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## Service, Therapy, and Support Dogs

Dogs perform many life saving tasks for humans, from search and rescue to bomb-sniffing to water rescue, which is a specialty of the Newfoundland breed. In addition to physical tasks, dogs also heal humans emotionally and provide a special kind of love and bond that we don't share with other creatures.

Our canine friends have been "working" for humans for hundreds of years. Guide dogs for the blind were the first dogs used to aid humans with day-to-day tasks. There are stories throughout history of blind people using dogs as assistants, but the need for guide dogs escalated after WWI when many men came home from war blinded by mustard gas. It wasn't until the 1970s that the term service dog was created (by Dr. Bonita "Bonnie" Bergin, an American canine researcher, doctor, and founder/president of the Bergin University of Canine Studies), which expanded the use of dogs to include other disabilities. beyond blind people. Doctors noted the impact of dogs on returning soldiers' mental health after World War I as well but it wasn't until the 1960s that emotional therapy and support dogs were used across more settings, and the movement has continued to expand.

So, what is the difference between a Service Dog, a Therapy Dog, and an Emotional Support Dog/Animal?

If you are a dog owner you can likely attest to the positive impact your pooch has on your mental health and emotional well being. But it may take special training to be considered a support dog and each offer different benefits.



### Service Dogs

Service animals are defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) as "any dog that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including a physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disability.

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## Who's at TNP

**Orion** is a 4-year-old big brown sweetheart. TNT staff is getting to know his needs. Check out future newsletters and the TNP Facebook page for more information.

**Rambo** is 8 1/2 years old and is a big brown love bug. He will be assessed by TNP staff to determine the best type of home for him. Look for updates on Rambo 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.

## Final TNP Open House Of The Year

That Newfoundland Place will host the final Open House of the year on **August 24**.

Don't miss the opportunity to ask questions of the TNP rescue staff and previous adopters. Plus visit with TNP alumni Newfs!

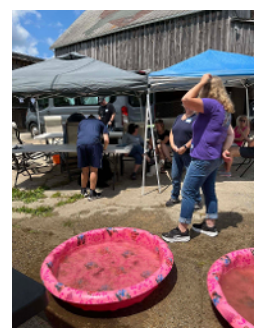
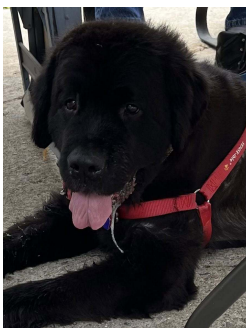
Handouts on the breed and applications for adoption will be available as well as pizza and drinks. Dogs looking for their forever homes may be on site.

All well behaved, leashed dogs are welcome! Please be mindful of extreme heat when bringing your dog. Note: Open Houses may be canceled due to extreme weather. Check the TNP Facebook page for updates.

*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.**

A fabulous day greeted guests at the July TNP Open House! Photos courtesy of Annette Tarascio and Krisy Turi. More Open House photos on page 7.



## Expert Excerpts

### Hookworms

Hookworms, named for their hook-like mouthpieces in dogs, are intestinal parasites that literally hook themselves into the lining of your dog's intestines and feed off of the tiny blood vessels. Despite their being only 3 millimeters in length, hookworms can lead to severe anemia.

The life cycle of the hookworm has three stages: egg, larvae, and adult. Eggs pass through the feces, hatch into larvae, and contaminate the environment. The larvae can survive for weeks or months before infecting your dog. The larvae then migrate through the dog's body to the intestine, then mature into adults and lay eggs, perpetuating the cycle.

Dogs can get hookworms through oral ingestion (licking/eating contaminated soil or feces, paws that have picked up worms from contaminated soil, or drinking contaminated water), direct contact with the skin (lying in contaminated soil), in utero, or through and infected mother's milk.

### Symptoms of Hookworms

Most pets show no signs of infection with these worms, but there can be some symptoms, including

- Vomiting
- Weight loss
- Not eating
- Weakness
- Anemia
- Pale gums

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## Order Your Cathy's Crew Hoodies and Bibs

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](mailto:Krisy@ThatNewfoundlandPlace.org) with your size/color and address.**



*Expert Excerpts: Hookworms continued from page 3*

- Bloody diarrhea
- Itchy paws
- Poor growth in puppies



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As always, these symptoms could be indicative of other illnesses, so have your dog checked out by a veterinarian if you notice these symptoms.

Next month: Diagnosing, Treating, and Preventing Hookworm

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Tasks performed can include, among other things, pulling a wheelchair, retrieving dropped items, alerting a person to a sound, reminding a person to take medication, or pressing an elevator button." The tasks a dog does must be directly related to the handler's disability. Service dogs are individually trained to perform work or tasks to assist a person with a disability. For example, a service dog may help a wheelchair user open doors or cabinet or carry items for the handler. Other examples include:

*Guide dogs* – help visually impaired people navigate in the world, such as crossing the street.

