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Keeping Your Newf Cool

Summer is a hard time for dogs as they can't simply take their coat off to cool down. Dogs don't sweat, they pant. And when the temperature exceeds 80 degrees, even panting is not an efficient cooling system. They may start to overheat, putting strain on their hearts and other organs.

If they are lucky, a Newf may have a swimming pool, river, or body of water nearby where they can cool off, or maybe they can find refuge on a cool tile or hardwood floor. Another option for your Newf to cool down is to use a cooling mat. The mats are filled with gel, water, or space-age material (literally invented at NASA) that pull heat away from your dog's body. The mats are designed to reduce your Newf's surface temperature by 5 to 10 degrees and all you need to do is lay it on the floor. Science does the rest. The pads are ideal for flat nosed breeds, heavy coated dogs, and older dogs that can't regulate their temperature as well as younger dogs.

So how do cooling mats work?

Gel mats seem to be most popular. They are filled with a non-toxic gel that absorbs your dog's body heat when they lay on it. The heat spreads out through the mat instead of being trapped on your dog. They typically work well both indoors and outdoors. The gel needs to cool itself down again after about 3-4 hours of use.

Water mats use evaporation to cool your Newf. The water evaporates through the mat's surface, which cools your canine. You will need to fill with water to start and refill at some point, as it will evaporate completely. Water mats will work for most of the day if the air is dry, but only a few hours if it's humid.

Space-age mats use "phase-change materials," substances that melt at 77 degrees. As they melt, they absorb massive amounts of heat. The mat will work for 2-3 hours, then gradually

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Who's At TNP?

Two-and-a-half year old **Buddy** is back at TNP. Buddy has had NO training and while he was making some progress in his adoptive home, this 135 lb boy proved much too strong for a dog with no training. He's now getting some great one-on-one training lessons. Buddy is a smart boy and a fast learner so stay tuned for updates on his progress over the next several weeks on the TNP Facebook page and in the newsletter.



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



Emmy Boo, now Maggie, was adopted by Randy and Dana Wooden of Florence, New Jersey on April 19. "She's the sweetest thing we have ever encountered, very intuitive," Randy said. It took Maggie a short while to assimilate to her new home, but within a month she became very comfortable.

Three and a half year old Maggie now has a 5 year old Golden Retriever brother, Theo, who is her best friend. "She has become the alpha dog," Randy said. "She has been very patient. It's made him a better dog. He's like her shadow. They are good for each other."

Theo has been the only dog in the Wooden household for 3 years, since their Mastiff passed away. Theo missed the canine companionship. With Maggie, he likes to wrestle and show her around the house and property.



The Woodens have a pool but Maggie has not gone swimming yet. Randy calls her "very curious, but cautious." She has ventured to the second step so far. It's clear that Maggie likes water as she puts her head under the water hose when it's on.

Maggie is the first Newfoundland for the Woodens, but they have had a number of dogs including Mastiffs, Golden Retrievers, Chocolate Lab, and Havanese. The Woodens loved their Mastiffs and thought the Newfoundland temperament would fit their current lifestyle. "At this stage we wanted something our pace, our speed," Randy said. They have rescued 6 dogs previously so that seemed like a natural choice for their Newfoundland. They did some research and talked with Krisy at TNP and foster mom Nancy Weaver in New Jersey. Randy said both Krisy and Nancy made the process seamless.

Maggie has been a perfect fit for Randy, Dana, and Theo. "We just love her," Randy said. "We can't imagine not having her." And Maggie seems to be just as happy with her new family.

Expert Excerpts

Cherry Eye

Unlike humans, dogs actually have three eyelids. The third eyelid, called the nictitating membrane, is mostly pink with a brown or black edge which is visible in almost all dogs. The third eyelid keeps the eye lubricated and contains a tear gland, which produces approximately 30% of a dog's tears (a gland in the upper eyelid produces the remaining 70%). When the structures around the gland weaken, the gland falls, or prolapses, and a round pink or red mass appears in the inner corner of the eye, hence the name cherry eye.

