



## High Country Newfoundland Club's Newf News April/May 2010

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### **Upcoming Events**

**HCNC Draft Tests  
April 24/25, 2010  
Lion's Park  
Golden, Colorado**

**HCNC Membership  
Renewals are  
due by May 1, 2010  
The renewal form is  
in this newsletter.**

**Newf Fun Day  
&  
Annual General Meeting  
May 29, 2010  
Watch your e-mail for  
details.**

**Next Newf News  
Deadline  
May 15, 2010**



# **A Message From Our President**

I hope everyone has had a great start to 2010. HCNC had its first event of the year which was a seminar on Aging Newfs. Dr. Judy Jasek from Bellview Animal Clinic put on a great presentation for us. She talked about everything from physical issues, emotional issues, diet and supplements, and even vaccinations. Dr. Jasek also brought along a “Cold Laser” machine which helps with different types of issues from joint pain, inflammation and swelling, to even ear infections. Those that brought their senior dogs even got a free treatment.

We also had VCA from Fort Collins Animal Hospital there to talk about the health screening test being offered at their 7th Annual Canine Health Day on March 20th. I hope many of our HCNC members took advantage of the special rebate that HCNC gave to its members for signing up for testing. There is nothing more important than promoting healthy breeding to keep our Newfs healthy and happy for many generations to come.

The rest of the year we have some great things planned for HCNC and its members. The Newfi Fun Day will be on May 29th. The Annual Meeting will also be at this event. If there is something you would like to see the club do or offer, please contact one of the board members. We are always looking for events or activities to offer our members and their Newfs that are both fun and educational.

Terri Desnica

Please check out the link below to read about a recall of anesthetic drugs for animals. Thanks to Johanna Matsuda for forwarding us this link. Please copy and paste it into your browser.

[http://www.usatoday.com/life/lifestyle/pets/2010-02-11-dolittler12\\_N.htm?csp=usat.me](http://www.usatoday.com/life/lifestyle/pets/2010-02-11-dolittler12_N.htm?csp=usat.me)

2010 NCA Regional Specialty  
August 20, 2010  
Greeley, Colorado



It's time to get ready for the HCNC Regional Specialty! Just like puppies grow and get ready for showing, the club is busy making preparations for an exciting regional at a new location! This year the Regional Specialty will be held in conjunction with the Greeley Shows!

And while August is a little while away, you can start getting into the Specialty Spirit by sponsoring a trophy for this special weekend!

Donations for trophies range from 15.00 to 75.00 each – you can sponsor a trophy as a tribute as well! Trophies are offered for first place in each class for sweeps, veterans, all regular classes, special classes, obedience, rally and junior showmanship. Many opportunities still exist to sponsor a prize, so if you are interested in sponsoring a trophy, please contact Sue Raney, trophy chairperson at raneyathome@comcast.net.

**Stewards Needed for Spring Draft Test  
April 24 and 25 in Lions Park in Golden.**

We need stewards for course setup, stewards to assist entrants, freight haul stewards and stewards for traffic control, etc. It's a great way to see what Draft Tests are all about -- great for the new carter who wants to learn more about draft, and great for the seasoned veteran carters who may not have a dog entered this year. Come join the fun! No experience required -- we have a great OJT program! GRINS!!

To volunteer to steward either one or both days, please contact Sue Raney at raneyathome@comcast.net or Carol Perkowski at carolperkowski@msn.com

Thanks!!

# It's Membership Renewal Time

HCNC MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM  
Dues are due May 1, 2010

Please make check payable to HCNC and mail to:  
Raymond Gunn  
1595 South 1300 East  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84105.

All memberships are on an annual basis. This means that ALL memberships expire on April 30. General (voting) membership - Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming. All others are Affiliate memberships.

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(Important) NCA member \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(Important) NCA member \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

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Is this a change? \_\_\_\_\_

Home.Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Ask for: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_ Publish: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

List only one e-mail address (please update e-mail address)

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Publish: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Please check appropriate membership renewal line. All membership types include the newsletter.

\_\_\_\_\_ General Membership - voting - in region - \$30.00 (If you joined in Feb-April of the current year your dues are not due until the following May)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Affiliate Membership - non-voting - out of region - \$30.00**

\_\_\_\_\_ Junior Membership (ages 8 – 18) - \$15.00

HCNC By-Laws: 2. Lapsing – A membership shall be considered lapsed and automatically terminated if member's dues remain unpaid thirty (30) days after May 1 of each year. Any lapsed membership may be reinstated only by approval of the Board. In no event shall a member be entitled to vote at a membership meeting if the dues are unpaid at the time of the meeting.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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Sharing your Newfie Expertise is just one way you can help others within HCNC. Below is a list of codes. If you have expertise in any of these areas would be willing to mentor others as part of your club service, please circle the code below.

