

# Newfie News



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## 2023 Year in Review at That Newfoundland Place

*By Cathy Derench*

It was another busy year at That Newfoundland Place as we placed 31 dogs (25 Newfs) in new homes for a variety of reasons. In addition, TNP helped keep numerous dogs in their home by providing vet care, grooming, and food. TNP receives calls all the time from people looking for help for not only their dogs – and not all Newfs - but also one-off help for their cats. Many, many of these situations have come up in 2023 where we have assisted.

As most know, TNP uses only a few qualified fosters. We are grateful for the help we receive from these amazing people who take TNP dogs into their homes, work with them to socialize, get them to the vet for their vet work, re-hab them after surgery, and care and love them until it's their time to move to a permanent home. For this, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude and sincere thanks to Lori Babcock in New York; Shannon Bozeat in New York;

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## 2024 Event Dates Announced at TNP

That Newfoundland Place has announced the dates of events in 2024, all of which will be held rain or shine at 554 Pucker St, Coventry, Connecticut. All events are free to attend.

*Open Houses - Noon to 3 PM*

**April 14**

**June 2**

**July 21**

**August 25**

Meet with TNP adopters and folks interested in learning about Newfoundlands as well as TNP rescue staff and some of the dogs available for adoption. Applications for adoption will be available plus lots of great information on the breed. Enjoy pizza and soft drinks. Dogs are not adopted during an Open House; they are meet and greet events only.

*The TNP Annual Reunion and Fundraiser is tentatively scheduled for **October 6**.*

All well behaved, leashed dogs are welcome to attend events, but be mindful of extreme heat.

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

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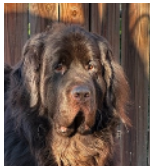
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## Who's at TNP?

**Sophie** arrived at TNP on November 20 in foster care with Nancy Weaver in New Jersey. One-year-old Sophie has Subaortic Stenosis (SAS), a congenital heart defect that can cause heart enlargement, predisposing her to congestive heart failure or sudden death. There is no cure for SAS, however, Sophie will be on a beta blocker the rest of her life, which could be a short time or many years. Sophie was spayed on December 21 and once healed will go to her new home. Stay tuned for updates in future newsletters and the TNP Facebook page.



Three-year-old **Goliath** was surrendered due to family hardship. He has healed from neuter surgery and is ready for his new home. Goliath is good with children, other dogs, and loves to ride in the car. Watch for updates in future newsletters and the TNP Facebook page.

TNP is also working with other dogs and their owners. Stay tuned for updates in future newsletters and the TNP Facebook page.

### Interested in adopting from TNP?

All dogs are placed only in APPROVED homes. Email Nancy for an application: [nancy@thatnewfoundlandplace.org](mailto: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

Sal and Meredith Khan welcomed **Delaney, aka Laney**, into their Lancaster, Massachusetts home on December 15. "Laney's a great dog," Sal said. "We're thrilled with her."



One-year-old Laney is already bonded to her Newf brother, 2-year-old Harry. "She jumped right in and I think because of Harry she was immediately comfortable," Sal said.

Sal noted that Laney and Harry are very playful with each other and genuinely enjoy each other's company. "It's like they've known each other a long time," Sal said. Meredith added, "they are like brother and sister." Laney and Harry like playing tug of war, each carrying half of the same toy in their mouth and walking around with it.

Laney is the Khan's 4th Newfoundland, and second rescue, but first from TNP. They got their first two Newfs – the first in 1997 - from a breeder in Lunenburg, Massachusetts. Their second Newf, Hagrid, was 12 when they got Harry from the Newfoundland Club of New England Rescue last year. "Harry brought some life to Hagrid," Sal said. Hagrid lived about six more months after Harry was adopted.



Harry (l) & Laney (r)

The experience with Hagrid and Harry led to adopting Laney "Harry loves dogs so much we started thinking we should get a companion for him," Sal explained. "Laney seems to be benefiting, too." Meredith found TNP through an online search of Newfoundland rescues. They contacted TNP the same day Laney's photo was posted on the Facebook page. "Our daughter is Alaina

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## Expert Excerpts

### Diabetes in Dogs

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

Last month we learned that diabetes is a common disease in the canine world. Diabetes is a condition where the body does not produce enough insulin, a hormone which helps regulate blood sugar levels, or the body has become resistant to the effects of insulin, so therefore the sugar rises to excessive levels in the blood.

