

# Newfie News



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*Rescue With A Heart*

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## What The Nose Tells Us About Our Newf's Health

One of the most common wives tales is that you can tell the health of your dog by his nose – a cold, wet nose is the sign of a healthy dog, a warm, dry nose indicates a sick dog.

But how much does your dog's nose really say about his health?

### Moist or Dry

A moist nose indicates your Newf is getting a good supply of blood to the nose and her body is adequately hydrated. The moisture on their nose helps regulate body temperature and helps with scent detection. Dogs lick their noses often to keep them clean and moist. It also helps to intensify their sense of smell. A dry nose can be a symptom of dehydration, vomiting, or diarrhea.

### Warm or Cool

A wet nose feels cool due to evaporative

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## 2026 Open House Schedule

Mark your calendar for the 2026 Open Houses at That Newfoundland Place:

**June 7 - Canine Good Citizen test**  
**August 23 - Grooming demonstration**  
**October 4 - Cookout**

TNP rescue staff will be available to answer questions, along with TNP alumni, both dogs and their humans.

Adoption applications and breed-specific information will also be available.

All well behaved, leashed dogs are welcome to attend events. Please be mindful of extreme heat when bringing your dog. Your Newf will be able to cool off in doggie pools.

Dogs available for adoption may be on site, however, dogs are not adopted during an Open House. They are meet and greet events only.

**All Open Houses are Noon to 3pm**  
**554 Pucker St , Coventry, CT**

Events are held rain or shine and are free to attend. Come enjoy pizza, donuts, & chips!

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## 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

Two-and-a-half-year old **Boss** was adopted by Shari & Gene Caiola. Boss is living in New Jersey with this new sister Newf sister Margeaux. Watch for updates in future newsletters and the TNP Facebook page.



## Springtime Issues For Dogs

April is when spring begins to awaken from the cold winter in the Northeast with buds emerging and warmer, longer days bringing renewed energy. But spring is also a time that can bring issues to our furry family members.

### Fleas and Ticks

Fleas become especially active in the spring. Infestations can lead to itching, allergic reactions, and even anemia. They can also spread to other pets, people, and your home by laying eggs in carpets and furniture. Keeping all pets on consistent flea and tick prevention—and vacuuming regularly—can help break the cycle.

Ticks can become active on any day that is above 32 degrees and really begin to emerge in late spring with the potential to transmit diseases such as Lyme disease, Rocky Mountain spotted fever, and ehrlichiosis. Choose a preventative that also protects against both fleas and ticks to keep these pests at bay.

### Bug Bites

As temperatures rise, insects like ants and bees become more active. Bites and stings can cause swelling, irritation, infection, or even severe allergic reactions. Supervising your pet while outdoors can help reduce exposure. If your pet shows signs of pain, swelling, or distress after a bite, contact your veterinarian.

### Mosquitoes and Heartworms

Mosquitoes are back out in warmer months. While bites may be a nuisance for people, they can transmit heartworms to pets. This serious condition involves worms living in the heart and blood vessels and can be life-threatening. Prevention is essential—keep your pet on year-round heartworm prevention and ensure they are tested annually.

### Allergies

Spring allergies don't just affect people—pets can suffer too. In addition to sneezing and

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## Expert Excerpts

### Giardia

Giardia is a parasite that attaches to the wall of the small intestines, causing damage and inflammation. The most common symptom is diarrhea, which can contain mucus, have a greenish hue, or be pale and foul-smelling. Infection occurs when an animal is exposed to feces containing cysts, which can persist in the environment for days to months depending on the conditions.

#### Diagnosing Giardia in Dogs

Giardiasis is not as simple to diagnose as some other common intestinal parasites because it is not consistently shed in the stool. Your veterinarian will take a stool sample and check for Giardia but may also need to do a Giardia ELISA test, a specialized test that detects antigens in feces.

#### Treatment

Giardia can be treated with an antibiotic, Metronidazole, and/or an anti-parasitic called fenbendazole. Typically, these medications are prescribed daily for up to 10 days. If dehydration and nausea are a concern, your veterinarian might prescribe additional medications. A follow-up stool test will be needed two to four weeks after treatment ends to be certain cysts are no longer being passed.

#### Prognosis

The prognosis for dogs with giardiasis is

## Stay Warm This Spring 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.

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cooling. If your Newf has a decreased body temperature or hypothermia, the nose will likely be cooler to the touch than normal. Conversely, an elevated body temperature or hyperthermia, will likely result in the nose being warm to the touch. But there are other reasons and circumstances that can create a dry nose, which can also feel warmer because there's less evaporative cooling happening. Common reasons include:

*Just woke up* – A dog's nose can become dry while they're sleeping.

*Warm weather* – Heat or sun exposure may cause the nose to dry out.

*Indoor heating or air conditioning* – Dry indoor air can reduce moisture in the nose.

*Dehydration* – Not drinking enough water can lead to mild dryness.

*Mild allergies or a cold* – Temporary irritation or mucus changes can affect nose moisture.

*Less frequent licking* – Older or tired dogs might not lick their noses as often.

*Cold or windy conditions* – These can cause the nose to become flaky or chapped.

*Anxiety/stress* - Increased blood flow and panting can make the nose feel warmer.

*Uneven air circulation or sleeping on one side* - can make one side of the nose warmer than the other.

### **Nasal Discharge**

A small amount of clear nasal discharge is normal for dogs. But, if your Newf's nose is running more than usual or the discharge is blood or thick mucus, there is likely a problem. Increased clear liquid could be caused by an irritated nasal passage from inhaling perfume, smoke, pollen or other impurities in the air.

