

High Country Newfoundland Club's Newf News November/December 2007 Issue

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Upcoming Events

Boulder Parade of Lights

Saturday, December 1st
6:00 PM

Carting at Writer Square

December 1st
December 8th
December 15th
Noon to 4:00 PM each day

HCNC Holiday Party

December 8th
6:00 PM
Home of Sigrid Meier

HCNC Regional Specialty

Thursday, February 14th
National Western Complex in
Denver

Details on all events in this newsletter.



Going to an event with your Newf?
Please bring him/her freshly bathed
and brushed. Your Newf is
representing the club and we want to
make a good impression.



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

Holiday Carting in Writer 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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FOCUS ON...

THERAPY DOGS INTERNATIONAL, INC.

"Therapy Dogs International, Inc (TDI) is a volunteer group organized to provide qualified handlers and their Therapy Dogs for visitations to institutions, facilities, and any other place where Therapy Dogs are needed." TDI is a non-profit organization founded in the late 1970's. In 1989, TDI was reorganized and has its headquarters in Flanders, New Jersey. It is open to both purebred and mixed breed dogs and their handlers. Dog are required to be tested prior to membership and handlers should be of good character. Some of the requirements are:

- Dog and handler must pass the TDI evaluation for suitability to become a potential therapy dog. This test is conducted by a TDI Certified Evaluator.
- Dog must be at least one year old.
- The dog must be healthy.
- The handler must be of good character.
- A TDI Application for Registration must be submitted along with the required health records.
- There is an annual registration fee.

Patients in care facilities benefit from the unconditional love and acceptance provided by Therapy Dogs. "It has been clinically proven that through petting, touching, and talking with the animals, patients' blood pressure is lowered, stress is relieved and depression is eased."

High Country Newfoundland Club dogs and handlers make visits to Craig Hospital in Englewood, CO. There are other opportunities to help. TDI has a "Tail Waggin' Tutors" program that partners dogs, children and books to help students with "a little trouble reading" gain confidence.

For more information on Therapy Dogs International, Inc. please contact them at:

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2007 HCNC Holiday Party at the Home of Sigrid Meier

December 8, 2007

6:00 PM to...

**3882 S. Grape Street
Denver, CO
303-322-7724**

Bring a dish to share and a gift for the exchange.



Directions

From either the south or the north, take I-25. Exit at Hampton Ave. and go west about 4 blocks. Turn left (or south) on Grape St. Continue for about 3 ½ blocks to house on east side of street.

3883 S. Grape Street
Denver, CO 80237

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BRAGS

Rhiannon Gets Some Brains?

On Saturday, September 22, Rhiannon passed her Temperament Test given by the American Temperament Test Society. It was held in Peyton, Colorado. The Judge really liked her personality. The score they like to see is 5 out of 10. She had all 5's and a couple of 6's. She's starting to grow up and get some brains! Her full name so far is "Bowater's Blue Moon Rising", CGC, RN, CD, TT.

Submitted by Jewel Cody and Rhiannon.

Amazing Veteran!

Eight year old BISS VN AM/CAN/INTL CH Misty Mtn's Love At First Sight, CD, TD, RE, WRDX, TDD, CGC, TDI had a good day at the Heart of America Newfoundland Club Regional Specialty. Lucy won Best Veteran in Sweeps, Best Veteran in the regular class Best Working Bitch, and then went on to take Best of Opposite Sex out of the Veteran's Class in the Best of Breed competition.

Submitted by Ron Horn

Braggs Wanted

Everyone wants to know what your Newf is up to so send in a brag! Photos make them personal. The editor can crop and enhance photos.

Newfs are working dogs so send us braggs on water work, drafting, tracking, obedience, rally, agility, freestyle dancing anyone?

Share your therapy work experiences.

CH. Harry Potter

Ch. Twin Oak's Young Wizard TD (Potter) finished his Breed Championship on October 7, 2007 in Lincoln, NE with a 4 point major. Potter was completely owner handled (owner mishandled?) by John LeVett.

Submitted by John LeVett

Super Star Puppy

Introducing Naiads Luca De Leonie! "Luca" (Ch. Kilyka's Fireside Black Fire, CD "Monk" X Ch. Lovley Indian Summer Vom Trieberg, CD "Leonie")

Luca made his show debut at the Greeley shows winning his first point.

Luca's second show was at the Heart of America Regional in October where he won his class in puppy sweepstakes, and then won Reserve Winners Dog.

The following day Luca went Best of Winners for a 4 point major.

The following weekend Luca went BOW in Los Lunas on Sat and Sunday!