This information will be included as part of the membership directory so others interested in learning can contact you for help, ideas, etc.

**A Agility**

**B Boarding (babysitting other people's Newfs)**

**C Conformation (Evaluation, Instruction, Handling)**

**D Draft Work**

**E Education (General Public, New or Perspective Owners, Workshops)**

**F Foster**

**G Grooming**

**H Health Issues**

**I Internet (Webmaster, Updating Home Page, Mass Mailings)**

**J Judges Education**

**M Mentor**

**O Obedience**

**P Puppies (BL = Black; BR = Brown; G = Gray; L = Landseer)**

**R Rally**

**S Stud (BL = Black; BR = Brown; G = Gray; L = Landseer)**

**T Tracking**

**Th Therapy Visits**

**U Rescue (Transportation; Database Upkeep; Surrender & Applicant Liaison, etc)**

**V Volunteer (Committee Chair, Board Member, Fun Match, Hospitality, Parades)**

**Specify interest \_\_\_\_\_**

**W Water Rescue Work**

**Other \_\_\_\_\_**

**Revised 03/31/10**

# **FOCUS ON...**

The NCA Health & Longevity Committee has launched an online survey. The purpose of this survey is to gather important health information including what new diseases may be occurring in the breed, what diseases are important to the respondents and what the perception of NCA health information and the NCA message regarding health is. This survey is open to anyone who has owned a Newfoundland in the last five years, and we encourage you to participate. The survey is constructed to limit surveys to one per computer. Also- several questions ask you to determine which co-owner will report on co-owned dogs, if you co-own dogs with multiple people, please connect with them in the near future and plan who will be reporting on which dogs so we avoid duplications in the data. There is a “dry” copy of the survey for you to review prior to taking the actual survey- this will allow you to collect any information needed and should cut down your actual time taking the survey . You can review a list of the survey questions at:

<http://www.ncanewfs.org/health/survey10.html>

At the bottom of the page there is a link to the live survey so you can share your information.

Please take a moment to review the survey and submit your answers.

If you are unable to access the survey via this link, please contact me directly - [marylouz@marylouz.com](mailto:marylouz@marylouz.com)

Thanks!

MLZ (Tech Liaison for H&L)

# BRAGS

## What a Nose!

Not to be outdone by his uncle Gryffin, on Feb. 28, 2010 at the Columbine State Poodle Tracking Test, Potter sniffed his way through an adventurous track to earn his TDX (Tracking Dog Excellent) title. The site of the fun was Chatfield State Park in Littleton, CO.

Ch. Twin Oak's Young Wizard CD, TDX

Submitted by John LeVett, III



Rico-Best In Show Southern Colorado Kennel Club 2009

**We finally have a brag :->**

**Our brown boy Jasper (Noble Chimney Rock Spirit Vom Butzensee) got a 4 point major at the Plum Creek shows.**

**Submitted by Sherrie Hall**

**<http://www.chimneyrocknewfoundlands.net/>**

## ***HCNC Spring Draft Tests***

The Draft Tests will be held in Lion's Park in Golden on April 24th and 25th, 2010.

Judges on Saturday will be Patti Pigeon and Sue Raney.

Sunday judges will be Patti Pigeon and Ron Horn.

There will be an all breed test on Saturday following Newfs and we will have Specialty Carting Exercises on Sunday following the test.

All are welcome. If you are available to steward for any part of either day, please contact Betsy Beaver at [ikkumanewf@msn.com](mailto:ikkumanewf@msn.com), no experience is necessary.

As always, lunch is included for all entrants and stewards.

Come to watch and to cheer on the exhibitors!



Submitted by Maria Ruzzuto



## 2010 Regional Information

Our regional specialty show has a new location this year. We will be in Greeley, Colorado at the Island Grove Regional Park on August 20, 2010. Mark your calendars!! This is a dog show friendly site and has great close-in parking for RV's as well as our "normal" vehicles. The judges are: Breed - Greg Szynskie, Sweepstakes - Vicky Hansen, Junior Showmanship - Robin Hug, Obedience - Nancy Pollock, Rally - Karen Lamb.

Trophy Chair is Sue Raney. You can contact her at [raneyathome@comcast.net](mailto:raneyathome@comcast.net) to sponsor a trophy or donate a special one for the show.

Scarlett Horn has once again volunteered to be chief ring steward. Please contact Scarlett at [vnnewf@netscape.com](mailto:vnnewf@netscape.com) to volunteer to help on the day! We need stewards for rally and obedience as well as the other specialty classes.