Cherry eye can occur in either eye and any breed can be affected by the condition. However, it is more common in younger dogs and more common in some breeds, including the Basset Hound, Beagle, Boxer, Bulldog, Cane Corso, Cocker Spaniel, Coton de Tulear, Bulldog, Boston Terrier, Great Dane, Lhasa Apso, Maltese, Neapolitan Mastiff, Pekingese, Rottweiler, Shar Pei, and Shih Tzu. In addition, purebred and brachycephalic dogs pose a higher risk of cherry eye than mixed breed dogs.

Diagnosis

It's fairly easy for owners to self-diagnose cherry eye when the small reddish-pink mass appears in their dog's eye. Likely it is not painful for the dog but can cause discomfort and may increase the risk of injury or infection if a dog rubs or paws at the affected eye.

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Don't Miss Out On 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.

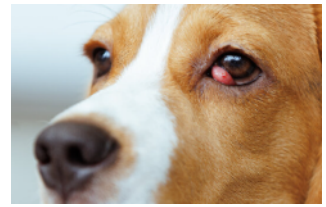
Hoodies are \$65, bibs are \$25.

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



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It's not a medical emergency, but it should be checked out by a veterinarian. Over time, the condition can cause eye discomfort, itching, or dryness. The longer the gland remains prolapsed, the greater the risk of damage to the third eyelid cartilage and inflammation of the gland. It's important to keep the affected eye lubricated and prevent "dry eye" from occurring by applying an over the counter gel-based lubricant.



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In some cases, cherry eye can look similar to a condition known as cartilage eversion, or third eyelid scrolling. This occurs when the cartilage within the third eyelid becomes bent or curled, either due to a congenital defect or as a condition that develops later in life. This will create a pink bump in the corner of the eye. It's possible for both conditions to occur simultaneously, especially in large breed dogs.

Symptoms

In addition to the bump in the corner of your dog's eye, you may also notice watery eyes, eye discharge, increased blinking, squinting, pawing or rubbing at the eye, or a dull or dry look to the eye.

Next Month: Treatment, Recovery, and Prevention

Sources/More Information:

<https://www.akc.org/expert-advice/health/cherry-eye-in-dogs/>

<https://www.petmd.com/dog/conditions/eyes/cherry-eye-in-dogs>

<https://vcahospitals.com/know-your-pet/cherry-eye-in-dogs>

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warm up.

Ice-based cooling mats get up to ten times colder than most gel mats. The mat stays cool with ice sheets, and as the name implies, they will need to be frozen, which makes them less portable. As the ice melts, you will likely see more water than with other mats. One feature that is helpful for larger dogs is that the mat snaps along the sides and you can attach additional mats for a custom size.

What to think about when buying a cooling mat

Location matters. You might be tempted to put the mat in an area where your Newf likes to nap. But if this location is sunny or in a particularly warm area of the house, the mat won't be as effective, or potentially not work at all. Try a naturally cooler area, such as on the tile or wood floor in a room with less light.

Will your Newf use it? Dogs don't usually like change. If your dog is cautious of the mat, try putting treats on it or a favorite toy. If your dog is still not a fan of the mat, sit on it yourself

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to show your Newf how fun it is. Keep trying. It may take a few days of encouragement. Your dog may also be cautious of the temperature change of the mat. Put a thin towel on the mat so she can adjust to the temperature change gradually. Of course, don't force your Newf on the mat and accept that there is a possibility he won't use it, just like the luxury pet bed you bought!

Check to see how a new mat is working. After an hour or so, touch the mat. If it's cool, it's working properly. A warm mat needs a break. A mat that is the body temperature of your Newf means you need a bigger mat or a different type.

Invest in two mats. This will allow you to swap out mats when one needs to cool down. Your Newf will thank you on those 100 degree days.

They will need to be cleaned. Dog drool gets everywhere, and the mat is no exception. Mix in hair and dirt and the mat will start to smell funky in no time. You should be able to wipe down the mat with soap and water to keep it clean.

Always buy a bigger size. It's extremely difficult to buy anything "Newf" sized. Your choices may be limited because some manufacturers simply don't make mats large enough for giant breeds. But fit is important because the mat won't work at all if it's not large enough. Measure your Newf lying down, and add six inches on every side.