Luca is the first newfy of proud owners Florence Larson and Chris Dunn!

Luca is beautifully groomed by Diane Blandina!

Submitted by Luca's "Grandmother"/Breeder: Shine



BRAGS

Now This Is An Amazing Newfoundland!

He's not from our club but this is an inspirational story.

Pavi set a new title record for Newfoundlands today.

He earned his 20th title by qualifying the Novice Agility FAST course, and earning 2nd place as well.

He did this at the tender age of 11 years, 2 months, 4 days. And that's actual years, not dog years! :) I'm certain he is the oldest Newfoundland to earn an AKC agility title!

That makes his official name:

U-CD Ebb Tide's Encore Pavarotti CD, RAE, NAJ, NAP, NJP, NFP, CL3-R
(But is he a tenor?)

On Behalf Of Joan Greenwald and Pavi

Water Dogs/Show Dogs-They Do It All

Kathy Sylvia's "Rico" earned his WD on Saturday, September 15, 2007 at the HCNC water test. While he gave his mom some heart attacks including the quick run around the obedience ring, he finished in fine style. He is now Ch. Bruin's Onyxbay Premonition, RN, WD.

Kathy Sylvia's "Travis, requalified for his WD on Saturday, September 15, 2007 at the HCNC water test with a new junior handler, 11 year old James Zaman. James has been working with Kathy and the Newf crew for the last two years and wanted to have his own dog to handle so Mr. T obliged. The team of James and Travis made it look easy. T is still VN. Ch. Wind'N Tide Tsumani, CDX, RE, TD, WRD, DD, CGC, with extra emphasis on the WD.

Kathy Sylvia's "Dane" earned his WRD on Sunday, September 16, 2007 at the HCNC water test. While many people know that Dane has his own way of doing everything, his performance on Sunday was perfect and made his mom's heart swell with joy. He is now Mollybrook's Mystic Talisman, CD, RE, WRD, DD, CGC.

Kathy Sylvia's "Rico" also was awarded Best of Breed in Los Lunas, New Mexico on October 13th and made the cut in the Working Group ring. There were many lovely specials in the ring, most belonging to other HCNC members who made the long trek from Colorado. On Sunday, October 14th, Bob McAllister's boy, Reagan, was awarded Best of Breed.

NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS

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No objections having been raised, the following have been added to the directory of members:

Allison Beale and Paul and Barbara	Mike and Diane Blandina	Cindy Boccia
Ben and Beth Dereume	Corinne Johnson and Dennis Jones	Tim Stevenson
Valarie Kamdar and Doug Whitehead	Collin and Meghan Mariner	Roger and Carla Peele

New Honorary Member-Joanne M. Peterson

Introducing a New Feature of Newf News-A Column from the Western Slopes

WEST SIDE STORY

Fall is a welcome arrival for us on the West Side. This has been one of the hottest summers we have experienced. Even the swim water felt warm to these western Newfs!

The Roaring Fork Kennel Club had a wonderful all breed show in July. This show would not be what it is without our fellow Newf lovers the Flaherty family! Many thanks for all your hard work!!!

It has been a year since Peggy Lange joined us. Living in the wild open spaces is helping Peggy find time to hook Dillon up to his cart and strolling around. Dillon is thrilled to be helping out!

Montana was the place for Keegan to be. He learned what a cart and harness is all about. Fun was had by handler and Newf. Debbie Jordan and Shirley Boldt from Washington (Hapipaws Newfs) were so kind teaching us this task! Now it is time to practice.

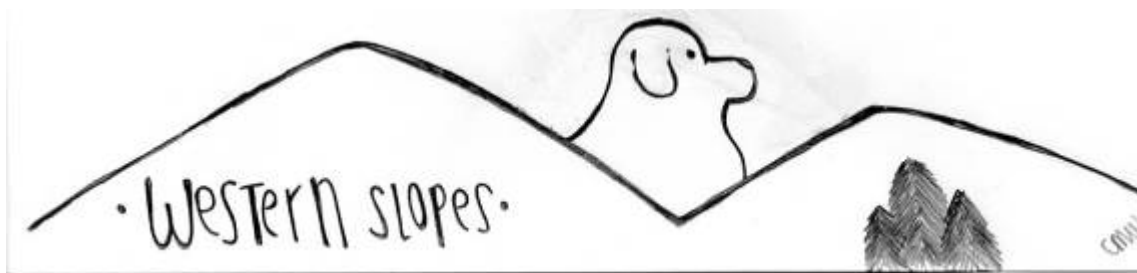
Practice makes perfect, as they say....is that really true?

