

High Country Newfoundland Club's Newf News September/October 2007 Issue

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President's Message

I want to begin by thanking one of our newer members who has come forward to take on a big job for HCNC.

Our new Membership Chair is Raymond Gunn. Raymond will also serve as the contact person for HCNC. Raymond lives in Salt Lake City and is a retired Park Ranger. He was our announcer for several events at the National and I hope you all had the opportunity to meet him.

A very BIG thanks go to John LeVett III who has held the job of Membership Chair for the last several years. We are sorry to lose him due to his change in work schedule.

Claudia Walters has returned to Colorado and once again has offered to take on the job of Newsletter Editor. I am very grateful to step down from this job. Doing our newsletter is a lot of fun but also requires a huge amount of time in collecting information from our membership. Please help Claudia out by submitting your news and photos promptly. Remember to share any interesting articles that you feel others would like.

The biggest thank you goes to the workers who made the 2007 NCA National Specialty Show a reality. The hours involved in this project were HUGE and the amount of work involved during the National was mind-numbing. Special thanks go to those who helped who are NOT members of HCNC, without whom we could not have done the job: Vicky Lowry and Dawn Kettler from Foss Drugs, Cheryl Algieri, Joyce, Gene, Brianna, and Gina Kohlmeier who all worked tirelessly in the store. Carol Mossmiller worked endlessly at the registration table. Carol Zamperini, Anita Formati, Louise Leone, and Barb Edwards worked the breed rings. I know there are many others who helped who aren't mentioned here and I apologize that I don't have all the names readily at hand. You know who you are and what you did to help. A very BIG THANK YOU!!

Cathy Sands, President



Celebrating 25 Years of Holiday Carting in Writer Square Denver, CO

Holiday Carting in Writers Square Denver, Colorado

Saturday, December 1 st	Noon – 4:00 PM
Saturday, December 8 th	Noon – 4:00 PM
Saturday, December 15 th	Noon – 4:00 PM

**VERY FUN FOR EVERYONE
Draft Dogs and PR Dogs Wanted**

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Rainbow Bridge

It is with much sadness that I must relate that the club has lost one of its most special ladies. Ch. Kilyka's I Aim to Please (Amy) crossed the Rainbow bridge on Thursday, August 9th at 8:45 P.M. Amy was a free spirit with a mischievous personality and a face that got her out of trouble many times. Juanita described her as her "forever puppy" which was accurate. Amy was very much a free spirit and a fun dog to be around. She always kept you laughing whether it was helping mommy make noodles, cutting up in the show ring, making obedience an e- ticket adventure, celebrating her championship or just being Amy. She had a marvelous free spirit that I envied. There are numerous Amy stories to share and sharing them keeps her living for us. Things like her show debut when she decided to help herself to the judge's doughnuts at her first puppy match. She then promptly broke Juanita's hip by tripping her the next day with a flexi when she wanted to run and play with another dog. There was the 95 nationals in Delevan when she had a family reunion with her sister in front of her in line and they had a great time playing. One of the classic pictures of Amy was when she helped mommy make noodles. She had grabbed a bowl full of flower off the table. When Juanita took the picture she had flower on her face and a spoon in her mouth (that picture made the back cover of the Italian equivalent of the Newf Tide). She celebrated her championship by stealing a strawberry frosted doughnut at ringside. Her Thanksgiving dinner one year consisted of a dozen onion bagels, a mincemeat pie and a chocolate cake. When she decided her first litter was ready to wean, she took them a log of salami and a loaf or bread. Amy was very food motivated. I have many suit coats missing the right pocket once she discovered that's where the treats were kept. One of my favorite stories involves her show career. After her first litter (Molly, Eddie and Ariel) we took the puppies and Amy to a show in San Antonio to try and finish Misty. We had been contacted by a gentleman in Minnesota that many of you know (Richard Donnay) stating that he and other folks were coming down and there should be majors. On the last day, success had smiled on us and Misty did finish. The judge was the late Anne Rogers Clarke. Mrs. Clarke was a very amazing lady and very professional in the ring. I liked her. She was however a tall and very intimidating lady to some people (she was taller than I am). This was our first experience at showing multiple dogs and it was somewhat chaos. Since Misty had won, Amy was done. No one told Amy and no one had her lead. When we went in for Breed, I stacked Misty and looked up and Amy was behind me in a perfect show stack sans handler. Mrs. Clarke was trying very hard to maintain a professional demeanor and not giggle. When she composed herself she walked up to Amy and said "excuse me darling, but I think you forgot something" to which an embarrassed Juanita had to come and get her. Many of you know that Amy has had trouble getting around the last couple of years. That was due to a bad back exerting pressure on the sciatic nerve. She had to have help to get around. That didn't dampen her spirit. One morning she decided to help the brood chase horses in back dragging me the entire way. One thing most people don't know about Amy is her incredible courage. After her laryngeal paralysis, she became more susceptible to pneumonia. She battled back from that 3 times. After the Fort Collins show this year she quit eating. We found that she had contracted a very virulent e-coli infection. She fought back from that 3 times. She simply had no more strength left to fight with. The night before, we were gathered with her in the living room. Me, Juanita and my brother Brian who also helped with Amy and she turned to each one of us and talked to us. She died the next night. It was almost like she was telling us she has to go now, thank you for taking such good care of me. All the Misty Mountain Newfs are very special to us and we are proud of them. Amy was one of a kind and there is still a huge emptiness here and I can still sense her spirit with me. She was what we should all aspire to be, a free spirit. She truly did things "her Way" (apologies to Frank Sinatra).

