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Rescue With A Heart

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TNP Staff Spotlight: Lori Babcock

What is your volunteer role at TNP? I transport the dogs and I also have fostered for TNP.

How long have you volunteered at TNP? I have been following Cathy and the team on Facebook for the past few years or so and was finally able to do a home visit via Facetime in January/February 2022 and passed with flying colors.



Tell me about your current pets I have five dogs total - all males and all best friends. The very first one I got was Remi; he turned 10 in January is my first ever Newfoundland. I found him in Michigan and made the over nine hour drive to get him. I talked to my bosses before I got him and asked if I could please bring him into work with me every day, and thankfully they said yes. So, for the first year Remi went to work with me daily. I work for a utility contractor, running a directional drill and driving dump trucks, so he would sit in the drill with me on rainy days and when nice, he would be tethered to the machine. Once he got too big to climb up into the dump truck that I hauled the drill with, I got my second dog, Cole. He is a rescue from a shelter in Rochester, New York and will be 9 in May. I was told he was a Black Lab and Chow but he is not a Chow at all. I have also been told he is part Border Collie, and I have also been told possibly part Newf -he does have the coat like Remi.



akoda

My third dog is a little red fox looking dog named Takoda. He is a Husky/Shepard/Chow mix and is 14 years old. He was my son's dog since puppyhood but when he took a job in Rochester and had to move to the city Takoda was not happy and use to jump out their window. So fast forward eight years and he still is staying (haha) with Grammy.

My fourth dog, Mr. Tibbs, is a 10+ year old Great Pyrenees that I rescued three years ago at Thanksgiving. His family moved and couldn't take him with them. We had several issues when I first got him and had to have a Pyrenees behaviorist (Steve Kalko) from Ohio come

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Who's at TNP?

Blue has completed his heartworm treatment and is getting ready for a new family. He is currently in foster care in Connecticut and has been under TNP care since November 5. Six-year-old Blue will be available for adoption at the end of March or beginning of April. Watch for updates on the TNP Facebook page and future issues of the newsletter!





Three-year-old **Princy** has been spayed and vetted and is waiting for her new home. She was surrendered because the owner felt she would do better in a home where she received more one-on-one attention. Princy has had basic training - sit, down, stay - and is an energetic, happy girl. Princy has been in a home with older children and other dogs. She loves riding in the car and will make a wonderful addition to a lucky 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.

Recently Adopted



Two-year-old **Ava** was adopted by Mitch Gutcho and Mary Devitt of Amston, Connecticut on January 25. She has bonded quickly with both of them and was instantly comfortable in her new home. "She follows me everywhere," Mary said. "Within three minutes she was on my bed."

Mitch and Mary went on a pre-planned long weekend trip just one week after adopting Ava and left her with Cathy at TNP. They were

concerned that Ava would not remember them when they picked her up. They needn't have worried. "She was happy to see us when we returned," Mary reported.

Ava was surrendered to TNP because she was not getting along with the other female canines in the house. That won't be a problem any longer as Ava is now the only pet in the house and has Mary and Mitch's full attention. They have discovered an odd quirk about Ava – she liked to eat paper. It may be a good thing that there aren't school-aged children in the house as Ava quite literally may eat their homework. For now, Mary and Mitch are diligent about not leaving papers where Ava can reach them.

Mary said she and Mitch have had "many other Newfs – 6 or 7 – and 14 dogs in total, including Labradors, a Mini Schnauzer, Weimaraner, and Dogue de Bordeaux." Ava is their second Newfoundland rescue. Mocha, also a brown Newf, was their first rescue in 2007 from Cathy when she was with the Newfoundland Club of New England. Their last Newf, Kenya, was from a breeder and passed away in January at almost 12 years old. Mitch and Mary usually had more than one dog at a time but Kenya was their only pet for the last six

Expert Excerpts

How Safe are Human OTC Medications for Your Dog?

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

It can be convenient and cost effective to give your dog over the counter human grade medication but be sure the medication and dosage is safe. Last month Dr. Flanagan outlined safe options for antihistamines: Zyrtec, Claratin, and Benadryl (which requires a higher dosage for dogs than humans); motion sickness: Dramamine and Bonine; anti-itch, anti-inflamatory, and antibiotic creams: cortisone, Neosporin, and Bacitracin (be sure to keep your dog from licking the ointments); and antacids: Pepcid and Prilosec.

Dr. Flanagan also recommends the following:

Eye lubricants and artificial tears, as well as antihistamines eye drops such as Zatadir, are all safe for dogs. These would be used for dogs prone to allergic conjunctivitis, dry eye, and for those droopy eyed dogs that just love to develop conjunctivitis secondary to trapped irritants.

Imodium for diarrhea can be used safely for dogs. While Pepto Bismol is often recommended for diarrhea in dogs, I use it with caution and only short term as it does contain salicylic acid which is an active ingredient in aspirin.