Diabetes cannot be cured, but is managed through diet and exercise and insulin injections, usually required twice daily for dogs, timed with their meals, for the remainder of their life.

Unfortunately, most of our patients cannot be regulated to the precise degree that human diabetics are. Monitoring your pet's blood sugar and adjusting insulin doses is difficult for even the most diligent of pet owners. Poorly regulated diabetic dogs are prone to developing cataracts, frequent urinary tract infections and continued signs of diabetes such as increased thirst and urination. If left completely untreated, diabetes is fatal. The body cannot survive in a negative energy state. Rapid fat breakdown leads to an increase in ketones in the blood. High ketones can cause an animal to feel unwell so they stop eating in advanced stages of unregulated diabetes. This can progress to vomiting and dehydration. Even with aggressive treatment, many animals in this state, called diabetic ketoacidosis, succumb to their illness. If caught early enough and treated appropriately, most dogs with diabetes can live normal lives, with a good quality of life. It is a commitment on the owner's part to be sure their pet's diet, exercise and insulin therapy is closely monitored and regulated.

If you are one of the unfortunate people who has a dog develop diabetes, you will become very close friends with your veterinarian and their technicians. It's a team effort to keep these guys healthy but it can be done.

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and we call her Laney," Sal said. Alaina graduated from UMass Amherst and lives at home, helping with both dogs - especially grooming - as does son Silas, who is in his first year of college in Worcester, Massachusetts, but comes home every weekend to visit.

Meredith, who grew up with a St. Bernard, knew she wanted a Newf shortly after she and Sal were married.

"Meredith saw a big black dog with its head sticking out of the window of a truck and said, 'I want that kind of dog'" Sal said. It turned out to be a good fit.

"The breed was perfect for us," Sal remarked. The hallmark traits of being gentle and good with children remained true for the Khans.

Sal and Meredith are looking forward to warmer weather when they can bring Laney to Lake Winnisquam in Meredith, New Hampshire, where they go often in the summer. Harry likes the water but is "more of a jump in, jump out kind of guy," Sal said. They are anxious to see what kind of water dog Laney is and to bring both dogs to the lake. "We're really enjoying her and have a lot of hope for them for the future, and all of us really."



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Rebecca White in Massachusetts; Faith Ferguson in Connecticut; Shyann Torstenson in Connecticut; Brenda Clair in Pennsylvania; Deb Herring in Ohio; and Nancy Weaver in New Jersey.

Let's take a look at all the wonderful dogs that were adopted in 2023:

### **January**

**Ava**, a cute little brown girl who was surrendered due to no longer getting along with another female dog in the

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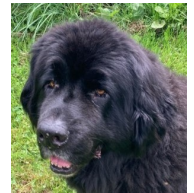
house, started off the new year. She came to us from New York with the assistance of the Animal Control Officer in her town. We had her vetted and spayed. She is now living in Connecticut and doing great with her Newfoundland brother, Sidney.



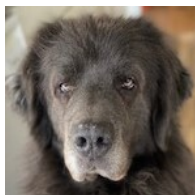
**Ollie**, a beautiful young Landseer male came to us when his owner passed unexpectedly. We were contacted by Ollie's owners' friends and vet. Ollie was vetted and neutered and placed in an amazing home on Long Island. Now 3-years-old, Ollie is doing wonderfully, loves his swimming pool, and is a very spoiled boy.

### March

**Breezie** came to us a stray who was not claimed. She is a very sweet girl who gets along with everyone. The vets put her at maybe 5 years old. She was vetted and is now living in Pennsylvania and is loving her life going for walks and car rides. Her people have tons of Newf experience and Breezie is living large.

