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2023 TNP Events

Come enjoy pizza and soft drinks at TNP's first Open House of the year on **Sunday, April 23, noon to 3 pm** at 554 Pucker St, Coventry, CT.

Open Houses are an opportunity for interested adopters to learn about Newfoundlands and TNP rescue and meet some of the available dogs.

Former adopters are encouraged to bring their well behaved, leashed dogs as ambassadors of the breed.

Applications for adoption and TNP's adoption agreement will be available. Open Houses are meet and greet events only - no dogs are adopted out on those days.

Future Events

Open Houses are also scheduled for **June 4** and **August 20**. The Reunion/Annual Fundraiser is tentatively scheduled for **October 1**.

All events are held rain or shine.

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

TNP Adoption Process

Are you thinking about adopting from That Newfoundland Place? All adopters must have an application on file and completed home check before being considered for placement. each Application includes an explanation of the adoption process. Once you have adopted from TNP and are looking for another dog, the application and home check is not needed unless there have been changes.

Let's take a look at what the process entails.

The adoption application allows TNP staff to determine what you are looking for in your next dog and the general environment the dog would be living in. The following information is requested:

- Name and contact information
- Breed and type of dog (puppy, adult dog, senior dog, male, female, either) *Note: TNP specializes in Newfoundland dogs, but is involved with placing other breeds.*
- Breeds have you lived with previously and when
- Reasons for adopting a dog
- Name, breed, age, and spayed/neuter status of other dogs in the home
- Number of dogs owned in the past five years and what happened to them

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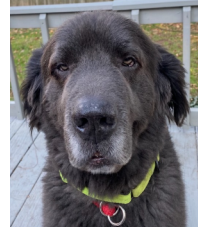
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Who's at TNP?

Blue is back at TNP and ready for his new family! It turns out this sweet boy will soon be 8 years old, not a 6-year old as originally thought. He has been under TNP's care since November and in foster care in Connecticut where he has recovered from heartworm and learned about living in a house and having a loving, caring foster mom. Blue needs a home where he can put his puppy mill days behind him, relax, and finally live the life he deserves. He will be a wonderful companion in the right home.



Three-year-old **Princy** was surrendered because her owner felt she would do better in a home where she could receive more one-on-one attention. Princy has had basic training - sit, down, stay - and has been spayed and vetted. She was adopted in March but due to a severe allergy of a close extended family member, she is still looking for her forever home. Princy is energetic and happy; she has experience living with older children and other dogs and would love to ride along on any trips in the car.

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

Breezy arrived at TNP on March 12 due to family hardship. She was vetted and shaved due to coat condition and adopted by Kathie and Cliff Lavell of Gibson Township, Pennsylvania on March 19.

Five-year-old Breezy is a bit on the thin side but is a lovely, happy girl. Watch for updates in future newsletters and the TNP Facebook page.



Spring Flowers May Be Toxic to Your Pets

After a cold winter the first flowers to emerge in springtime are a welcome sight. But pet owners should know which plants and flowers could be toxic – or even fatal – to pets. Whether in the yard or the house, keep your pets at a safe distance from these common spring plants and shrubs.

Daffodils are toxic to dogs and cats. The bulbs are most toxic, however, a small amount of the flowers ingested by cats can cause kidney failure.

Other bulbs poisonous to both cats and dogs are **tulips**, **narcissus**, and **hyacinth**.

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Expert Excerpts

Unregulated Nutritional Supplement Industry Means You May Not Get What You Read

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

Nutrition supplements for dogs are a very broad subject, as there seems to be supplements for every condition and every situation. I'm going to touch on a few of the more common reasons for supplementation because the scope of this article cannot be all encompassing. Most importantly I feel what needs to be addressed is that since they are a supplement only, manufacturers of nutritional supplements do not have to prove what they claim nor do they have to contain the active ingredient in the quantity stated on the label. In other words, *buyer beware*. If a product doesn't work as it claims it may not be the fault of the active ingredient. It may be the product itself. Do your research; make sure you're buying from a reputable company that has conducted scientific studies and guaranteed analysis on their product.

Joint supplements are probably one of the most commonly purchased nutritional supplements for dogs. Most joint supplements

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Some **lilies**– including Tiger lilies, day lilies, Asiatic hybrid, Easter lilies, Japanese show lilies, rubrum lilies, stargazer lilies, red lilies, western lilies and wood lilies – are highly toxic to cats and ingesting a small amount of the plant can cause severe kidney damage.