Aspirin should be used with caution in dogs. It is generally

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years, as she preferred to be the only dog. A second Newf is not out of the question so Ava can be a big

sister, but is not a priority at this time. Mary indicated that if there is a second Newf, the dog will also be a rescue from Cathy, whom they have known for over 20 years through the Newfoundland community.



Mary said it was clear Ava was well taken care of in her previous family, noting that she is well trained and behaves well. Ava enjoys running around the fenced yard and going on walks and is non-reactive to other dogs and people. She has also been very quiet. In fact, it was a couple of days before Ava barked. "She's a good girl," Mary said. And has been the perfect addition to the family.

Newfoundland Club of New England Rescue Educational Seminar

Saturday, May 20, 9-4 pm Deer Lake, 101 Paper Mill Road Killingworth, CT



\$10 admission includes lunch

Speakers:

NCNE Rescue Team
Elizabeth Friday, DMV - Tick Borne Diseases
Brigid White - Grooming 101

Janis Copes, ABCDT - Basic Obedience
Judy Moore, CCA, CDBC, BS CARAT, IAABC - Canine
Behavior

Register by April 20 and send your questions before the event

Click to download the registration form

Or visit NCNE website: newfclubne.org/events









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up and give us some help. He is a wonderful dog and I know that if I hadn't saved him and had Steve's help that he would have been bounced from home to home or lived out the rest of his life in a kennel.

My fifth dog is another Newfoundland from the same breeder that I got Remi from and his name is Rip. He is a Landseer and turned 10 months old in February. *Mr. Tibbs* I also have three cats; two that I found on back country roads and couldn't just leave or just give them to someone. The third was given to me by a very good friend whose son was highly allergic. So that is my pack - all great, healthy, lots of work, and lots of love!!!

What got you interested in Newfoundlands? The very first time I saw a Newf when I was a teenager, I knew that one day I would have one or several. They are absolutely gorgeous dogs, gentle giants and so loyal. When my boys started talking about having kids, I knew I wanted one to be a protector of my grand babies. I got Remi 4 months after Alyvia Rose was born so they could grow up together.



saw for 6 years. Now I am in the office.

Unfortunately, I didn't know about Newf rescues when I got Remi back in 2013. I hadn't done that kind of research other than getting to know all about the breed before I found (my breeder) Tracy in Michigan. I always told her that I would get another from her when Remi turned 9 or 10 as he was such a healthy pup. We have stayed in touch with each other all these years.

Mr. Tibbs & Rip When she told me at the beginning of 2022 that she had a litter and all but one was spoken for, I decided to get Rip. That was before I started with Cathy and Rip is the last one that I will get that way. From now on all my Newfs will come from TNP or other rescues.

How did you meet Cathy? I have followed Cathy and TNP on Facebook for the last few years. I have talked to her several times about some of the dogs that were at TNP and asked her multiple times about some issues I have had with my dogs (nothing serious.) Then I reached out about a Landseer that was up for adoption. She ended up adopting it out and didn't think I was really serious about the pup, that I was just commenting like I normally did about the rescues. I called her and told her how sad I was that I didn't get this particular pup and that is when she said, we need to do a home visit and get you on the books. As soon as we did that, she called me later that day asking to help with transport for Brittany from Pennsylvanie up to TNP in Connecticut. Then a week later I picked up Brittanys' sister, Mocha, and fostered her until Cathy could get her in for mouth surgery and later adopted by her new family. Then Mocha and Brittany's brother, Baxter, went to a foster in Ohio but was then adopted to the same family as his sister Brittany (now Brie). I have fostered a few more after that and the rest is history.

Do you have a paying job? What do you do? I work for Burrows Bros. Inc. They are a utility contractor. We put in water, sewer, gas, electric, fiber, cable, and phone. Everything is underground. I have been working for them for almost 20 years. I grew up in the business as my father owned a road/bridge construction company. I started working for him right out of high school in 1981 and have been doing it ever since. I have my class A license which means I drive dump trucks, big trucks and trailer, move equipment and so on. I spent 14 years altogether as a directional drill operator. Before that I ran a Vermeer road

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Where do call home? I live in Wayland, New York. I was born and raised in a very small town called Dansville and moved the next town over when my two boys, Kyle and Adam, started school as Wayland had a better school system. I have lived in my house for 20 years. I have eight acres, so lots of room for all the dogs to roam! I have a very large section that is fenced off and goes into a closed in porch with a doggie door.

What else do you like to do in your spare time besides volunteering? I spend a lot of



Remi & Aubrey

time with my pack. We go for walks around the property every day when I get home, unless it is a total downpour but we walk daily. I am a volunteer bartender at our local legion in town. I also enjoy yard work and spending time with my granddaughters Alyvia Rose and Aubrey Elizabeth as much as I can. My third granddaughter Abigayle Deanne, son Kyle, and his wife Amy live in Florida so I try to get down there twice a year to spend time with them.