We miss you Amy!
9/20/94 -8/9/07

Bill Bartlett

FOCUS ON...

BLOAT/GASTRIC TORSION

Newfoundlands are a high-risk breed for bloat. Important warning signs for bloat are:

- Unproductive vomiting-your dog tries to vomit, but nothing comes up, or he/she only produces a small amount of foamy substance. Normal vomiting is not a sign of bloat.
- Swelling and tightening of the abdomen is another vital indicator. The dog's stomach feels like the skin is stretched very tight. After unproductive vomiting indicates escalated danger.
- Unusual restlessness-including circling and pacing. Dog seems to be in pain when lying on his/her side.
- Compressed body-dog pulls his front and rear quarters together, as if trying to curl up.
- Difficulty breathing-not as common as above symptoms but your dog may look straight up and open their mouth wide, as if struggling to take in more air.
- Discolored gums-may appear blue, white, or an unusually dark red.

If any of the above symptoms appear you should get your dog to the vet ASAP. Time is a critical factor in survival rates. Bloat is a life-threatening illness!

For more detailed information check the following sources:

www.akc.org
AKC Gazette August 2007.
Featured article of the month. A must read!

Irish Wolfhound Association of New England
http://www.iwane.org/bloat_signs.htm

www.globalspan.net/bloat.htm
Includes information to leave for dog sitters

www.newf.net

Save the Date

2007 HCNC Holiday Party at the Home of Sigrid Meier

December 8, 2007

6:00 PM to...

3882 S. Grape Street

Denver, CO 80237

Details in next issue.



BRAGS



Amazing Gracie

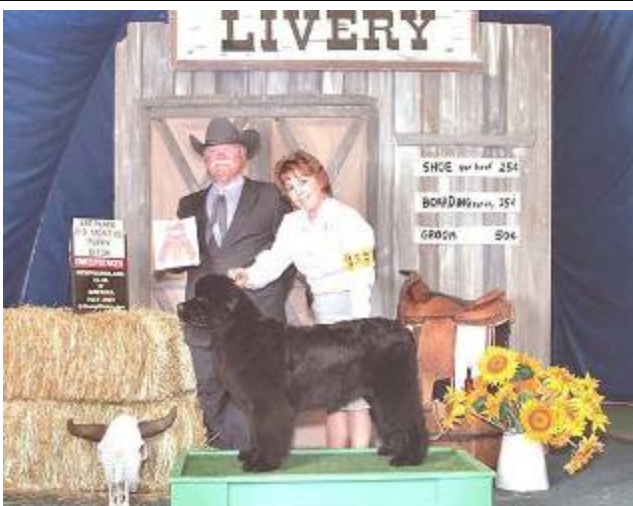
Grace finished her championship on July 1st with a third major at the Buckhorn Show. Needing a title after her name she got her Canine Good Citizen on July 14th. Remembering failing her WD test last summer due to a failure in basic control, she went after her CD. Being amazing, she got three legs in three shows (do not ask about her scores) receiving her CD on September 8th.

Ch. Blackwatch Blk Diamond Heavenly, CD, CGC

Rhiannon Rising to the Occasion

Bowater's Blue Moon Rising, (Rhiannon), owned by Jewel and John Cody got a qualifying score in Rally Novice B on Monday April 30th at our Regional in Boulder. Tuesday May 1st she got her 1st CD Leg, Novice A Obedience, score 176.5, with a 3rd placement. Wednesday May 2nd, at the National she got her 2nd CD Leg, Novice A Obedience, score 181, with a 1st placement, and the only one to qualify in her class. This was our first National, and what a week it was! Saturday, June 9th at the Colorado Springs Kennel Club Show she got her 3rd CD Leg, Novice A Obedience, with a third placement, which gave her, her CD title for AKC! Sunday May 27th she got her 1st ASCA CD Leg, Novice A Obedience, with a 1st placement in Kiowa. Co. She's had a good year so far. Now we have that dreaded pulling of the boat for the water test!