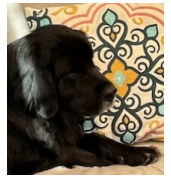


### April



**Blue Boy, or Blue**, came to us back in 2022 from a puppy mill. He was with us for months, with our team in New Jersey, in a foster, and here at TNP. He was a project for sure. A wonderful and sweet boy, he had heartworm when we got him. So, it was trips to a cardiologist as well as our regular vets. He had to be neutered as well. Finally, when Blue Boy was ready to go to his permanent home, we took a ferry ride to Long Island, Blue Boy and I, to meet his new mom and dad. It is a match made in heaven. From a mill to the beaches of Long Island - quite the change for this deserving boy.

**Sage**, was not even 2 when she arrived from New York. A divorce situation led to the best decision for Sage - a new, loving home. After vetting and spaying Sage is thriving and is now a resident of Connecticut.



### May



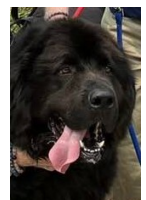
**Princy**, 3 years old, has an interesting story and is a seasoned globe trotter. She originally came from Russia as a pup, sold to a military family. The family was transferred from the West Coast to the East Coast and Princy was too much dog for them. They luckily gave her to a kind couple in New England who sought out TNP. We had her vetted and spayed and she is now living in Massachusetts. Princy is a sweet, loving girl, very typical Newfie temperament.

### June

**Jasper, now Joey**, is a 6-year-old Newfie with an amazing disposition! Changes in family dynamics brought Jasper to TNP from Pennsylvania. Once vetted and neutered, he was placed in a Newf experienced home in Massachusetts and lives with a Newf sister.



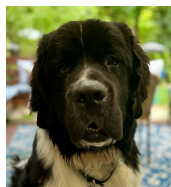
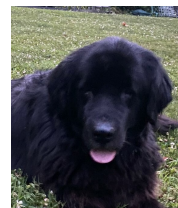
**Val, now called Dal** (for Dahlia), came from a hoarding situation in New York, one of three we took from that location. Dogs from these types of situations take time





to acclimate. Once vetted and spayed and when it was felt she was ready to move on, she went to a home with amazing Newf experience in New York.

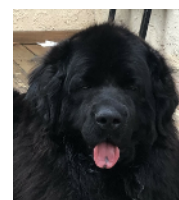
**Ruthie**, an 8-year-old, came from Pennsylvania when her owner became ill and could no longer care for her but truly loved her. He turned her over to someone who offered to help. Once we were contacted, we worked with the foster to get Ruthie vetted. Ruthie was diagnosed with SAS. We took care of testing and vetting. Ruthie is thriving, still in Pennsylvania, with her former foster mom and savior Brenda!



**Sullivan, or Sully**, a year-old male from New Jersey, was surrendered due to family hardship. Once vetted, he was placed in New Jersey with an amazing family.

## July

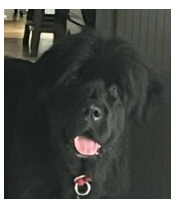
Two-year-old **Matilda** was surrendered with her brother **Yoggi** due to family hardship and changes. Both were from Connecticut and needed to be vetted and spayed/neutered. When ready to go to new homes, each went to amazing families! Matilda went to a home in New Jersey and Yoggi is living in Pennsylvania.



Matilda

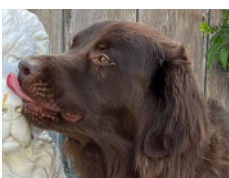
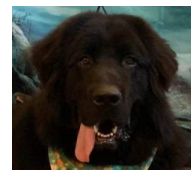


Yoggi



**Jelly Bean, now Clementine**, is the second of three in a hoarding situation from New York. Once acclimated to real life, this 2-year-old sweetie was vetted and spayed and is now living a fun-filled Newfie life in Massachusetts with a Newf brother Hugo and sister Emma.

Family hardship brought 3-year-old **Neptune** to TNP from Pennsylvania. After vetting and neutering, Neptune went to a Newf experienced home in New Jersey.

