (see sidebar) is open to all dogs – purebred and mixed breed – and there are no age minimums or limits for participating in the CGC program. The only requirement for each dog is that the owner must be the person who tests with the dog. Puppies less than a year old may also participate in the AKC S.T.A.R Puppy program, which stands for socialization, training, activity, and responsibility.

Prior to testing, owners must sign a Responsible Dog Owner Pledge, stating that the owner will provide proper health needs, adequate exercise, and training. Owners must also promise to keep their dog safe, clean up after their dog in public, ensure the dog does not encroach on the rights of others, and take good care of their dogs throughout their lives.

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Skills Needed to Become a Canine Good Citizen

The 10 test items on the Canine Good Citizen test are practical, functional behaviors that every dog should have to be welcomed in the community.

1. *Accepting a friendly stranger*

Evaluator approaches and pretends to shake hands with handler (hands 6- 12" apart). Evaluator does not touch dog.

2. *Sitting politely for petting*

Evaluator pets dog; dog must show no shyness or resentment.

3. *Appearance and grooming*

Evaluator inspects dog, combs or brushes lightly, examines ears and each front foot.

4. *Out for a walk*

Handler takes dog for a short walk including right turn, left turn, about turn and stop.

5. *Walking through a crowd*

Dog and handler walk close to several people; dog may show causal interest but not jump up.

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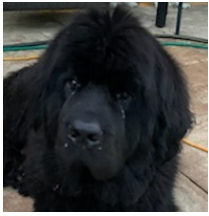
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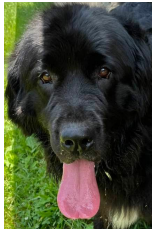
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Who's at TNP?



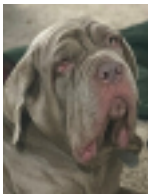
Sully had his second ACL surgery in June and is doing well. The surgeries will improve his ability to walk and quality of life. This 2-year-old boy will continue to heal with his foster family on Long Island, NY over the next couple of months before he is ready for adoption. Watch for updates about Sully on the TNP Facebook page and future newsletters.

Six-month-old **Daisy Mae** arrived at TNP on May 19 due to family hardship. This Bloodhound puppy is growing fast, full of energy, and liberal with affection. She will make a great family pet for the right home. Daisy Mae will need continued training and a fenced in yard.



Izzy arrived at TNP on June 11 because she didn't get along well with the other dogs in the home. All of her vetting is complete and TNP is getting to know this sweet 5-year-old girl to determine the best home for her.

Abigail has been at TNP since June 15, surrendered due to family hardship. At just 18-months-old, she is active. Abby has been vetted and is still showing her personality and behavior to TNP staff, but will soon be matched with a forever home.



TNP not only finds new homes for dogs, but works with owners to keep their dogs. This is the case with Bailey the Neopolitan Mastiff. He will be able to stay in his home with financial assistance from TNP for vet care and neutering.

Interested in adopting from TNP?

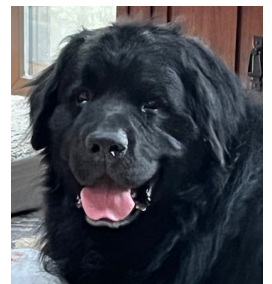
All dogs are placed only in APPROVED homes. Email Nancy for an application: nancy@thatnewfoundlandplace.org. Home checks are also required (virtual or in person).

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.

Recently Adopted

Sampson has been with Laura & Craig Odgen of Ridge, NY on Long Island since May 6. He was very mellow at first, but it appears the honeymoon period is over. "He's a rascal," Laura said. "He's a counter surfer." So far Sam has stolen food and gotten into a mailed package.

Sam shares the home with the Ogden's 30-something son Jonathan, who is living in the in-law apartment until he buys a house, as well as Newf Peaches, who was adopted from TNP about two years ago. "They were both timid in the beginning but they play now," Laura said.



