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2025 Year in Review

That Newfoundland Place continued to find wonderful homes for Newfoundlands, celebrating the placement of 415 dogs since TNP's inception in March 2010. TNP also continued the vital work of providing funds for food, medical care, grooming, and training assistance to help keep dogs (and some cats) in their homes with the people who love them. Examples of assistance in 2025 include ongoing water therapy, laser therapy, and diagnostic X-rays for a knee injury, an unexpected spay and ear injury repair, several surgical cases, several orthopedic cases with one being extensive and requiring long term therapy, and more.

In addition, three new sanctuary residents were added to live out their lives at TNP on the gorgeous farm. Hudson passed away just over a month after becoming a permanent resident. Rambo is nearly 9 years old and will stay at TNP along with 11-year-old Ruthie, who has a heart condition. Many thanks to Ed who continues to take impeccable care of the farm and animals following the processes and structures set in place by Cathy.

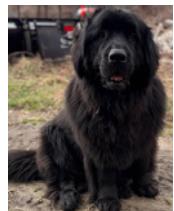
Here's a look at the dogs that were adopted from TNP in 2025.

MARCH

Yuma, Now Emma, was adopted by Mary, Ernie, and Michael Gurrieri of East Berlin, Connecticut. Emma's enjoys spending time with her 10-year-old Newf brother, Gordon.



APRIL



Freyja found her forever home with Carol and Andy Carey of Niskayuna, New York. She is friendly and outgoing and spends as much time with her new family as possible.

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Who's at TNP

Boss is 2 and a half years old and loves affection. He does well with both dogs and cats but will need a home with a 6 foot fence. Watch for updates in future newsletters and the TNP Facebook page.



Daisy is a year old and is looking for her forever home! This sweet girl does well with other dogs. Check out future newsletters and the TNP Facebook page for updates.

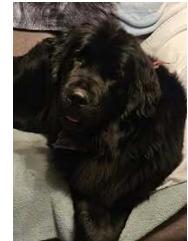
Interested in adopting from TNP?

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

Ember was adopted by John & Kathleen Guilherme from Massachusetts. Watch for updates in future newsletters and the TNP Facebook page.



Moose was adopted by Diane Beshong and Bill Denmark and daughters Olivia and Vivian of Westport, Massachusetts on November 16 and is adjusting well. "He's codependent" Diane said. Bill added, "every time we leave the room he follows."

Eight-year-old Moose's favorite activity is going for walks. "He walks for about a mile a day," Diane said. Bill noted that Moose starts out trotting but slows down by the end of the walk. Moose is also "overly friendly," and loves people and dogs, a fairly common trait for a Newfie.

Bill said Moose likes to play and is "showing more of his personality." He likes squeak toys and playing tug of war. "He's very verbal," Bill said. Moose has also gotten better on a leash and is not pulling as much. Diane and Bill are still working on Moose's counter surfing.

Moose is Diane and Bill's second Newfoundland. Their first, Truman, passed away in 2007. It took a while for Diane to be ready for another Newf. "He was my baby," she said. "Now it feels like we've never been without one." They first became interested in Newfoundlands at a dog show and were impressed by how docile they were. Moose is their first rescue. "There are so many in need," Diane said. She is a member of the



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Expert Excerpts

Dog Bronchitis

Bronchitis is inflammation of the bronchial airways affecting dogs of all ages and breeds. The main symptom is persistent coughing, especially a dry or phlegmy cough.

Acute bronchitis is often a viral or bacterial infection with a sudden onset and short duration and is caused by parasites, pollution or chemical exposure, exposure to cigarette smoke, and pre-existing respiratory conditions or pulmonary disease. Chronic bronchitis lasts for at least two months and is diagnosed with other potential conditions or diseases are ruled out. It is not contagious.

Treatment

Treatment depends on the severity of bronchitis, whether it is acute or chronic, and any underlying factors involved.

Dogs with chronic bronchitis are often prescribed corticosteroids to decrease inflammation in the airways and ease coughing. This treatment will be lifelong.

Supportive treatment – rest, good nutrition, and hydration – is recommended to treat bronchitis.

Steam therapy (nebulization) can help loosen mucus and make it easier for your dog to cough it up. This can be achieved at home by closing the door to the bathroom and running a hot shower for five minutes, then, allowing your dog to breathe in the steam.

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Keep Winter's Chill Out with a Cathy's Crew Hoodie from TNP

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.



Antibiotics may be prescribed if a bacterial caused the bronchitis. Bronchodilators taken orally or using a nebulizer can help open up the airways and improve breathing. Cough suppressants can provide relief from coughing, but may also impede the clearing of mucus from the airways.

Anti-inflammatory drugs - Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) or corticosteroids - may be given to minimize inflammation in the bronchial tubes and help improve breathing. The use of corticosteroids will depend on the underlying cause and the potential side effects of long-term use.

Herbal remedies and natural treatments can complement traditional medical interventions and promote a holistic approach to managing bronchitis. Licorice root can help soothe the throat and reduce inflammation and Echinacea's immune-boosting properties and can help fighting infections that may exacerbate bronchitis.

Acute bronchitis is usually infectious, so isolate your dog from other dogs. Transmission occurs through airborne droplets, direct physical contact or sharing contaminated objects and environments. It is unlikely for a dog to transmit bronchitis to a human, as the viruses and bacteria that cause bronchitis in dogs are different species than those that affect humans.