Submitted by Jewel, John, and Rhiannon



Cypress Bay Legacy All Natalie

Pictured at The National winning 6-9 month puppy bitch class. This was her first show at 6 months and 4 days.

On July 25th she went WB, BoW, and BoS. The following day, July 26th, she went WB, BoW, and BoB for her two majors at the Greeley Shows.

From Kathy Silvia and the Newf Fur Dudes

Dane finished his RE on Sunday, September 2nd. He is now Mollybrooks' Mystic Tailman, CD, RE, WD, DD, CGC.

Rico finished RN on Monday, September 3rd. His RN scores have been wonderful, 96, 97, 96 and he has placed in the ribbons two of his three times in the ring. He is now Ch. Bruin's Onyxbay Premonition, RN.

BRAGS

This past weekend, September 8th, during "Englewood Days", our sweet Sara (CH Shadrack's Serendipity) was voted "Audience Favorite" & received a beautiful rosette (as big as a "Best in Show" rosette!). Greg & Sara went on stage & Greg introduced Sara, the volunteer for Craig Hospital. The newspaper media took pictures, so be on the lookout for her picture.

Submitted by Greg and Johanna



**Castanewfs Beam Me Up Fireside
"Beamer"**

At only 7 months went Winners Bitch her first time out for a 3 point major on Saturday of the Plum Creek shows!! Beamer is owned by Katy Eckstrom and Denise Castonguay, bred by Denise Castonguay, and was handled by Shine Sturtz.

Submitted by Shine Sturtz



**Ch. Lovely Indian Summer Vom Triberg, CD
"Leonie"**

Leonie finished her championship in Claremore, Oklahoma. I owe a huge thanks to Linda Morley Roser for everything! And Diane Blandina and Debby Forry for grooming over the years. And, of course, I am thinking of Mary Dewey, you saw that Leonie had chosen me, and trusted me with Leonie's care!

Submitted by Shine Sturtz

**From: AKC Canine Health Foundation <enews@akc.org>
AKC Canine Health Foundation Alert**

AKC Call for Participation [Studying heart function in dogs with lymphoma -- All Breeds

A new Veterinary Teaching Hospital study is being conducted to determine whether doxorubicin, one of the primary drugs used in treating lymphoma in dogs, may weaken the canine heart.

Please e-mail julie_osborne@ncsu.edu for more information.

Recruitment of Epileptic Dogs for Seizure Drug Study Continues -- All Breeds

The clinical trial demonstrating the possible effectiveness of the pharmaceutical drug Keppra as an additional therapy in the treatment of canine epilepsy aims to recruit 10-15 more dogs to complete this important study in canine epilepsy. Dr. Karen Munana, principal investigator of the study notes that initial results demonstrate that this drug may be effective controlling seizures in some dogs with epilepsy. By adding 10-15 more dogs to this study base, statistical summaries will provide additional information to firm up this claim. The study is multi-institutional study, with veterinary neurologists from North Carolina State University, the University of Tennessee, and Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine participating.

If additional information is needed for interested referring veterinarians and/or owners please contact study research technician, julie_osborne@ncsu.edu, or fax inquiries to 919-513-6830.

Dogs with Oral Melanoma -- All Breeds

Dogs with oral melanoma are being recruited for a study of a novel vaccine developed by Merial Limited, an animal pharmaceutical company, to determine if this vaccine can help to prolong the survival time in dogs with oral melanoma. Dogs enrolled in the study will receive the melanoma vaccine and associated exams and labwork and radiographs which will be subsidized by the study.

For more information on this study email: paul_hess@ncsu.edu or julie_osborne@ncsu.edu or call 919-513-6812.

High Country Newfoundland Club
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
March 25, 2007

Attending were Johanna Matsuda, Ron Horn, Betsy Beaver, Sue Raney and Linda Morley-Roser. At the request of Cathy Sands, who could not attend, Linda conducted the meeting.

Ron Horn was unanimously appointed to take on the assignment of NewfTide Columnist since it has been reinstated in the future issues of NewfTide.

Raymond Gunn was unanimously appointed to take on the club contact role. Johanna will transfer the appropriate information to Raymond and contact the NCA to advise them of the change in volunteers.

