

# Newfie News



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## A CELEBRATION OF LIFE The Life and Legacy of Cathy Derench



"Legend - a person who is famous or admired for their exceptional achievements or qualities, often in a specific field or area. This usage highlights an individual's lasting impact."

Join us on **August 24 at 2PM** at 554 Pucker Street, Coventry, Connecticut in celebration of the life and legacy of Cathy Derench. Our infinitely loved mom, wife, sister, mentor and hero to the legions of animals that got a second chance simply because she existed. The number of lives both animal and human that have been touched by Cathy and her foundation, That Newfoundland Place are immeasurable. Her legacy of compassion and kindness ripples across

the country and beyond as she leaves behind a foundation that will continue to march forward in her big footsteps knowing she will be guiding from afar.

Her life was dedicated to being the voice of those who could not speak for themselves. She leaves her beloved Newfoundland breed and animals, the immortal work of an entity that will now continue to speak for them even when she can no longer be that voice.

She is a legend.

If you are interested in attending the celebration, please respond to the Facebook post:

[https://www.facebook.com/events/363730819870994/?active\\_tab=discussion](https://www.facebook.com/events/363730819870994/?active_tab=discussion)



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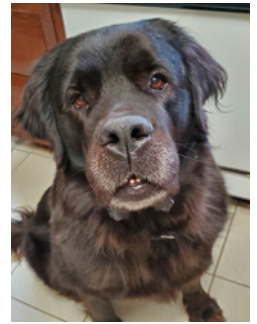
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## Who's At TNP?

Five-year-old Koko was adopted in April but unfortunately was not a good fit with the other Newf in the home so she's looking for a forever family where she is the only dog. She is a sweet girl, a quick learner, and has been spayed and vetted. Watch for updates in future newsletters and the TNP Facebook page.



### Interested in adopting from TNP?

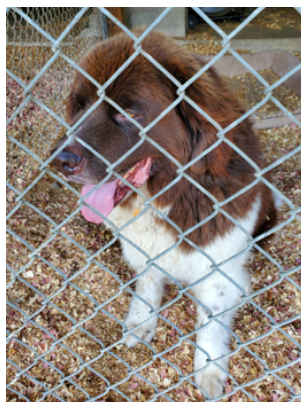
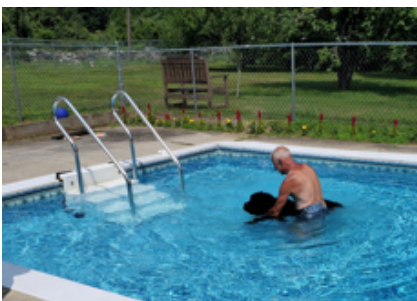
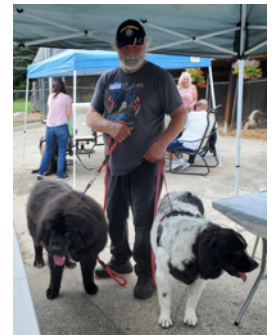
All dogs are placed only in APPROVED homes. Email Nancy for an application: [nancy@thatnewfoundlandplace.org](mailto:nancy@thatnewfoundlandplace.org). Home checks are also required (virtual or in person).

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.

## July TNP Open House

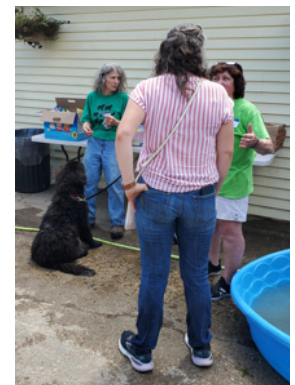
It was a beautiful day for the July Open House with plenty of sunshine for adults and kiddie pools and shady spots for the dogs. Potential adopters learned about the adoption process and dogs available for adoption.

**THERE WILL BE NO FURTHER OPEN HOUSES IN 2024 AND THE ANNUAL REUNION/FUNDRAISER IN OCTOBER HAS BEEN CANCELED. EVENTS WILL BE BACK IN 2025! FOLLOW THE TNP FACEBOOK PAGE AND FUTURE NEWSLETTERS FOR MORE INFORMATION.**



*More Open House photos on page 3*





**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF TNP!**



## Shampooing a Newf and Other Double Coated Dog Breeds

It may seem straightforward to wash a dog - add water, shampoo, and rinse - but for dogs with double coats, the process is a bit more complicated to ensure both a clean and tangle free dog.

Nancy Molnar is the Correspondence Secretary at TNP and was a professional groomer for Newfoundlands, and pets of all breeds, for 15 years. She is experienced in show pets and also owned a mobile grooming business for many years. She shares her expertise in keeping your Newf clean and looking great in between professional grooming,

"The main thing I stress to everyone is NEVER SHAMPOO A MATTED OR UNBRUSHED NEWF!" Nancy said. "You will have more mats, and these can develop into worse mats sometimes causing hot spots. Your dog could potentially develop an infection with a trip to the vet's office, antibiotics, and of course the E-Collar to stop them from licking and/or scratching the hot spot."

Nancy recommends you brush out the undercoat well before shampooing. This will prevent mats and tangling after bathing. Really soak your Newf with cool water before shampooing and always rinse until you can not see anymore bubbles or feel any soapy spots. The hair should "SQUEAK."