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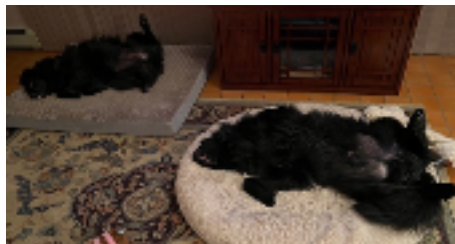
Peaches had both ACLs repaired prior to being adopted and has arthritis in her legs. Since being adopted, she has had an infection due to her surgeries, which is now healed, as well as allergies, managed by injections. Sam recently had a good check up at the vet; he's at a good weight and healthy. Both dogs enjoy short walks and scratches from Craig.



Despite being 7 years old, Sam acts like a puppy. "He has so much energy," Laura said. "He doesn't stop unless he's asleep. He likes to be by your side." Sam is particularly attached to Craig. Laura describes Sam as a lovebug that just wants attention and to be loved.

Sam is the Odgen's 4th Newfoundland. Sasha was their first, from a breeder in Pennsylvania. The Ogdens got Deja from a breeder in Long Island 3 years later. Both Newfs passed away about two years ago February and June, respectively. Sasha was 11; Deja was 8 – having succumbed to osteosarcoma and a leg amputation.

Laura heard about That Newfoundland Place by talking to "Newf" people and hearing about the rescue. She sent an email through the website to get more information. Laura began to follow the Facebook group and read about the stories of older dogs and their needs. "We have the time," Laura said. "There are so many dogs out there that need a home and need to be loved. I have plenty of love to give."



Sam & Peaches are living a comfortable life with the Ogdens



Kobe went home with Tim and Heather Bruhl and their daughter on June 7. This 18-month-old boy now lives in Kennebunk, ME and is doing well with his new family. Watch for updates in future newsletters and on the TNP Facebook page.

Patience paid off for one-year-old **Atlas** (formerly Hagrid), who went home with Steve Erickson & Hailey Brown of West Haven, CT on June 10. "[Atlas] still has some puppy energy but is really well behaved," Steve said. "We've been thrilled to have a dog around the house."



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Expert Excerpts

Dehydration

From the AKC website:

<https://www.akc.org/expert-advice/health/warning-signs-dehydration-dogs/>

July is National Pet Hydration Awareness Month

What is canine dehydration?

Similar to humans, canine dehydration occurs when the body loses more fluid than it takes in. All mammals rely on water to keep their bodies functioning properly; water is vital to nearly every important body function, including lubricating joints, cushioning internal organs, aiding digestion, and regulating body temperature. Water is also a necessary ingredient that allows the body's cells to absorb nutrients.

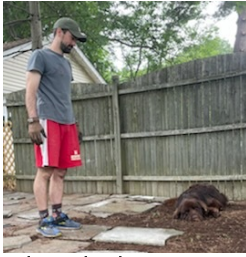
It is normal for a dog's – or any mammal's – body to gain and lose water throughout the day. In dogs, normal water loss occurs through panting, breathing, urinating, defecating, and evaporation through the paws. Eating and drinking replenish the water.

When water loss outweighs normal fluid intake, the blood flow in the dog's body and the volume of fluids is reduced, which reduces the delivery of oxygen to organs and tissue. Dehydration in dogs also results in a loss of electrolytes such as sodium, chloride, and

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Much to his delight, Atlas has been getting a lot of treats. "Food is his number one thing," Steve said. Tennis balls are a close second, as well as his squeaky moose plush toy.



Atlas "helps" Steve

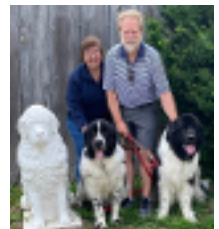
Steve & Hailey have been together for 7 years and lost their Bernese Mountain Dog, Luna, in January at the age of 9 from cancer. They missed the companionship and researched dog breeds, settling on their first Newfoundland. They felt a Newf fit their lifestyle as they are active and enjoy spending time outdoors on trails and hiking. Steve and Hailey both work outside the home – but come home for lunch – so they were looking for a more relaxed dog.