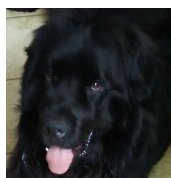


**Pumpkin, now Winston**, a young male from Connecticut, was surrendered to TNP due to his owner not having enough time for him. Believe me, it showed! Once vetting and neutering were done, and a ton of time spent with him, he went to his new home, also in Connecticut. He is currently doing weekly training classes that TNP helps with financially. He adores his new person and we want to help him be the dog he is supposed to be.

**Fiona** is a 5-year-old female surrendered to TNP due to family and work changes. An amazing girl, she went from New York City to the country in Maine which is perfect for her because she loves to swim!



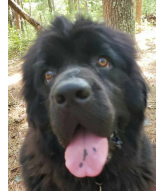
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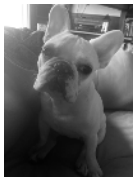
**Spencer** is a 2-year-old male from Delaware. Once vetted and neutered he went to his new home in Massachusetts and continues to do awesome.

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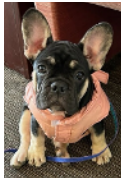
18-month-old **Delilah** from Pennsylvania came to us due to family hardship. Delilah was definitely in need of training. After being vetted she is doing terrific living in Massachusetts with a well-seasoned Newf owner. Her new life consists of long walks and the ocean.



August brought another new experience. We were called for help with a French Bull Dog who was a few days in labor whose owner had no money for a c-section, and one rescue had backed out on taking her. We had the Frenchie signed over to us and within an hour, a c-section was done by our amazing vets. Our goal was to save the mama and we were told initially not to expect live pups after all the time in labor BUT there were puppies! We spent the end of summer raising Frenchie pups and getting them ready for their new homes. Mom has been spayed and is doing great.



Mama



Darcy in CT



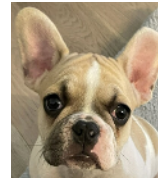
Luna in CT



Dottie in CA



Rooster in NY



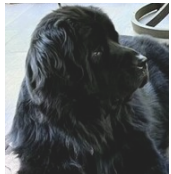
Dottie



RJ in MA

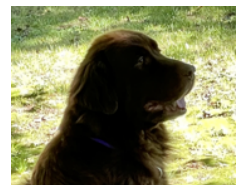
Minerva in MA

## September

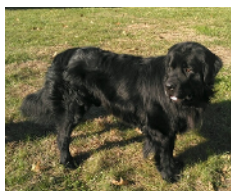


**Layla**, a 4-year-old female from New Jersey, was surrendered due to family hardship. She was spayed and vetted and is residing in New Jersey and doing well. She has moved in like she's been there forever!

**Faith, aka Kona**, is a 5-year-old tiny brown girl, adorable and sweet, from New Jersey. After her spay and vetting, she was placed in a home in Massachusetts with folks who have had Newfs for decades. Kona, named after the coffee, is thoroughly enjoying her new life of walks and daily visits to the coffee shop.

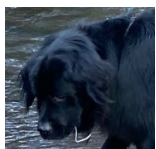
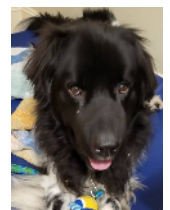


## October



**Hank, now called Jake**, roughly 3 years old, was picked up as a stray in Pennsylvania and became another unclaimed Newfie. Our New Jersey Team got the call and the dog was signed over to TNP. A lovely boy, once all vetting was done, he went to a Newf experienced home in Massachusetts and is doing great.

**Kai**, from Massachusetts, came to us in May 2023 as his owner had to move and could not find a living situation that would allow him to keep his dog. TNP held Kai for a few months to try to help this young man but when it became clear that this was not going to work for him or the dog, Kai was signed over to TNP. We had him neutered and vetted and he is now living with an amazing young couple in Massachusetts enjoying hiking and training.



Three-year-old Ringo from Pennsylvania came to TNP from a family hardship situation. Once vetted and neutered, **Ringo, now called Angus**, went to his new home in Georgia.