Life Expectancy for Dogs With Chronic Bronchitis

While there is no cure for chronic bronchitis dogs can have a normal life expectancy with consistent treatment, maintaining a healthy weight, eating a good diet, and regular exercise. Be sure to avoid any allergens and irritants if those are the causes of the bronchitis. Using a harness on walks instead of a collar can also relieve pressure on their trachea.

Prevention

Maintaining a healthy weight, avoiding inhaled irritants, and vaccines for respiratory diseases can all help keep bronchitis at bay. Talk to your veterinarian about the vaccines most appropriate for your dog.

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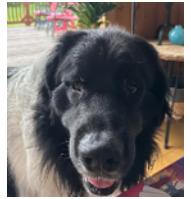
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MAY

Duke is now living with John and Dawn Thomas in Fultonville, New York. An active 3-year-old, Duke loves people, toys, and walks on his 28 acres of property plus 25 acres of nearby state land.



Diesel, Duke's brother, went to Lisa and Tim White of Pennsylvania after being fostered in New York – along with Duke – by Lori Babcock.

OCTOBER



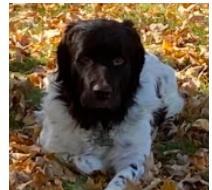
Yogi went to Will Wickens of Ledyard, Connecticut, after being fostered by Nancy Weaver in New Jersey for 6 months conditioning with intense water therapy to avoid an extensive surgery at his young age.

Raven was adopted by Katie, Kirk and Sophie of Burrillville, Rhode Island.

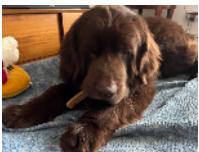


Senior Newf **Orion**, now Oscar, is living in Hudson, New Hampshire with his adopters Danielle and David Dayo. He now has a Newf sister, Annie.

Four-year-old **Noodle** was adopted by Harry and Sue Shea of Haddam, Connecticut after being fostered by Lori Babcock. Noodle loves spending time in his yard running and playing as well as car rides.



NOVEMBER



Moose is newest family member of Diane Beshong and Bill Denmark and daughters Olivia and Vivian of Westport, Massachusetts. Moose adores going for walks with his family.

DECEMBER

Ember is now living in Massachusetts with John & Kathleen Guilherme after being fostered by Lori Babcock. Ember enjoys the snow and playing with toys.



Recently Adopted - Moose continued from page 2

Newfoundland Club of New England, which is where she heard about TNP.

Diane and Bill and their daughters opened their hearts to Moose and no doubt he has already filled them with love.

Why Is Your Newf A “Velcro Dog?”

Newfs are often called Velcro dogs, meaning they follow you everywhere. It is usually not cause for concern, but there are many factors that go into your Newf being a Velcro dog.

First off, it's **part of your dog's DNA** to follow you. Dogs are pack animals and instinctively follow their leader. For domesticated dogs, that is a human. They will likely choose for themselves who they consider the leader in their pack and the one they trust most who fulfills whatever the dog is looking for, whether it's you, a partner, or a child.

Some dogs are **bred to follow you** such as companion, herding, and working dogs that were bred to follow human orders. They are waiting for cues as to what should be done next. Newfoundlands were bred to help fishermen in the icy waters off Newfoundland, Canada. While very few Newfs may still have that role, their ancestors developed a bond with humans that is just as strong today.

Dogs have also been bred to be **social animals**. You make them feel happy, secure and safe. They truly enjoy our companionship, just as we enjoy theirs. Their attachment to us runs deep. Some dogs are very **emotionally attached or attuned to your needs**. Dogs are very alert and can sense when you are not feeling well or are emotionally stressed. They may stay close to you during these times.

Sometimes your Newf is just **bored or curious** and may want to see what you are doing so they don't miss out on anything. Curiosity is how dogs learn about their environment, gathering information about what's safe, interesting, and fun.

Dogs also **thrive on routine**. They know they are fed and walked at certain times. And they are incredibly in tune to when those times are, picking up patterns and associations. If you are late with a regular activity or desired attention they may follow you around until they get what they want. The positive outcome they receive reinforces the behavior.

Anxiety can also make your dog stay close to you. Closeness can be a coping mechanism for your dog to ease their nerves if they are nervous or frightened. Dogs with separation anxiety will often show signs of excessive attachment to their owners, constantly following them around when they are home and becoming distressed when their owners leave the house. If this is the case, you will need to seek professional attention.

Health issues may increase your Newf's desire to be close to you, especially if it is a new behavior. Pain, cognitive decline, or otherwise not feeling well may increase their need for comfort from you. Dogs losing their sight or hearing may become more fearful of the environment and dependent on having you near. Be extra vigilant for this change in behavior from senior dogs as it can indicate an underlying condition. **Changes in routine or environment** can cause dogs to be more “velcro.”

Newly rescued Newfs may follow you around to feel more safe and secure in their new environment. They don't know the routines or what to expect so they will look to you for guidance. They will likely be less clingy when they are comfortable in their new home.

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Having a dog always underfoot – especially a Newf – can be a tripping hazard. You can help decrease some of the behavior, based on the reason. Provide puzzles, games, and exercise for bored dogs. Next, take note if you are reinforcing behavior when your dog follows you with food, treats, etc. Even scolding (which you should not do) is a form of attention and inadvertently rewards the activity. Training can help, too, such as “stay” or “settle.” Pet gates can help limit your dog’s access to following you, teaching them to spend more time on their own. Be sure to reward calm behavior.

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