The Rescue committee will be asked to make a financial report to the membership and the board at the next meeting.

Johanna will provide written proposed changes in the Awards Committee descriptions in the policy and procedures manual and bring them to the next meeting.

The Top 20 as a showcase was discussed. The board unanimously decided to retain the current plan of a non-judged event.

The Larry Barton Award will be presented at the Annual Meeting in May.

Betsy Beaver reported that the club treasury has approximately \$4600 in the checking account and a reserve in the money market account of approximately \$4000.

Club dues are due next month.

Betsy proposed that the club create a "Nahanni Award" which will recognize the achievements, good grace and sportsmanship of the handler when the dog "does it my way". She will bring proposed written award criteria to the next meeting.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

High Country Newfoundland Club
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
July 22, 2007

Attending were Johanna Matsuda, Ron Horn, Betsy Beaver, Patti Pigeon, Maria Rizzuto, Sue Raney, Cathy Sands.

Cathy Sands reported that rescue would be adding board members from HCNC to the HCNR board. The HCNC unanimously approved the appointments as follows:

Treasurer – Greg Szynskie

Vice President – Linda Morley Roser

Secretary and National Rescue List Contact :-- Johanna Matsuda

Cathy Sands reported that dogs from potentially two puppy mills in the Colorado area may be coming to Rescue. After lengthy discussion, it was decided (motion RH/MR, unanimous vote) that NCA rescue needs to be contacted to take control of these rescues as HCNR does not have the resources to support rehabilitation and care for such high numbers of rescue dogs at this time. It was also discussed that the rescue policies and procedures need to come to the HCNC board for revision and approval.

Under new business, the HCNC board eliminated the category of “newsletter only” membership from the procedures for membership. (BB/MR, unanimous pass). The board also agreed to eliminate the references to date in the application form so it can be used from year to year. (BB/MR, unanimous pass). The board would like to have the line giving members the opportunity to donate to rescue with their membership renewal added again. Greg will be asked to provide the correct working so that donations can go to the HCNR in approved fashion for a 501 c 3.

The Lueders family were approved as members.

Kady Eckstrom and Shine Sturtz were appointed as the new chairs of the fun day, and Shine was appointed as Parade chairman.

Patti Pigeon proposed that the club consider retaining the agility trial as a fund raiser. The proposal was unanimously rejected.

Sigrid was appointed as Christmas Party Hostess with the date to be determined by Sigrid in conjunction with holiday parade opportunities.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Beach rescue dog alerts swimmer **Cornwall's first beach rescue dog has been praised for helping to prevent a swimmer getting into difficulties.**

Bilbo, a 14-stone Newfoundland, is now an integral part of the Penwith Lifeguards based at Sennen Cove.

His quick-thinking stopped a tourist from entering the water when the currents were too dangerous.

"It was like he was saying to me 'it's too dangerous - don't go in'," said Lein Snippe, who is currently on holiday in the county.

"Bilbo, without any direction from me, just took straight off down the hill," said his handler, Steve Jamieson.

"He placed himself between her and the sea and just wouldn't allow her any access into the sea at all.

"When she did creep into the sea he swam in front of her."

Bilbo has had to pass swimming and fitness tests to join the team and spends his days patrolling Cornish beaches with his handler.

"The dog just came from behind and just seemed to be playing," said Ms Snippe.

"But the moment I got to the water it was almost blocking me, trying to avoid me going any further. The more I got in the more nervous the dog got."

"Basically he was telling me 'don't do it'."

The Newfoundlands' webbed feet and water-resistant coats make them ideal lifeguards.

Bilbo has his own lifeguard vest with safety messages written across it to warn holidaymakers not to go beyond the designated swimming and surfing areas.



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Bilbo patrols at Sennen Cove

From the BBC News.
Submitted by Ron Horn.

NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS

Valarie Kamdar and Doug Whitehead
P.O. Box 1286
Park City, Utah 84060-1286
Sponsors: Raymond Gunn and Anne Beck

Collin and Meghan Mariner
5756 West 117th Place
Westminster, CO 80020
Sponsors: Lori Moreland and Terri Desnica

Paul and Barbara Beale, Allison Beale
2251 South Zang Court
Lakewood, CO 80228
Sponsors: Martin Flaherty and Julianne Flaherty

Cindy Boccia
2700 N. Ogden Canyon Road
Liberty, Utah 84310
Sponsors: Anne Beck and Raymond Gunn