Steve & Hailey were initially concerned about leaving Atlas for extended periods, so they were delighted to get a video camera as a "new dog" gift, to check on Atlas when they are at work. They found he uses his kennel as a perch to check out what's happening outside when they are gone. After their at-home lunch break and play session, they discovered that Atlas sleeps the rest of the afternoon.

Atlas has enjoyed plenty of activity as well. "We went on a hike [one weekend in June]," Hailey said. "Atlas walks well on a leash. He had a great time. After, we went out to eat for breakfast and he laid on the sidewalk."

After their positive experience in adopting Luna, Steve and Hailey were interested in a Newf rescue from the start. "We wanted to not contribute to bad practices – not that all breeders are bad. We were focused on finding the right people and we'd be able to offer a home and love to a dog who might not otherwise have it," Steve said. It seems they found the right fit. "We are fortunate it worked out for us."

Chewie arrived at TNP on June 19 due to family hardship. After receiving a clean bill of health from the vet, this 3 year old boy was placed with Jan and John Laforest-Roys in Farmington, CT. Chewie joins his Newfie sister Gracie and two cats, Piper and Max. Watch for updates in future newsletter and the TNP Facebook page.



TNP Alumni

By Gary Keiser

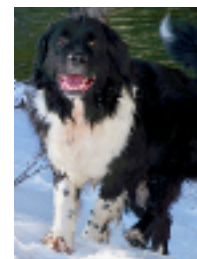
I've been thinking about this for awhile; I apologize in advance if it's too much, but I think we humans need help sometimes over issues around dying and loss. It's personal and we all have different situations and resources and we all cannot do some of what I'll suggest here for many reasons but I wanted to share my experience and thoughts on the deaths of our beloved best friends.

When my time of death arrives I want it to be as peaceful as possible and I don't want to die alone. My "pups" don't want to be left alone when I go to work or shopping so I figure they'd agree with my view too when it comes to passing on over that rainbow bridge.

When my father-in-law was hospitalized years ago his absolute distaste for being in a

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hospital became crystal clear, when he, in an extremely incapacitated state, pulled out all of the medical apparatus connected to him and fell and broke a leg trying to get out of the bed. I suggested to my wife, his daughter, that we take him home to die. What started as the scariest thing I'd ever suggested, turned into what my wife now describes as one of the most beautiful things that she has ever experienced, which was abiding by her Dad's wishes and taking care of him as he died. I was not surprised by her change of heart, because years before my brilliant, no nonsense, straightforward, veterinarian with a heart of pure gold, sent me home with Bailey, my mom's Golden Retriever, and pain medication to keep Bailey comfortable and calm while she died over the next couple of days. I experienced peace knowing that Bailey, was where she wanted to be and so did she. Seems like it was the same for my father-in-law, John.



Singtu

Several years ago our Newf, Singtu, was suddenly not right on a Friday at 4:45 p.m. and I thought it was bloat. Quickly off to the vet we flew. A 45 minute drive reduced to 25



Singtu and best friend "Sister"

minutes. You can make a lot of time on a country road when nobody's around. It was not bloat, but much worse. The x-ray showed a large tumor that was leaking and about to burst. "Doc, I want to take her home. Can you give her something to keep her comfortable?" I asked. The response was a gentle but firm, "No!" The doctor explained that what was going to happen in 24 hours or so would cause excruciating suffering that no pain medication would alleviate.

We were allowed to take Sing home for the evening but she needed to return first thing in the morning along with anyone who wanted to be with her as she passed. On Saturday morning we took Singtu in the station wagon and two of the Veterinarians and an assistant came out to meet us at the animal hospital. They explained what was going to happen every step of the way. As we sat in the car with Sing, our Doc gave her an injection. Sing was such a trooper as we held her and petted her and she peacefully passed away. She seemed a lot tougher than us. Of course, we were all a mess, buckets of tears all around, yet it felt so normal and natural to be with the one we loved at her time of dying.