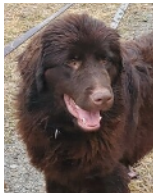
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## **November**

**Phyllis** is another unclaimed stray from New York. Newfie folks were contacted by the shelter in that area and they reached out to TNP. The shelter was amazing and did all the vet work before turning her over to us. We got to know Phyllis, who is now Mia, and she is now living in Connecticut with former Newf owners and doing awesome.



## **December**



**Laney**, a 1-year-old female from New York, was too much for her owners and was surrendered to TNP. Once vetted and spayed, and time spent with her acclimating to people and places, she went to her new home in Massachusetts and lives with a wonderful family and her new Newf big brother, Harry.

***TNP wishes everyone a happy, healthy 2024!  
We are grateful for your care and support of all the dogs  
that passed through TNP this year!***



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## **How To Tell If You're Ready For A Newfoundland**

- 1) Lift a hundred pound bag of wet sand up and down the stairs
- 2) Push a hundred pound bag of wet sand into your car
- 3) Borrow a pony and purchase a Dremel and practice dremeling the pony's hooves while on your hands and knees...be sure to get in the most awkward position you can imaging the pony is a stubborn Newf that won't move
- 4) Smear hair gel all over your walls and throw it on the ceiling and TV. Be sure you also smear the lower half of all windows, curtains, and glass doors
- 5) Wear old football cleats and run and slide on your wood floors
- 6) Smear your toilet seat in more gel and add bits of mulch and grass
- 7) Throw away all light colored dress clothes, purses, and shoes
- 8) Rub fur and gel into the roof, floor and inside the doors of your vehicle
- 9) Drip lotion out of the windows and down the sides of your car
- 10) At least twice daily drop that bag of wet sand on your bare foot
- 11) Shake balls of fur, mulch, and a bucket of dirt all over your house daily (add water for rainy days) for variety add bits of toilet paper, shaving cream, and feathers
- 12) Throw chains and some of that gel on your stainless steel appliances
- 13) Stand on your dishwasher door while it is opened
- 14) Practice repeating " NEWFOUNDLAND....no, it's not a Black Great Pyrenees..150 pounds....4-8 cups a day....no, I don't have a saddle" over and over with a smile
- 15) Volunteer at the zoo to help wash the large animals and clean up their poop
- 16) Be sure to remove the door to your bathroom. You won't be able to shut it again



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- 17) Throw muddy wet rocks on the floor and walk on it in bare feet in the dark, you may not scream or you will wake someone
- 18) Have someone operate a chain saw outside your bedroom door all night. Record this and play it every night right next to your ear
- 19) Take a nice long piece of sturdy rubber hose and go around smacking all the coffee mugs off the end-tables and hit any close male in the privates and smack your own legs a few times. If you have a tree in your home around Christmastime be sure to whack all the ornament that are within three feet of the ground
- 20) Take shampoo, egg whites, and a gallon of water and make big pools on your tile floors. Run through this windmilling your arms and yelling whoopeee
- 21) Pull back your sheets and fill your bed with a bag of yard clippings and sand. Add a branch and a bone, then carefully re-make your bed. Don't forget to smear your pillow with hair gel
- 22) Practice sleeping on the outside 6" of your bed with no pillow and that wet bag of sand next to you. Your blankets are to be under the bag of sand
- 23) Practice telling people that your husband does NOT beat you, that those bruises are from your dog
- 24) Stuff your washer with your best bedding and another one of those bags of yard clippings plus hair, a couple of branches, bones and mud
- 25) Remove your normal dryer vent and just run a temporary hose out your laundry window for venting hair
- 26) Without smiling, offer to drive your friends for a dressy night out
- 27) Bend all your eye-glasses and smear with more of that gel
- 28) Buy stock in a vacuum company and a dog food company
- 29) Lay a sand bag in front of your sink, in front of the refrigerator and in front of the dishwasher. Now cook for 10 guests
- 30) In the wintertime, stand at your back door from dawn 'til dark opening and closing it

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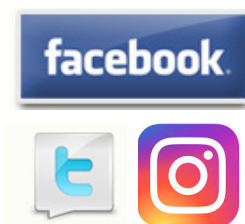
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