Stargazer lilies
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Popular flowering plants at florists and grocery stores, **cyclamen** and **kalanchoe** can result in gastrointestinal irritation. The most toxic part of cyclamen is the root, while all parts of the Kalanchoe are poisonous and can affect cardiac rhythm and rate.

Azaleas and **rhododendrons** are toxic and can affect the central nervous system in animals.

Symptoms to look for

If you notice any of the following symptoms and suspect your pet may have ingested part of a plant, notify your veterinarian right away.

- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Tremors
- Seizures
- Drooling (more than usual for Newfs)
- Pain
- Difficulty breathing or swallowing

Toxins can cause damage to the gastrointestinal system, kidneys, heart, central nervous system, and respiratory system.

The amount of toxicity will depend on the size of your pet and the amount they eat. And while a Newf would usually need to consume a fair amount to be affected by many of these toxins, it's good practice to keep him or her away from any plants they might like to nibble on.

For a comprehensive list of plants that can be toxic to animals, refer to

<https://www.aspcapetcare.com/pet-care/animal-poison-control/toxic-and-non-toxic-plants>

Other sources:

<https://www.petmd.com/emergency/keeping-your-pet-safe-poisonous-plants-spring>

<https://www.aspcapro.org/resource/17-plants-poisonous-pets>

<https://www.vetcarepethospital.ca/10-flowers-may-not-know-toxic-pets/>

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- Other animals in the household (domestic and/or livestock)
- Veterinarian name and contact info
- Residence status and length of residency
- Moving plans
- Yard details – private, fenced, electric fence
- Where the dog will be kept during the day and at night
- Total number of people living in the household
- Ages of any children
- Any household allergies to dogs
- Working status and hours of adults in the household
- Two personal references
- How you found out about TNP
- Any additional comments

Applications can be obtained on the TNP website: <https://thatnewfoundlandplace.org/>, by emailing Nancy Molnar at nancy@thatnewfoundlandplace.org, or at TNP events.

After a completed application is returned to Nancy, she records the information on Status Sheets and sends a note about the applicant(s) to the team for their review. The team may decide to schedule a home check immediately, wait until they feel it is the appropriate time, or decline to move forward with the application.

If the team decides to pursue a home check, they contact the applicant to schedule a home check as soon as the TNP staff are able (note that all TNP staff are volunteers). Applicants are encouraged to reach out to TNP staff if they are not contacted within a reasonable time to schedule the home check.

Home Check

Once the home check is scheduled, the date and TNP staff doing the home check - either in person or virtually - is recorded in the Status Sheets. During the home check, staff review information in the application and learn more about the potential new home and family, including:

- Current dogs (age, sex, breed) and other pets
- Experience with Newfoundlands
- Age and sex of dog requested
- Children in the home and ages
- information about the home and property – yard, fencing, work schedule, other adults living in the home, etc.

After the home check, staff complete a write up about the home, people, pets, etc. based on a form used during the visit. This also gets recorded onto the Status Sheets and shared with

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Ellis adoption day

the team. Applicants are approved if they are deemed a safe environment for the dog, nothing else. Fencing is NOT a necessity as NOT all dogs need a fence.

Placement

The placement part of the process is what makes TNP a unique rescue.

TNP's priority always lies with the best interest of the dog. They are not a pet store or operate like other rescues where people see a dog they like THEN apply. TNP works very hard to match the dog to your family and your family to the dog.

Dogs enter the rescue at unpredictable times and under a variety of circumstances. After arrival, TNP spends much time evaluating the dog in various situations: running in the field, meeting the other dogs at the rescue (male and female), meeting cats and livestock, spending time in the kennels, being groomed, at the vet, swimming, in the house, out of the house, in the car, walking on a leash, having a hand in their dish while they are eating, teaching sit, teaching what treats are, evaluating fencing needs, determining if the dog would do best as an only dog, and more.

TNP does not like placing same sexes together, particularly those of similar ages. There are, however, exceptions - such as siblings and parent/child pairs - and sometimes it does work, however it is not common practice. TNP has a good feeling of when that situation will work and when it won't work, based on years of experience with the breed and rescue work.

When they think there is a match between dog and adopter, TNP schedules a meet and greet with the dog and as many household members as possible. If the family want to pursue the adoption, the dog is often taken home that same day.



Grizzly adoption day

If You've Been Approved for Adoption for a While Without a Match

Be patient and persistent.

TNP holds functions throughout the year - open houses and an annual reunion/fundraiser - and they participate in other functions throughout New England. Attending one of those functions in order to meet the team is HIGHLY advised. They also highly recommend staying in touch while you are waiting. Do not wait until you see a dog on Facebook or in the newsletter that you are interested in before starting the process. By that time, the team likely has a home in mind for the dog. Of course, you are welcome to express interest on Facebook posts, which is a great way to stay in touch.