*Hearing dogs* – alert hearing impaired people to everyday sounds, such as a knock on the door.

*Psychiatric dogs* - detect and lessen the effects of a psychiatric episode.

*Autism assistance dogs* - distinguish important sensory signals, such as a smoke alarm, from other sensory input. They may also alert their handler to repetitive behaviors or overstimulation.

Medical alert dogs – recognize medical emergencies such as seizures and guard their handler or go for help during a seizure.

Service dogs help their handlers attain safety and independence, and are working when they are with their handler. Petting or distracting service dogs could prevent them from performing their job correctly.

The ADA protects the rights of people with disabilities to be accompanied by their service dogs in public places where pet dog's aren't allowed, including stores, hotels, restaurants and public transportation such as busses and airplanes.



### **Therapy Dogs**

Therapy dogs provide psychological or physiological therapy to others, rather than their handlers. With their human volunteer (usually the owner), they visit hospitals, schools, nursing homes, rehabilitation centers, group

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homes, and other areas where people can benefit from the calming effects of dogs (and other animals). Comfort, affection and love from direct interactions and petting are the benefit therapy dogs provide. Their roles vary from giving learning disabled children the confidence to read out loud, to actively participating in physical rehabilitation therapy.

Any breed of dog can be a therapy dog, as long as they have steady temperaments and friendly, easy-going personalities. They do require training and must be certified and registered as a therapy dog, however, there is no national standard or regulating authority that certifies therapy dogs, so guidelines slightly vary.

Although they provide therapeutic comfort, therapy dogs do not have the same rights as service dogs under the ADA. Therefore, they don't have the same legal right to access in public spaces, except where they are providing pet therapy.

### **Emotional Support Dogs**

Emotional support dogs (and other animals) help people with disabling mental health disorders feel comforted and calm. In order to be considered an emotional support dog, a mental health professional must prescribe the dog for a patient with a diagnosed psychological or emotional disorder, such as anxiety disorder, major depression, phobias, panic attacks. Beyond standard obedience training, emotional support dogs don't require special training or certifications, although they are trained for a specific owner.



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Because they aren't trained for specific tasks or duties to aid a person with a disability, emotional support dogs are not covered under the ADA. But they are covered under the Fair Housing Act, so they can live in housing that might otherwise prohibit pets.

### **Best Breeds For Service, Therapy & Support Dogs**

Any breed can become a service, therapy, or support dog. Many service dogs are larger, easy-to-train, eager-to-please breeds, however, smaller dogs may be more appropriate in some situations as they can sit on a lap. Or, larger breed, like Newfoundlands, might be the perfect choice, as there is more of them to hug! The most important factor is how the dog interacts with and responds to his owner and has the right temperament for the job.

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## SERVICE DOGS

**Service dogs are trained in specific tasks to assist a person with a disability.**

- > Allowed anywhere their handlers are permitted, like a movie theater, hospital or restaurant
- > Highly trained and socialized to be safe in public



## THERAPY DOGS

**Therapy dogs are certified pet dogs that provide comfort to many people.**

- > Provide comfort to people in libraries, schools or other settings
- > Only wear vests during approved visits and not allowed in public places



## FACILITY DOGS

**Facility dogs are trained in specific tasks to work alongside professionals.**

- > Clients include those in a healthcare, visitation or educational setting. Their skills help improve client outcomes
- > Allowed in the handler's workplace, but not in other public places

## EMOTIONAL SUPPORT ANIMALS

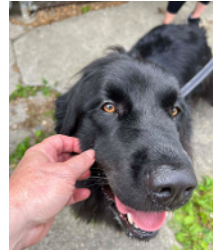
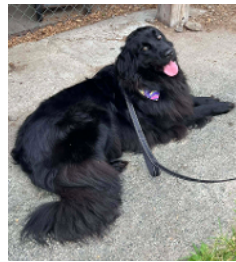
**Emotional support animals provide comfort to people with mental health conditions.**

- > Pets that are allowed in housing, even if the property has a no-pet policy
- > Not allowed in public places



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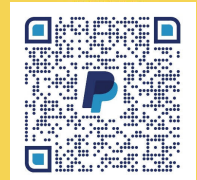
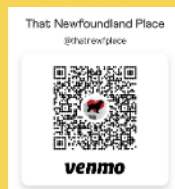
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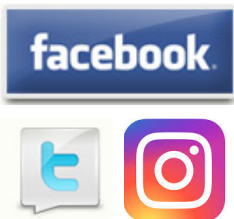
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