I'm told that many Veterinarians want to have us there as a calming influence for our pets. And, depending on the circumstances, many will give medication to take home to keep our pets comfortable so they can die naturally at home, though of course this is not always possible. My experience is that I think it's important for our animals to have us near when they pass, but it is also incredibly important, and dare I say therapeutic, for us to know that we have gone the distance for them as they have so often gone the distance for us.



Oakley, Gary's current dog

Interested in contributing an article to the newsletter about your dog(s) or experiences? Contact Joanna, editor & publisher at joanna.L.dumas@gmail.com.

6. Sit and down on cue/Staying in place

Handler shows that dog can do both sit and down, then chooses a position, leaves dog and goes to the end of a 20 foot line and returns immediately.

7. Coming when called

With dog still on 20 foot line from Test 6, handler walks out 10 feet and calls the dog.

8. Reaction to another dog

Two handlers and dogs approach, pretend to shake hands (hands 6-12" apart), exchange pleasantries, then move on.

9. Reaction to distractions

Distractions are presented; dog may not panic or show aggression.

10. Supervised separation

Handler goes out of sight for 3 minutes. Dog is held on a 6 foot leash by an evaluator.

From the AKC Website:

<https://www.akc.org/products-services/training-programs/canine-good-citizen/>

facilities teach the skills for the CGC.

What to expect on test day

Testing usually lasts 20-30 minutes and often happens in a controlled environment, such as a dog training facility or a sectioned off area of a pet store or show ring. Be sure that your dog is on a leash, up-to-date on vaccinations, and has a well-fitting collar. Owners must also bring their dog's brush or comb for the "appearance and grooming" skill.

Treats and toys are not allowed during testing, but owners can talk to and praise their dog. Housetraining accidents, barking, growling, or snapping during the test is cause for an automatic fail, however, dogs can take the test again at a later date. Dogs must pass all tasks of the test to earn the CGC title and/or certificate.

Rizzo was tested at Newfoundland National Specialty event in May. AKC offers testing at various events around the country, and at all Petco locations, or you can schedule a test on their website at:

<https://www.akc.org/products-services/training-programs/canine-good-citizen/take-the-test/>
Shyann suggested contacting your local dog training facility to see if they can set up testing.

Benefits of CGC training

Training with your dog in CGC will create a stronger bond and make you a better-connected team. You will know that your dog will be a welcomed community member and know how to behave around people and other dogs. Other benefits may include a discount on pet, homeowners, or renter's insurance (be sure to ask), possibly an increased chance of approval for apartment or home renters who add their dog's CGC title to their application, and hotel discounts for canine good citizens for those traveling with their dog. In addition, the CGC title is a pre-requisite, or is looked favorably upon, for many therapy dog certifications, as well as a first step to more advanced dog activities and sports.

Where to Train

Shyann Torstenson, Director & Vice President at TNP, and her 2-year-old Newf Rizzo recently passed the Canine Good Citizen test. "It was fun," Shyann said. She is experienced at handling, showing, grooming, and training, so she did all of Rizzo's training herself. Shyann said the length of the training "depends on the dog. A lot of stuff is what you train anyway. Rizzo and I trained for about 6 weeks." For Rizzo, the most difficult part of the training was the meet and greet, where the dog needs to stay healed when a stranger approaches the handler. "She wanted to say hi but she controlled," Shyann said. Many dog training

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Resources are also available on the AKC website:

<https://www.akc.org/products-services/training-programs/canine-good-citizen/training-resources/>



CGC Title

Rizzo, who is an AKC registered Newfoundland, now has the title "CGC" after her name to indicate her status. But even dogs who aren't registered with the AKC – or even purebred – can test to become a Canine Good Citizen and potentially include the title in their name. That inclusiveness was part of the appeal for Shyann. "It's something any dog can do wherever your dog came from," she said. Unregistered purebred dogs of registerable breeds can enroll in the AKC's Purebred Alternative Listing (PAL). Mixed breed dogs can apply for an AKC Canine Partners number. These dogs can also officially claim the CGC title and participate in AKC Companion and Performance Events. All dogs that pass the CGC Test earn a certificate.