Helen Hittesdorf is the show secretary and will also be doing our catalog ads. Please make checks for ads payable to HCNC. Helen can be contacted at [fordogstuff@msn.com](mailto:fordogstuff@msn.com). Costs of ads are as follows:

Business Card (no photo) - \$15, Half Page, no photo - \$25, Full Page, no photo - \$35, Full Page with photo - \$45.

We will be having our annual Awards Banquet after the judging at the show site. Please plan on attending this catered event.

We are in need of a Publicity Chairperson. The ad for Newf Tide is already done and submitted. What is still needed is to post our premium list info on the HCNC and NCA websites. Also should be able to post the info on the Newf e-mail lists. If you are willing to take this job on, please contact our Show Chair, Cathy Sands, at [rivernewfs@hotmail.com](mailto:rivernewfs@hotmail.com).

Show committee is as follows: Cathy Sands - Chair, Judges Committee – Ron Horn, Chief Ring Steward – Scarlett Horn, Trophies – Sue Raney, Ribbons – Patti Pigeon, Hospitality – Carol Perkowski.

Stay tuned for future updates.

Submitted by Cathy Sands

## Rescue Report

HCNC has had just one Newf come into Rescue since last fall. His name is Samson, and he is a beautiful & well behaved Landseer. He came from the Teton Village, WY shelter where Consie & Roger Powell's daughter volunteers. She bailed him out and met me and Besty halfway one snowy day in late January.

He was being fostered until his forever home could be found. I placed him just last weekend with a retired gentleman who has one acre of land in Golden, and his male Newf recently passed away. He was looking for a companion for his female Newf. So far ... so good and I'm scheduled to do a follow-up visit this weekend when hopefully the placement will be completely permanent.

I continue to work as a liaison with Rocky Mountain Newf Rescue, and as a point of comparison only, they have helped approximately 9 Purebred Newfs during the same time period.

Submitted by Linda Morley Roser



## Local Dog Cart Maker

There is a person in Lakewood who is making nice wooden dog carts. This is the person who made the walnut dog cart with the bent shafts at our fall test that a Bernese Mtn Dog had. For more information on his dog carts go to [www.stewartsdogcarts.com](http://www.stewartsdogcarts.com).

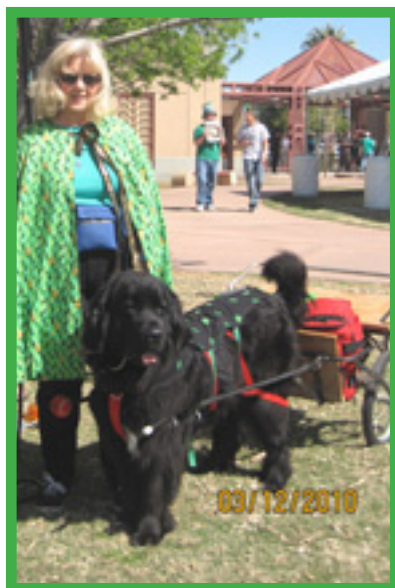
Submitted by Terri Desnica

# GROWING WITH GRACE

For the Phoenix area, it was a real winter with wind and rain on maybe 4-5 days in the past few months. The locals are complaining about the bad winter. We think its great! No air conditioning so far this year. It has been so nice we have stuck close to home. For St. Patrick's Day weekend, Mom and I got the parade cart out and went to a faire where I gave kids a ride in my cart. Of course they really liked that and I love to be the center of attention. I even went to work with Mom for a few days when we had a scare with some blood counts that were not "within normal limits". Not to worry, the re-test results were normal which was a HUGE relief to Mom. Joy had her first day at work with Mom this week. Apparently, she behaved like an angel so people are wondering why Mom refers to Joy as the wild child. Mom and I know the truth but we're glad Joy at least seems to know how to behave in public.

The main focus is becoming that draft title that I need for my VN. No working Newfies here so Mom has us signed up with a dog trainer that works with Rotties. We have a private lesson next week. We would rather be working with friends in Colorado but you just have to deal with your circumstances. My uncle Billy is building us a competition cart. He has already built us a cart for crates and stuff at shows. It is a very nice cart and it is very nice having a retired uncle that likes to build things. We have borrowed a lot of carts over the last couple of years so Mom finally knows the exact type that she wants. It will be one more thing to move but it will be our very own.