Nancy says that whatever shampoo you use ALWAYS dilute it with 4 parts water and 1 part shampoo unless more of a ratio is stated on the shampoo or conditioner bottle. You will not be able to get the shampoo or conditioner completely out of the coat if it's not diluted. If you use a conditioner this should also be diluted with 4 parts water and 1 part shampoo unless otherwise stated on the shampoo bottle. If you don't, you'll end up with a GREASY DOG!

Deciding on the best shampoo can be confusing, "When buying a shampoo and reading labels it is as confusing as reading labels on food," Nancy said. "I look for the following ingredients to NOT BE in the shampoo or conditioner:

- Formaldehyde - this can be absorbed by the skin and has been linked to cancer
- Mineral oil
- Parabens
- Artificial colors, Synthetic fragrances and or perfumes
- Methylchloroisothiazolin - this is an organic compound which is toxic
- Phthalates - this is a group of chemicals which could be fragrances, oily liquids, etc.
- Ammonium lauryl sulfate - this is like a detergent

So, how do choose a good shampoo and/or conditioner? Nancy recommends products that are hypoallergenic, free from harsh chemicals, laboratory tested, endorsed by the Veterinary Associations or recommended by your vet, breeder or rescue person(s). It is also not recommended to use a "deshedding" shampoo or conditioner. Newfs and double coated breeds are supposed to shed!

"I have used Burt's Bees brand, Miracle Coat (which also has a great spray for in-between



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bathing, itchy/flaky skin and that doggie smell), Mr. Groom shampoo & conditioners (also their finishing conditioner spray, which even has a sunscreen in it along with extra shine from mink oil & Vitamin E oil. They are not heavy on the coat and smell phenomenal.)



When I had my seven Newfs I also use Mane 'n Tail. They have a number of various shampoos and conditioners. They originally started as a horse shampoo. I know HUMANS that have used this due to their long hair, wanting it to be strengthened and nourished, minimizing breakage."



If your Newf has flaky, itchy skin, try an oatmeal based product. This will soothe and moisturize the dog's skin and coat. If your dog has *really* dry, flaky, and itchy skin then it is recommended to use HexaDerm. HexaDerm features a deep cleansing and deodorizing action with a soap-free formula. It contains chlorhexidine which helps treat skin conditions and protects against bacteria, yeast, and fungi that cause skin infections. HexaDerm also includes ceramides to support and restore the natural lipid barrier of the skin. Note that you may need a prescription for HexaDerm and be sure to wash your hand thoroughly after use.



Nancy's takeaway is "to use a soap-free shampoo option that soothes and hydrates rather than drying out skin and coat. Use "made in USA" products for the best quality. Above all, NEVER USE HUMAN products. The PH levels can cause skin irritation."

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# HOT PAWS ON PAVEMENT

Air Temperature	Asphalt Temperature
77°	125°
86°	135°
87°	143°

## Pet Safety Tips

- Try to avoid prolonged exposure to hot asphalt, sand or similar surfaces which can burn your pet's paws.
- Walk your pet on the grass if possible.
- Avoid strenuous exercise on extremely hot days. Take walks in the early mornings or evenings, when the sun's heat is less intense.

Put the back of your hand on the pavement, and if you can't keep it there for five seconds, it's too hot for your dog's paws.

According to Journal of the American Medical Association, an air temperature of 85 degrees can cause the asphalt temperature to reach 135 degrees. To find out if the asphalt is too hot, place your hand on the pavement. If it's too hot after 7 seconds, it's too hot for your Newf

to walk on and can cause discomfort, blisters, or burns to paw pads. Avoid hot surfaces and walk your dog during cooler times of the day. You may want to invest in protective wear for those sensitive feet or smear on a generous amount of paw wax. Be mindful of your Newf's behavior on the walk. If he shows discomfort, slows down, or tries to hop away from the surface, check his paws and seek medical attention if necessary.

Source: <https://www.animalemergency.com/site/blog/2021/08/09/dog-paws-safe-hot-pavement>

# Honor Your Newfs on Rainbow Bridge Remembrance Day

August 28 is Rainbow Bridge Remembrance Day, a time to honor all the pets that have filled our hearts with love and passed from Earth. Legend states the Rainbow Bridge is a link between heaven and Earth where beloved animals are healthy and strong, free to roam without a care, waiting to be reunited with their humans one day.

***Just this side of heaven is a place called Rainbow Bridge.***

***When an animal dies that has been especially close to someone here, that pet goes to Rainbow Bridge. There are meadows and hills for all of our special friends so they can run and play together. There is plenty of food, water and sunshine, and our friends are warm and comfortable.***

***All the animals who had been ill and old are restored to health and vigor. Those who were hurt or maimed are made whole and strong again, just as we remember them in our dreams of days and times gone by. The animals are happy and content, except for one small thing; they each miss someone very special to them, who had to be left behind.***

***They all run and play together, but the day comes when one suddenly stops and looks into the distance. His bright eyes are intent. His eager body quivers. Suddenly he begins to run from the group, flying over the green grass, his legs carrying him faster and faster.***

***You have been spotted, and when you and your special friend finally meet, you cling together in joyous reunion, never to be parted again. The happy kisses rain upon your face; your hands again caress the beloved head, and you look once more into the trusting eyes of your pet, so long gone from your life but never absent from your heart.***

***Then you cross Rainbow Bridge together....***

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<https://www.rainbowsbridge.com/Poem.htm>

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