Shyann pursued a Canine Good Citizen for Rizzo because she "thought she was a really good candidate and wanted to give her the opportunity." Rizzo didn't disappoint and has proven herself not only a good citizen but also a great companion.

More info on PAL program:

<https://www.akc.org/register/information/purebred-alternative-listing-pal/>

More info/sources:

<https://www.akc.org/products-services/training-programs/canine-good-citizen/>

<https://www.k9ofmine.com/cgc-test/>

<https://www.thesprucepets.com/canine-good-citizen-training-and-test-1118208>

<https://www.mcsquaredoodles.com/blog/how-to-pass-the-canine-good-citizen-test>

Rizzo the Trick Dog

Rizzo also received her novice trick dog title (TKN) last month. Because her CGC title counted as five tricks, she had to do five additional tricks observed by an evaluator. If Rizzo did not have her CGC, she would have had to perform ten tricks for her Trick Dog title from the following "novice" list:

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| Balance beam (walk on board a few inches off floor) | Kennel up (go in crate, stay in until released) |
| Bark on cue ("Speak") | Kiss (point to cheek or back of hand) |
| Crawl (dog on belly, crawls at least 3 body lengths) | Paws up (2 front paws on low stool or step) |
| Fetch it (ball, etc., 10 ft. away, bring to handler within 2 ft) | Push-ups (sit, down, sit, down, sit, down) |
| Find it (find treat or scent item hidden under 1 cup or object) | Shake hands |
| Get your (Leash, brush, name of toy) | Spin in circle |
| Get in (gets in box) | Touch it (hand or target stick) |
| Sits in box (on cue) | Tunnel (agility or child's tunnel) |
| Get on (gets on low platform or step - 4 paws) | |
| Hand signals (Choose one: down, sit, or come) | |
| High five | |
| Hold (3 seconds) | |

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Dogs can be tested in person or by video and instructional videos on how to teach many of the novice tricks is available on the AKC Trick Dog website:

<https://www.akc.org/sports/trick-dog/>

There are five AKC Trick Titles dogs can earn:

- AKC Novice Trick Dog (TKN)- The dog must perform 10 skills from the Novice list, or 5 for dogs with a Canine Good Citizen certificate.
- AKC Intermediate Trick Dog (TKI) – The dog must have the Novice title, plus perform 10 Intermediate tricks. [See the list of tricks here.](#)
- AKC Advanced Trick Dog (TKA) – The dog must have the Intermediate title, plus perform 10 tricks from the Advanced list. [See the list of tricks here.](#)
- AKC Trick Dog Performer (TKP) – Dogs must perform at least 10 tricks and at least 3 tricks using props during a short routine. [See the requirements here.](#)
- AKC Trick Dog Elite Performer (TKE) – Dogs must perform a routine that has a story or script and use at least 5 props. [See the requirements here.](#)

AKC Trick Dog info: <https://www.akc.org/sports/trick-dog/>

Save Your Newf's Life – Never Leave Him in a Car in the Summer

This year hundreds of pets will die as the result of overheating because they are left in parked vehicles. Comfortable air temperatures in the 60s and 70s can soar to the 90s inside a car in minutes, even with the windows cracked. And, in over 30 states it's illegal to leave companion animals unattended in parked vehicles under dangerous conditions, including high or low temperatures.

Young, overweight or elderly animals, those with short muzzles, and dogs with thick or dark colored coats are most at risk for overheating. Fido may love to go for a ride in the car, but he's much safer in a cool home during warmer months.