Dogs are placed where the team whole heartedly believes that the dog will thrive for the rest of his or her life. The success rate is much higher than other rescues. Yes, on rare occasions dogs have been returned, for a variety of reasons that TNP cannot always foresee. Even with the best of everyone's intentions, it happens. And TNP moves on from there.

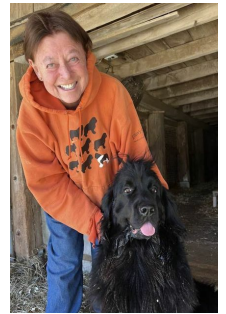
TNP is very transparent in every aspect of what they do. They want to be clear that what they do is in the best interest of the dog and want you to know that they are always there to help the people as well. They are not just placing dogs, they are introducing you to a new family member and best friend.

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The Adoption Fee

That Newfoundland Place's standard adoption fee is \$350. This helps to defray expenses related to comprehensive health care evaluation and testing and adoption preparations for the dog.

When a dog arrives at TNP, a veterinary examination and spay/neuter surgery (if needed) is scheduled as soon as possible. During the exam, a full CBC, CHEM screen, and 4DX are performed. These are blood tests that check for



Cathy welcomes Princy



Ava gets groomed

any underlying health issues and for heartworm and tick borne diseases. A urinalysis is also performed on each dog. Every dog is microchipped, bathed and groomed. All adoptions are sent home with copies of all veterinary records and information related to bloat, adjustment, and more. They also receive a new leash, collar, an Easy Walk Premier harness if needed, brush and comb, coat conditioner, shampoo, an ample supply of necessary medications, salmon, vitamin C & glycoflex supplements, a familiar food dish, canned food, and a large bag of dog food. These tangible items total over \$600. What is not included is staff time and costs associated with transportation, rehabilitation, and training for a new home.

On rare occasions that TNP has young puppies, the adoption fee is \$500. Each puppy receives vaccinations (usually two sets), exams, cardiologist appointments when needed, cystinuria blood work and microchip. The fee does not account for staff time for transportation, care, extra feeding times, etc. Each puppy goes home with similar items as above: veterinary records, a new leash and collar, food, necessary medication such as dewormer, etc.



Princy tries out a ride in the car

Senior dogs and dogs with medical issues receive the same set of tests, grooming, and take-home supplies as younger dogs. there is NO adoption fee for senior and medically challenged dogs.

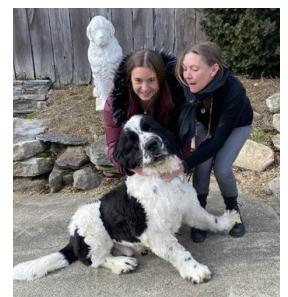


Sully arrived at TNP with two torn ACLs

In addition, dogs requiring surgeries or extra treatments – for such ailments as heartworm and Lyme disease – are treated by TNP until they are fully recovered. Surgery to repair a torn cruciate ligament is \$6,500 to \$7,500 per leg. Cataract costs \$3,000 per eye. Entropic eye surgery is approximately \$2,000 per eye. X-rays to determine the cause of a limp cost \$500. TNP pays for all of these costs.

The extensive vet work and extra treatment reinforces TNP's commitment to transparency in every facet of the process. To the best of their ability, they want adopters to know exactly the condition of the dog and expectations for care when they get home.

The adoptions fee helps to defray a portion of the expenses TNP has incurred while preparing the dog for his or her new home; 99% of the time is does not come close to covering expenditures. TNP's goal is to find the best home possible for the dogs to live a happy life and bring joy to their new families. With an overwhelming success rate over the past 11 years, TNP has found an adoption process that works.



Oliver adoption day



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

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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.

Newfoundland Club of New England Rescue Educational Seminar

Open to anyone with a Newf, not just a rescue

Saturday, May 20, 9am-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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contain a combination of glucosamine and chondroitin. Many supplements contain other active ingredients such as Perna muscle extract, avocado extract, Methylsulfonylmethane (MSM), etc. Most of these additional ingredients are targeted at inflammation whereas the primary ingredients are to help support health of cartilage and synovial fluid in the joint. Most joint supplements are well tolerated although occasionally some dogs do develop diarrhea from the ingredients. I personally believe large active dogs should be started at a young age as the products work better to support the cartilage that's already present as opposed to rebuilding new cartilage.

Next Month: Are pre-biotics and probiotics, essential fatty acids and vitamins beneficial for your dog?

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