They aren't indestructible. If your dog is a chewer, one bite will lead to gel, water, or other material oozing out of the mat. Look for mats that are designed for dogs that chew if that is a problem. And note that while the gel is non-toxic, it can cause digestive distress if eaten in large quantities. Mats work best for adult dogs, as puppies will put anything in their mouths and are basically constant chewers.

You may notice some water under the mat from condensation. This is normal. A towel underneath should solve the problem, but remember to change the towel. And if you discover the mat is sliding, try a yoga mat or other rubber mat underneath.

Cooling mats can be very useful for your Newf and provide some much needed relief during the summer. Most are portable and can be brought anywhere, such as on trips, in the car, camping, or anywhere you can spread out the mat. Use common sense to keep your dog as cool as possible, such as walking before 9 am or after 6 pm, keeping the dog in the shade or in air conditioning or near a fan, and keeping paws off hot pavement. And remember to provide lots of fresh, cool water for a summer both you and your Newf can enjoy.



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Resources/More Information

<https://caninescape.com/cooling-mat-for-dogs-expert-guide/>

<https://www.rover.com/blog/do-dog-cooling-mats-work/>

<https://www.k9magazine.com/dog-cooling-mats/>

Know The Signs Of Heatstroke In Your Newf

Early Stage Heat Stress (Body Temperature 103-105°F)

- Excessive panting with tongue extending far from mouth
- Increased drooling that seems thicker than normal
- Restlessness or pacing behavior
- Seeking cool surfaces like pressing against windows
- Mild disorientation or delayed responses to sounds

Advanced Heat Stress (Body Temperature 105-107°F)

- Glazed or panicked expression in eyes
- Difficulty standing or maintaining balance
- Deep red or purple gums instead of healthy pink
- Rapid, shallow breathing with exaggerated effort
- Beginning lethargy alternating with anxiety

Critical Heatstroke (Body Temperature 107°F+)

- Vomiting or diarrhea (often bloody)
- Collapse or inability to stand
- Seizures or muscle tremors
- Loss of consciousness
- Gray or pale gums indicating shock

What to do if your dog has heat stroke

- Pour room temperature water (not ice-cold) over head, neck, and body
- Place wet towels around neck, armpits, and groin areas
- Provide small amounts of cool (not cold) water for drinking
- Use fans to promote evaporation if available
- Massage legs gently to promote circulation

Critical: Stop cooling when rectal temperature reaches 103°F to prevent overcooling shock.

Source: <https://caninescape.com/hot-dog-car-safety-ultimate-guide-2025/>

TNP Open House

TNP hosted it's first Open House of the season on June 7. TNP alumni dogs and humans attended as well as new friends. Several dogs earned their Canine Good Citizen certificate. The dogs passed a 10-skill test that included: greeting a stranger calmly, sitting politely for petting, tolerating being examined and groomed, walking on a loose leash without pulling, sit and down on command, coming when called, remaining calm in the presence of distractions, being comfortable being left with a trusted person, staying in place, and interacting well with other dogs.

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The next Open House will be held on August 23. Come see the grooming demonstration to keep your Newf's coat healthy and comfortable. The final Open House will be a cookout held on October 4.

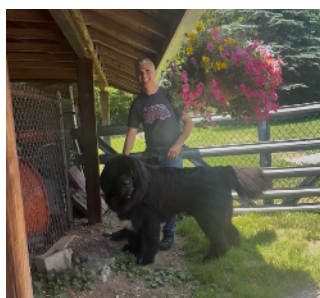
Open Houses are attended by TNP staff, alumni, and Newfs, as well as those interested in learning more about the breed first hand and about adoption. Applications for adoption will be available.

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 well-behaved, leashed dogs are welcome at all events. Please use caution during extreme heat when bringing your Newfs. Dogs will have access to doggie pools.

**All Open Houses are at 554 Pucker St , Coventry, CT
Noon to 3:00 pm**

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



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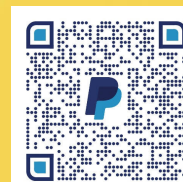
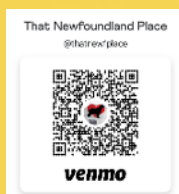
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