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TNP Rescue Parade at NCA National Specialty

Rescued Newfoundlands from multiple rescue organizations, including That Newfoundland Place, took part in a rescue parade at the Newfoundland Club of America National Specialty in Warwick, Rhode Island on May 2.

The parade was in honor of Cathy Derench, TNP founder and co-president who passed away last year. Cathy would have been thrilled to see the dogs thriving in their new families. Each dog had a turn around the show ring and was awarded a medallion by Cathy's husband Ed Derench and daughter Melissa Carbone. TNP staff and volunteers also celebrated the day with the Newfs and adopters.



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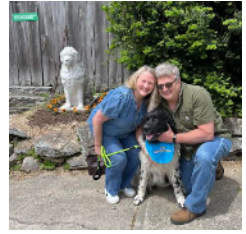
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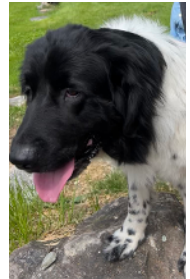
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Recently Adopted

Duke was adopted by John and Dawn Thomas of New York. Watch the Facebook page and future newsletter for updates on this sweet 3 year old boy.



Diesel is a 3 year-year-old male from Pennsylvania who came in with Duke. He arrived at TNP in early May and is now back in Pennsylvania with his new owners Lisa & Tim White. Check the Facebook page and future newsletter for updates on this sweet boy.



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.

Open House Schedule for 2025

The next That Newfoundland Place Open House will be on **June 22**.

Other dates for Open Houses include:

July 20
August 24

Meet TNP alumni, both dogs and adopters. as well as TNP rescue staff. Learn more about the breed while enjoying pizza and drinks.

Information on the breed and applications for adoption will be available. Dogs looking for their forever homes may be on site.

All well behaved, leashed dogs are welcome! Please be mindful of extreme heat when bringing your dog.

Open Houses are meet and greet events only. No dogs are adopted out.

All Open Houses are held Noon to 3pm
554 Pucker St, Coventry, CT
Events are held rain or shine and are free to attend.

Expert Excerpts

Kennel Cough

Kennel cough, or canine infectious respiratory disease complex (CIRDC), is a virus of the respiratory system. Kennel Cough is often synonymous with Bordetella because the most common bacteria that causes kennel cough is called Bordetella bronchiseptica. Kennel cough in dogs is highly contagious and is contracted by inhaling bacteria or virus particles into their respiratory tract, direct contact (like touching noses) with an infected dog, or by coming into contact with contaminated surfaces (water or food bowls, etc.).

The infection results in inflammation of the larynx (voice box) and trachea (windpipe). Some conditions increase the dog's chances of getting kennel cough, including exposure to crowded or poorly ventilated conditions, (which are found in many kennels and shelters), cold temperatures, and exposure to dust or cigarette smoke.

Symptoms of Kennel Cough

- Persistent strong cough (often sounds like honking) or hacking, almost as if choking
- Runny nose
- Sneezing
- Eye discharge
- Possible loss of energy
- Possible loss of appetite
- Fever

Next month: Treatment and prevention

Source:

<https://www.akc.org/expert-advice/health/kennel-cough-in-dogs/>
<https://www.webmd.com/pets/dogs/>

Cathy's Crew Hoodies and Bibs Still Available

Cathy's Crew is a special project within TNP that ensures elderly or hard to home animals have a beautiful farm in Connecticut with space, resources, and love to safely live out their lives forever. The farm is the life work of animal rescue legend Cathy Derench who was the divine intervention to thousands of animals that found a new beginning because they crossed Cathy's path. All animals that have been rescued, crossed paths, or helped in any way by Cathy are part of Cathy's Crew. Hoodies available in black, pink, and orange. Bibs are available in black.

Hoodies are \$65, bibs are \$25.

Email Krisy@ThatNewfoundlandPlace.org with your size/color and address.



Why Is Your Dog Staring At You

Dogs communicate with their body language and their eyes and when they are staring at you, they are trying to tell you something. Some messages may seem obvious – like when you are eating a piece of pizza – but others may be more subtle. Below are reasons why your Newf has his gaze locked on you.

They Want Something

This is likely the top reason why your dog is staring at you. She may want water or food (either what you are eating or their own), a favorite toy, or to relieve herself outside. When you respond and provide your Newf with what she wants, it reinforces to her that eye contact is an effective way to communicate and get attention. Just be careful not to reinforce begging behavior; You may want to avoid eye contact while you are eating.

They Are Bonding With You

Just as with people, sustained eye contact is a bonding experience. Studies have shown that when dogs and humans share extended eye contact, they release oxytocin, the hormone associated with positive feelings and trust. This mutual exchange builds emotional closeness, increasing the sense of security and connection.

It's Curiosity

Dogs are curious and observant by nature. Sometimes they just wonder what you are doing and what your actions mean. They could be genuinely puzzled by your behavior or simply want to stay involved in their people's lives.