Peggy and Marci are hoping others from the East side will join us this winter for more CARTING FUN at Copper Mountain. Copper Mountain would love for us to join them in some winter celebrations throughout the season.

If there is anyone wanting to join Peggy and Marci this fall for workouts and warm up, preparing for this fun Copper Mountain event - YA'LL WELCOME!!

This is our West Side Story!

(we will make this a regular!!)



A Dog's Purpose, (from a 6-year-old).

Being a veterinarian, I had been called to examine a ten-year-old Irish Wolfhound named Belker. The dog's owners, Ron, his wife, Lisa, and their little boy, Shane, were all very attached to Belker, and they were hoping for a miracle.

I examined Belker and found he was dying of cancer. I told the family we couldn't do anything for Belker, and offered to perform the euthanasia procedure for the old dog in their home.

As we made arrangements, Ron and Lisa told me they thought it would be good for six-year-old Shane to observe the procedure. They felt as though Shane might learn something from the experience.

The next day, I felt the familiar catch in my throat as Belker's family surrounded him. Shane seemed so calm, petting the old dog for the last time, that I wondered if he understood what was going on. Within a few minutes, Belker slipped peacefully away. The little boy seemed to accept Belker's transition without any difficulty or confusion. We sat together for a while after Belker's death, wondering aloud about the sad fact that animal lives are shorter than human lives. Shane, who had been listening quietly, piped up, "I know why."

Startled, we all turned to him. What came out of his mouth next stunned me. I'd never heard a more comforting explanation. He said, "People are born so that they can learn how to live a good life -- like loving everybody all the time and being nice, right?" The six-year-old continued, "Well, dogs already know how to do that, so they don't have to stay as long."

Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly.

Other Wise Words from Dogs

Remember, if a dog was the teacher you would learn things like:

When loved ones come home, always run to greet them.

Never pass up the opportunity to go for a joyride.

Allow the experience of fresh air and the wind in your face to be pure Ecstasy.

Take naps.

Stretch before rising.

Run, romp, and play daily.

Thrive on attention and let people touch you.

Avoid biting when a simple growl will do.

On warm days, stop to lie on your back on the grass.

On hot days, drink lots of water and lie under a shady tree.

When you're happy, dance around and wag your entire body.

Delight in the simple joy of a long walk.

Be loyal.

Never pretend to be something you're not. If what you want lies buried, dig until you find it.

When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by and nuzzle them gently.

Thanks for sharing, Shine!

Check out the HCNC Website for a feature article on the September Water Tests

**Report on the Draft Clinic held
Saturday, October 20, 2007
At Arvada Memorial Park**

Many Newfs and one Leonberger showed up to learn carting basics. We had four helpful trainers: Patti Pigeon, Betsy Beaver, Pat Drew, and Maria Rizzuto. The event started with how to correctly harness your dog and then hitch the harness to the cart. There was lots of hands-on help so that everyone got their harness fitted just right for their dog. Then we learned the basics of a Draft Test. Teams of dogs and handlers then began the process of working together to navigate a virtual obstacle course. Some dogs started by just walking around with their harness on, others were conditioning by walking with the cart unattached but behind them to get used to it, and some dogs took right to draft work by pulling the cart. Those that were ready got to experience a mini cargo haul (minus the cargo) by traveling over bridges and across gravel. Later carts were unhitched and everyone gathered under the pavilion for Subway Sandwiches and potluck items. It was an informative, instructive, and fun morning with our dogs and fellow club members. Thanks to all the trainers for their knowledge, help and their carts.



HCNC Regional Specialty is Back!

Grab your sweetheart and your Newfs for a very special Valentine's Day
Thursday, February 14, 2008
National Western Complex in Denver, Colorado

This year the Specialty will not include the banquet or live auction but there will be all the usual events including:

Sweepstakes, Confirmation, and Obedience Competition
There will be a Brown Bag Raffle Ringside and a Hospitality Table

So, mark your calendar and look for the Premium List to be posted on our website.

"Just a Dog"

From time to time, people tell me, "lighten up, it's just a dog," or "that's a lot of money for just a dog." They don't understand the distance traveled, the time spent, or the costs involved for "just a dog."

Many hours have passed and my only company was "just a dog," but I did not once feel slighted.

Some of my saddest moments have been spent with "just a dog," and in those days of darkness, the gentle touch of "just a dog" gave me comfort and reason to overcome the day.

If you, too, think it's "just a dog," then you will probably understand phrases like "just a friend," "just a sunrise" or "just a promise."