If your Newf does become overheated symptoms can include:

- Excessive panting or difficulty breathing
- Increased heart and respiratory rate
- Drooling
- Mild weakness
- Stupor
- Collapse
- Seizures
- Bloody diarrhea
- Vomiting
- Temperature of over 104 degrees

Elapsed time	Outside Air Temperature (F)					
	70	75	80	85	90	95
0 minutes	70	75	80	85	90	95
10 minutes	89	94	99	104	109	114
20 minutes	99	104	109	114	119	124
30 minutes	104	109	114	119	124	129
40 minutes	108	113	118	123	128	133
50 minutes	111	116	121	126	131	136
60 minutes	113	118	123	128	133	138
> 1 hour	115	120	125	130	135	140

Courtesy Ian Null, CCM: Department of Geosciences, San Francisco State University

From American Veterinary Medical Association

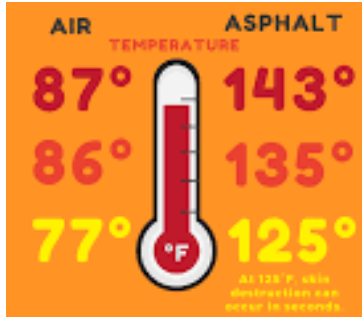
If you suspect your dog may be overheating, bring him to a cool area, soak the dog in cool water or wrap him in towels soaked in cool water (especially around the belly, groin, and armpits) and seek medical attention.

Source: <https://www.asPCA.org/news/dogs-hot-cars-and-other-summer-dangers>

Source: <https://www.avma.org/resources-tools/pet-owners/petcare/pets-vehicles>

Hot Pavement Burns Paws

Air temperatures on a warm/hot, sunny summer day can quickly translate to burning temperatures on concrete or asphalt. Yes, within five minutes roads and sidewalks at 135 degrees really are hot enough to fry an egg - and the pads of your dogs feet. Follow these tips to reduce the risk of burns.



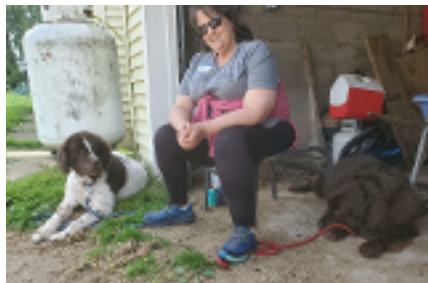
- If the surface is too hot for you to touch with your hand for 7 seconds, it's too hot for your dog
- Walk your dog in the early morning or early evening, when temperatures are cooler
- Grassy or wooded areas are better walking surfaces for your Newf
- Use dog booties to protect your pooch's paws



Source: <https://www.impactdogcrates.com/blogs/puppy-news/is-it-too-hot-to-walk-your-dog>

June TNP Open House

The second TNP Open House of the year was held on June 12 in Coventry, CT. Dark clouds threatened most of the day but rain held off as TNP adopters mingled with folks interested in learning more about Newfoundlands and TNP. Eight applications were received.



Don't Miss the Final TNP Open House of 2022

You still have one more opportunity to attend a TNP Open House on *Sunday, August 21 at:*

554 Pucker Street, Coventry, CT

Noon to 3 pm

Pizza and soft drinks will be served.

Bring your well-behaved, leashed Newf - or other dogs - to socialize with other adopters and Newf owners as well as talk with those interested in learning more about the breed and rescue. Potential adopters will be able to meet some of the dogs up for adoption and learn 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.

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.

SAVE THE DATE for the **Annual Reunion and Fundraiser** on October 9 at TNP!

See old friends and visit with new ones while enjoying delicious pasta, pizza, and cupcakes. Be sure to buy tickets for the raffle for a chance to win one-of-a-kind Newfoundland themed items and baskets and more, all to support That Newfoundland Place.

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

potassium that affect the body's pH, nutrients in cells, and muscle and nerve functions. In severe cases, dehydration can lead to kidney and other organ failure and death.

Causes of Dehydration in Dogs

Lack of water intake is the most obvious cause of dehydration, and supplying adequate access to water throughout the day is critical. Some dogs just won't drink much water unless they are encouraged to do so. Be sure to offer water often if this sounds like your dog. Too much exercise (to the point that a dog is excessively panting), vomiting, diarrhea, heat stroke, illness, or fever can also cause dehydration, or it could be a symptom of an underlying cause such as kidney disease, diabetes, or some types of cancer. Puppies, senior dogs, nursing mothers, and toy dogs breeds all have an increased risk of dehydration.

Next month: Symptoms of canine dehydration, and treating and preventing dehydration

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