They're Looking for Instructions

You are the leader of the pack and your Newf looks to you for guidance and cues on what to do next, especially in unfamiliar situations. Plus, intense focus and eye contact is a cornerstone of training, as your dog decides how to act. Your body language and expressions provide them with clues. Border Collies, Australian Shepherds, and German Shepherds or other breeds with "jobs" may stare intently for direction on what's next.

They're Reading Your Emotions

Dogs are very sensitive to human emotions and staring at you helps them pick up on your mood. Your facial expressions and body language display how you are feeling, whether it is happy, sad, depressed or scared. Staring enables them to gauge your emotions and respond accordingly, such as providing comfort or jumping for joy with you.

Attention Anyone?

Dogs are social and demand interaction and attention from their humans, literally by staring at them. If you have spent too much time in front of a screen or reading a book you may have encountered your Newfie staring at you to remind you it's time to pay attention to him now.

They're Trying to Recognize What You Are Doing

Dogs associate your words and actions with specific outcomes related to them, like when you pick up their leash or food bowl, and may stare at you to understand what you are doing. Paying close attention to you helps them read the environment and ultimately strengthens non-verbal communication.

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The Waiting Game

Dogs thrive on routine. It seems like they can tell time and know exactly when it's time to eat or walk. Your Newf may stare at you in anticipation of one of the activities associated with her routine. Once they learn your patterns, dogs are adept at predicting what's coming next.

They Love You!

Sometimes when your dog gazes into your eyes it's almost as if you can see his soul. That soft gaze, when accompanied with calm body language and a wagging tail is a sign your Newf loves and trusts you.

That Uncomfortable Feeling

Staring can also mean discomfort or unease. Check body language as well. Stiffness or a tucked tail likely means your Newf is unsure about herself or the situation she is in, such as a new environment.

They're Protecting You

Dogs have a protective instinct. And some dogs take their role of protector very seriously. They may stare at you to ensure your safety, especially in unfamiliar environments or around new people.

It's Instinct

Dogs not only use eye contact to communicate with humans, but they also use it to communicate with other dogs. In the wild, dogs' ancestors spoke through eye contact to establish hierarchy, express needs, or connect with other members of their pack.

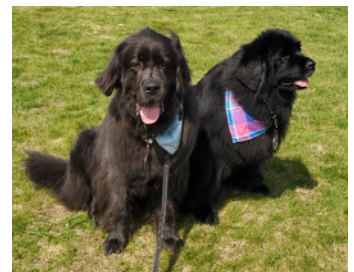
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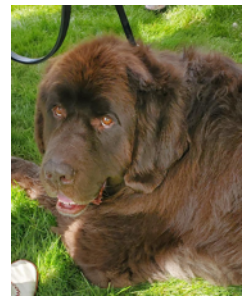
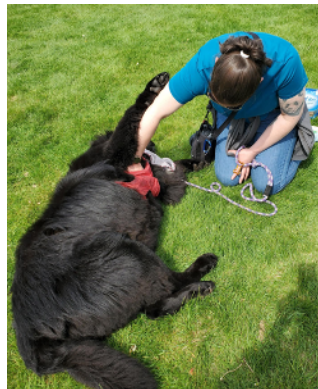
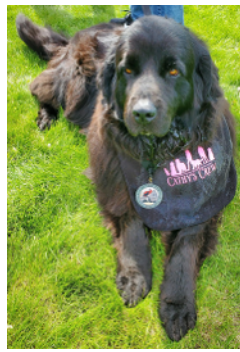
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More Photos from Rescue Parade







Thank you to all who participated in the Rescue Parade and support That Newfoundland Place and other Newfoundland rescues around the country.



"They are very observant of domestic matters and of the habits of the household as the following instance shows. A Newfoundland was accustomed to go out at a certain hour with his master, who had taught him to fetch his cane. One day it rained so heavily that there was no question of going out. The dog brought the cane as usual and seemed puzzled and distressed at being sent away. He left the room, however, and presently returned bringing an umbrella!"

Author Unknown

Free Dog Wheelchair

Could your Newf or a large dog you know use a wheelchair to help them get around? Free to a good home, this Eddie's Wheels wheelchair measures 32 inches long, 12 inches wide, and 23 inches high. It would fit a dog around 100-115 pounds, depending on their breed and shape. Contact Joanna for more information. Text 978-317-5003.



June is National Foster a Pet Month. That Newfoundland Place recognizes all the wonderful foster families that nurture and support the rescues throughout the year. Foster families are critical to rescue as they provide the Newfs with specialized care, training, and socialization and increase the number of Newfs TNP can support and place into loving families. **THANK YOU TO ALL TNP FOSTER FAMILIES!**

Thinking of leaving a bequest to TNP?

Donations should be made payable to:
That Newfoundland Place, Inc.
EIN (Tax ID): 27-2176439

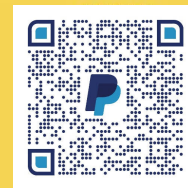
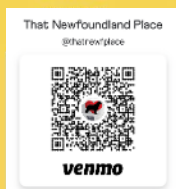
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