What is the most challenging part of your volunteer work? To me, it is picking up the dogs and seeing how sad they are or how mistreated they were. Also, seeing how sad the family is when they have to surrender due to whatever situation has come up. I can't even imagine not having a dog for any time at all, even a day, nevermind having to give them up, but I know that situations do arise that are out of a person's hands. But I would live in my jeep or a box to be with my animals!

What is the most rewarding part? The most rewarding part for me has to be the fact they are getting a second chance at life and finding out how loving and safe their new life is. I am friends with Rachel and Jakob and saw the whole thing through with Maddie. From me fostering her, to Rachel and Jakob coming to my house to meet her for the first time, how excited

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Maddie was along with the excitement I saw in their faces knowing that she could possibly be their new dog! I see how much they adore her and how happy she is now, living her best life! That truly makes me happy!



Another rewarding part about rescue is seeing updated pictures of all of the dogs that Cathy and TNP have placed over the years and seeing how well adjusted they have become in their new homes/lives. It makes me so very happy to know there are so many people that want to see these amazing dogs thrive and give them their best life possible.

Lori's pack - top: Takoda, Mr. Tibbs, Remi, Cole bottom: Rip

Don't forget to celebrate National Newfoundland Dog Day on March 25

Whether your Newf is a working dog, water lover, or faithful companion, they undoubtedly enrich your life. Take some time on March 25 to recognize the sweet, lovable - and sometimes stubborn, goofy, and mischievous - breed with origins that date back nearly 200 years ago in Canada.

While most Newf owners could argue that every day is Newfoundland Day, these furry, drooling family members deserve an extra shout out on March 25. And an additional treat or belly rub.



Over 700K cancer deaths in the United States is the projection for 2023.

We all know someone affected by cancer.

The funds we hope to raise will help sustain critical research and patient services. Every dollar really does count.

What: Relay for Life of Northeastern CT "A Newf for Life" team, lots of fun for a great cause.

We NEED YOU and your NEWFs on our team!!

When: Saturday, June 10th (ends 10am June 11th for those that stay overnight)

Where: Roseland Park, 205 Roseland Park Rd, Woodstock CT





Pictures from "A Newf for Life" team 2022

Contact Christina McKenna-Weinberg for more details Cell: 860-455-3770 camckenna2000@gmail.com

Relay For Life is a movement, a community of like-minded survivors, caregivers, volunteers, and participants who believe that the future can be free from cancer. For over 35 years, communities across the world have come together to honor and remember loved ones and take action for lifesaving change. Funds raised through Relay For Life directly support breakthrough research, 24/7 support for cancer patients, access to lifesaving screenings, and much more.

TNP Earns gold status on Candid/Guidestar

That Newfoundland Place recently reached the Gold Seal of Transparency on Candid, formerly Guidestar, an information service that reports on U.S. nonprofit companies. Information includes mission statement, programs, staff and board of directors, organizational demographics, and financial data.

Candid uses a system of four Seals—bronze, silver, gold, and platinum—to indicate a level of transparency and completeness of an organization's profile. As they scale up, the Seals require increasing amounts of information about an organization and its goals and effectiveness. Less than five percent of non-profits registered with Candid are recognized with a Gold Seal.

A free membership is required to view the profiles of more than 1.8 million IRS-recognized organizations on Candid: https://www.guidestar.org/

Mark Your Calendar for 2023 TNP Events

TNP will hold Open Houses on the following Sundays in 2023:

April 23 June 4 August 20

The Reunion/Annual Fundraiser is tentatively scheduled for October 1.

All events are held at 554 Pucker St, Coventry, CT, rain or shine. Well behaved, leashed dogs are welcome!

Watch future newsletters and the TNP Facebook page for more information.

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considered safe, but dogs appear much more sensitive to the gastrointestinal side effects and often therapeutic doses we would use for aches and pains can cause intestinal ulcers in dogs. Mostly we use aspirin under veterinary guidance in low doses for dogs that have diseases that put the patient at increased risk of blood clots. NSAIDS, such as Aleve, Advil, and Motrin should be avoided as they have a very narrow margin of safety for dogs. Tylenol with or without codeine is often prescribed for pain in dogs but I would never recommend it over the counter without the guidance of your veterinarian due to the low margin of safety.

Underlying health conditions in an individual can dictate the safe use of medication, so if your dog has any medical issues it's best to speak with your veterinarian before using any medication. But if you have a happy healthy dog that needs any of the medication mentioned on a Sunday at 3 pm, you should feel comfortable administering these medications until you can call your vet Monday morning.

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