Thick opaque mucus is an indication of an infected nasal passage. Bloody discharge could be the result of trauma to the outside area of the nose, such as blunt trauma, a scrape, or a penetrating injury. Try gentle pressure to stop the bleeding. Nasal tissues can also bleed if they are affected by a tumor.

### **Pigmentation**

Changes in your dog's nose color can sometimes signal a health issue, but not always. Pigmentation can also vary based on breed, age, or environmental factors. That said, if you

### **Checking For Dryness**

Try this test to determine if your dog's nose is dry or truly abnormal:

- Wipe the nose with a damp cloth
- Wait a few minutes
- If it stays dry or cracked, apply a thin layer of pet-safe balm (such as coconut oil or nose butter).

If the texture improves and your dog otherwise feels fine, there's no need to worry.

If the dryness and cracking do not improve with a balm, it may warrant a check with your veterinarian..

Source: <https://vetexplainspets.com/if-a-dogs-nose-is-warm-are-they-sick/>

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notice a change in your dog's nose color, it's best to have it checked by a veterinarian. An autoimmune disease called pemphigus can cause patches of red skin on the nose that develop into blisters and open sores. Color change accompanying skin texture changes are indicative of illness.

Additionally, if the nose's texture becomes rough—such as developing persistent sores or scaling—it may indicate a condition called nasal hyperkeratosis. This is more common in certain breeds, like Labrador Retrievers and Cocker Spaniels, where excess keratin buildup can cause the nose to become dry and calloused.

## **Symmetry**

Your Newf's nose should be the same size on both the left and right side with easy in-and-out airflow from both nostrils. The texture should be consistent.

## **When To Be Concerned**

If your Newf's nose is warm and dry AND accompanied by other signs of illness, it could indicate a potential sickness.

Symptoms to watch for:

- Lethargy/increased tiredness
- Loss of appetite
- Coughing/sneezing
- Nasal discharge
- Cracked or crusty nose
- Redness, soreness or bleeding
- Color change
- Thickening of the skin on the nose
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Fever (hot nose)

### **Checking For Fever**

If your Newf has a fever or is overheated due to sweltering environmental conditions, his nose may be very hot. To check your dog for a fever, you need a rectal thermometer or an ear thermometer designed for pets.

**Normal dog temperature is 101°F–102.5°F (38.3°C–39.2°C)**

Anything above 103°F is a fever, and below 99°F is abnormally low.

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Just remember that a healthy dog could have a warm, dry nose and a sick dog may have a cool, wet nose. Behavior, appetite, energy, and hydration are key indicators that your Newf is not feeling well, and much more accurate than nose temperature and moisture.

However, if you notice a sudden change in your dog's nose such as appearance, heat, sores, bleeding, unusual discharge, wheezing, sneezing, or dryness with cracking, a visit with the veterinarian is in order.

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## Newfoundland Club of America (NCA) Rescue Day

The NCA National Specialty is back at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Warwick, Rhode Island on May 8!

Join the Rescue Parade at 4pm to honor and celebrate rescue dogs from near and far. Whether your pup was adopted last month or years ago, join in the fun and show them off!

Fill out the form at the link below by April 1 to participate. Miss the deadline? Still come and cheer them on! <https://store.ncanationalspecialty.org/committee/35>  
Email questions to [newfrescueday2026@gmail.com](mailto:newfrescueday2026@gmail.com)

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watery eyes, pets often show allergies through skin issues. Signs include licking or chewing at their feet, scratching, face rubbing, or excessive grooming. If you notice these symptoms, consult your veterinarian.

### **Toxic Plants**

Spring blooms and seasonal plants can pose risks to pets. One of the most dangerous is the Easter lily, which can cause fatal kidney damage in cats—even in small amounts. Other toxic plants include sago palms, tulips, hyacinths, and various bulb plants. If you're unsure whether a plant is safe, it's best to keep it out of your pet's reach.

### **Gastrointestinal Upset**

With wildlife becoming more active in spring, pets may encounter—and ingest—things like feces and worms. This can lead to vomiting, diarrhea, or intestinal parasites, some of which can be transmitted to humans. Monitoring your pet outdoors and limiting access to these hazards can help prevent illness.

Taking a few preventative steps can help ensure you and your pet enjoy a safe and happy spring season

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excellent in most dogs as it does not usually cause extreme symptoms and treatment is often very effective. Dogs with compromised immune systems or very senior dogs may have a more difficult time recovering from giardiasis.

### **Prevention**

It is important to try to eliminate Giardia from your dog's environment to prevent new infections and reinfections. Feces should be removed from your yard immediately. Eliminate any standing water in the yard if possible. Keeping the yard clean minimizes risk. Affected dogs should be bathed when diagnosed and again after treatment is completed to remove traces of feces and cysts from their fur. In addition, bedding should be washed frequently during treatment and when treatment is complete. Be sure to comply with your veterinarian's recommendations regarding follow-up.

### **Can Humans Be Infected with Giardia?**

Giardiasis is common in humans throughout the world, often causing diarrhea. Just as with dogs, infection occurs by ingesting a cyst of the parasite. The form of Giardia that infects dogs usually differs from the one that infects humans, however, it is possible for you to catch giardiasis from your dog. This often happens due to contaminated surface around your home because of improper cleaning of feces and cysts. Always wear gloves when picking up your dog's feces or when handling bedding and other surfaces that might be

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contaminated until all treatment is finished and your dog tests negative for giardiasis. Giardia can also be passed from other people or a wide range of domestic and wild animals. Cysts can be ingested from contaminated water or the ground or by direct contact with an ill person or animal. Your infected dog can also pass Giardia to other dogs in the home or even cats or other pets. Keep your infected dog away from your other animals until he tests negative for infection and keep your other pets out of the area where your infected dog relieves himself.

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