Growing with Grace

Mom and I talked about if we should start the column again (yes) and what we should call it. We were thinking of changing it to Amazing Gracie, because I am, but in the end we realized that lucky people never stop Growing with Grace. So, I thought I'd start out with how we have both grown with Grace over the past year. Yes, it has been over a year since we moved from our wonderful life in Colorado Springs. But for the most part we have been together. Hotels are very good for bonding with your Mom. You're together all the time and

get to take lots of walks. It was in Westminster that I learned to climb rocks. There were big boulders in front of the restaurants and each day I had to jump up on each one of them. We walked to the Christmas Lights at City Hall and met lots of people. Around December, I started collecting frequent flier miles. LA for Christmas, Palm Springs in January for Junior Showmanship, and then the big trip to Boston for the winter. Let me tell you it is COLD out east! I had to grow an extra thick coat and Mom had to wear her down jacket to walk me. Close to our hotel was a deserted State Park that we pretty much had to ourselves. I was allowed to run free in the snow as long as I came back when I was called. We took lots of trips. We visited friends outside of Albany, NY, went to Dog Mountain in Vermont, played on the beach at Cape Cod, MA and Newport, RI. I visited lots of colleges and went to Wellesley College every Thursday (that is the day they cleaned our room). I had lots of friends there and enjoyed the trails around the lake. We came home just before the National and have been living in Centennial with my aunt, Mom's niece, Mom's Mom, and six cats. We're only two blocks from the South Glen trail system so we have spent the summer jogging in the mornings and water training at Chatfield about twice a week. Boy am I in good shape! Life won't be quite "normal" until Mom gets a new position and my niece starts college. Mom promises that next summer we will have a nice place to live close to where she works. Less commute time means more quality time with her amazing Grace. In the mean time, I'm loving being with Mom 24/7 and what can be better than six cats? Athens is still my best cat friend but I'm working on the other five.

As if all that wasn't enough, I found time to "finish" so now you can call me champ. Next I became a Canine Good Citizen and then started obedience school on Thursdays at Blue Springs. I thought I was already well behaved but I learned to heel on a six foot leash right at Mom's side, stand for examination (really if you're a show dog this is a piece of cake), then there is the recall which means you come to your Mom when she calls you (how hard is that?). However, the recall isn't complete until you finish which has nothing to do with being a champion. It is some crazy exercise where little dogs do this cute jump to sit next to their owner and us big dogs walk oh so slowly behind our owners and sit at their side. I mean why? We were already sitting in front of them. Don't ask me, check with the AKC. Then they test us to see if we can sit for one minute and lay down for three minutes separated from our owners. I have had lots of practice waiting outside of outdoor cafes. Mom actually picks restaurants with outdoor dining so I can hang out tied to a little fence and hope for tidbits to come my way. I can tell you that Crested Butte is very dog friendly and I didn't miss a meal or tons of hugs from total strangers while visiting there. Sorry, I believe I digressed just a little. Anyway, I got my CD so now I am what bumper stickers say is a balanced dog, a title before and after my name.

Well, it is good to be back in High Country Newfoundland territory. I hope to see you all at events and shows. Sign-up for the Writers Square Carting so we can all hang together. The dipped apples are very good at the Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory in Writers Square. Tell your owners and then beg for a slice for yourself.

Draft Clinic
Saturday, October 20, 2007
9:00 am – noon

Arvada Memorial Park
Just North of Arvada City Hall
Pot Luck BBQ to follow – Bring a dish to share

Learn about working with your dog in cart and harness!

All breeds are welcome. Training at this event is geared toward carting for parades, rides and Newfoundland Club of America Regulation Draft Tests. Various types of carts will be available for use for the day and information about fit for harnesses, equipment suppliers will be available. HCNC Members who have carts for sale or barter are welcome to bring them as well! Event will be held rain or shine.

To get to the park from I-70 and Wadsworth go North on Wadsworth to Ralston Road (58th) and then go West to Allison Street. Turn North and this will dead end into the park, (8001 West 59th Avenue) behind the Arvada City Hall.

Cost: HCNC members: \$25.00 Non club members: \$35.00

For information and questions, contact Sue Raney at 303-421-3282.

To register, please complete the below portion and mail it prior to October 15.

Yes, I want to participate in the HCNC Draft Clinic on October 20th!

Name _____ email _____

Address _____

Dog's Name _____ Dog's age ____ Breed _____

Dog's age and carting experience:

Please check "Yes" if you have your own equipment Yes ____ No ____

Enclose a check payable to HCNC and Mail to: Sue Raney, 6040 Routt St,
Arvada, CO, 80004 prior to October 15th to ensure your spot. See you soon!