On a day to day basis life is changing as Joy is becoming an adult dog. I figure that if she wants to throw her weight around, I no longer have to give her any puppy slack. We are now figuring out who is in charge of what and staking our territories. So far, I rule when it comes to requesting dinner on time and biscuits on demand. When I speak, Mom listens. Joy is in charge of what toys we play with but I determine how long we are going to play. Tug of war, known around our house as pull the boat, is our favorite activity. Joy is very strong and puts up a good fight. When she feels I am pulling too hard she lays down and holds her own. I cannot budge her in that position. Then suddenly she jumps up and pulls the boat (me). Mom starts to cheer us on and it is a real game of give and take. Then I just let go and head to the tile floor for a good rest before round two or three or four. I like to lay outside in the evening and so does Joy. But she keeps getting up to go inside and check that Mom is still there. I do believe she gets some extra loving on these check-ins. I don't worry because if she brown-nosed all day it wouldn't matter because I am very secure in my relationship with Mom. Mom calls me her "baby" and Joy her "monster" so that pretty much answers the security question. We share the bed by a complicated formula. Joy jumps up on the bed first at night while Mom is getting ready. Once Mom comes to bed, Joy moves to the bathroom tile and I grab my favorite toy and get settled on the bed. It is reversed in the morning, I hang out on the bathroom tile and Joy perches on the bed. The challenge comes on Saturday mornings when Mom is in no rush to get up. Joy jumps up for some snuggle time. I allow it to a point and then I just stand up, walk between them and lay down super close to Mom. Joy gets desperate but I refuse to move. So we have to endure Joy walking all over us until she finds a place that allows Mom to pet both of us at one time. Peace is restored and everyone seems to enjoy this special time. I hope you are enjoying some special time with your family.



## **HCNC Conformation, Obedience & Rally Fun Match**

HCNC will be putting on an All-Breed Conformation, Obedience & Rally Fun Match on Saturday, August 7th. The fun match will be held at Jefferson County Fairgrounds in the Events Center Building (dirt arena). This will be a great way to get ready for the Regional Specialty, as well as support our club. To make this a successful event we need help from as many of our great club members as possible. We will need people to help with the registration table, set up & tear down, hospitality (munchies and drinks for workers), as well as stewards for conformation, obedience and rally.

No experience necessary!

If you can help in any way, please contact Terri Desnica at [desnica5008@msn.com](mailto:desnica5008@msn.com).

## **Bernese Mountain Dog Club Spring Draft Test**

The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of the Rockies is having a Spring Draft Test on Saturday, April 17th, 2010 at Chatfield State Park. Dogs of any breed are welcome, although Berners have preference. For more information contact [henry.dog@comcast.net](mailto:henry.dog@comcast.net).

Submitted by Terri Desnica

## **Draft Retreat**

The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of the Rockies is hosting a draft retreat June 25-27, 2010 in Black Forest, CO. Open to all breeds & skill levels, there will be beginner and intermediate/advanced tracks. Some draft carts & harnesses will be available for use during practices and demonstrations for people who do not have equipment.

Submitted by Terri Desnica

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Terry All KC Show	April 10/11, 2010	Brighton, CO
HCNC Draft Tests	April 24/25, 2010	Golden, CO
HCNC Board Meeting	April 24, 2010	Golden, CO
NCA National Specialty	May 3-8, 2010	Franenmuth, MI
Utah Valley KC Show	May 6/7, 2010	S. Jordan, UT
Intermountain KC Show	May 8/9, 2010	S. Jordan, UT
Mt. States Dog Training Club Ob/Rally Trial	May 8/9, 2010	Adams County
Sandra Ladwig Competitive Ob. Seminar	May 15/16, 2010	Arvada, CO
Rio Grande KC Show	May 15/16, 2010	Albuquerque, NM
Coronado KC Show	May 17/18, 2010	Albuquerque, NM
Durango KC Show	May 21/22/23, 2010	Cortez, CO
Mt. Ogden KC Show	May 23/23, 2010	Logan, UT
Central Wyoming KC Show	May 28/29, 2010	Casper, WY
Laramie KC Show	May 30/31, 2010	Laramie, WY
Newf Fest Fun Day & HCNC Annual Meeting	May 29, 2010	TBA
Flatirons KC Show	June 5/6, 2010	Longmont, CO
HCNC Water Clinic	June 19, 2010	Littleton, CO
HCNC Water Tests*	July 25/25, 2010	Littleton, CO
NCA Regional Specialty	August 20, 2010	Greeley, CO
HCNC Water Tests*	Sept. 19/20, 2010	Littleton, CO
HCNC Fall Draft Tests*	Oct./Nov. TBA	TBA
HCNC Holiday Party	Dec. TBA	TBA

\*Pending NCA approval.