"Just a dog" brings into my life the very essence of friendship, trust, and pure unbridled joy.

"Just a dog" brings out the compassion and patience that make me a better person. Because of "just a dog" I will rise early, take long walks and look longingly to the future.

So for me and the folks like me, it's not "just a dog" but an embodiment of all the hopes and dreams of the future, the fond memories of the past, and the pure joy of the moment.

"Just a dog" brings out what's good in me and diverts my thoughts away from myself and the worries of the day.

I hope that someday they can understand that it's not "just a dog" but the thing that gives me humanity and keeps me from being "just a person."

So the next time you hear the phrase "just a dog," just smile, because they "just don't understand." ~ ~

Author
Roca (C) 2006

Versatile Hunting Dog Magazine, February 2006

Submitted by Johanna Matsuda.

Treasurer's Report

One of the side effects of hosting a National Specialty is that the Club's gross receipts for the fiscal years 5/1/06-4/30/07 and 5/1/07-4/30/08 exceed \$25,000. That triggers the need to report to the Internal Revenue Service. The Club is currently working with a tax accountant to prepare the appropriate materials and to file the required forms. The National Specialty was a success, not only as a fun event, but also financially. We will eventually need to deal with the issue of what to do with the profits from the Specialty. I'll know more detail as I work with the accountant, but we will most likely not be able to retain all of the profits.

The Club's regular accounts remain healthy - a little over \$3,500 in the money market account and about \$4,000 in the checking account. We have no outstanding bills and are currently owed money from NCA to offset expenses the Club incurred in handling the rescue of several Newfies from a puppy mill for NCA Rescue. The Club's registration with the Secretary of State's office for next year has been completed and we are currently listed as a not-for-profit corporation in good standing.

Submitted by Betsy Beaver, HCNC Treasurer

BOULDER PARADE OF LIGHTS SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1ST

The Parade starts at 6:00pm! (Staging will begin at 5:00pm)

HCNC Members have participated in this "Parade of Lights" for many years. And what luck!! this year it does not even land on a dog show weekend!! Last year's attendance was minimal to the point of considering not participating anymore. So I need to confirm that there is enough club interest before I sign us up!!



This is a fun PR event, Which nicely follows the Christmas Carting at Writers Square.!(Which finishes at 4pm, allowing time to get to Boulder!) Anyone who has participated in the past knows what a hit the newfs are!! It would be great to have a nice turn out for the parade, especially since the National was in Boulder this year, BOULDER REMEMBERS THE NEWFS!

human kids of all ages are invited! Foster Newfs, show newfs, Carting Newfs, ALL are invited. (We suggest no puppies less than 4 months—unless you are prepared to carry your tired puppy through half the parade!) The more carts the better!! Carts and dogs should be decorated! With lights if at all possible. (feel free to contact me for suggestions!) This is an event that EVERYONE can participate in!! If your newfs can walk on a lead, they can be in the parade!!

They ask that each participant have lights somewhere. I have extra lights. They are 10 lights strands of battery powered lights which can be taped to leads, collars, harnesses, carts, hats, antlers, and so on. This year I am going to try to put the lights on my newfie bibs! If you would like to participate, but do not have--or can not find lights, please let me know, and I will set aside some of my lights for you to use. (or you can find them at Michaels Craft store.) In any case, please don't let a lack of portable lights stop you from participating!!! As I am happy to help decorate everyone!!

If you are interested in this fun event, and can commit to participating please contact me by Tuesday November 13th. THIS EVENT IS DEPENDANT ON CLUB PARTICIPATION!!!

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Growing with Grace

Writing my column once every two months just throws me off. It makes it harder to remember what happened and then when I remember it makes it hard to pick and choose the really good stuff. The big news coming out of September was that after practicing all summer in the water I have no title to show for it. I can assure you that I can do every junior and every senior exercise. The weekend of the test just wasn't good for me. It drives Mom nuts. She really wanted a title. I guess she just has to learn that sometimes I'm in charge and I really didn't feel like being a serious working dog that weekend. However, we both had a great time working in the water this summer with some really cool dogs and their people. In fact, we would like to thank all of them for their support, guidance, friendship, and bug spray. I guess I would be remiss if I didn't brag about my amazing rescue. I was in my soft crate and I heard and saw my Mom yelling for help as she was drowning in the water. There was a Newfie out there to save her but I just didn't think he would be in time so I busted through the crate and swam out to save her myself. Mom is safe and Linda Morley-Roser lent us a wire crate for the rest of summer. Lori Moreland was able to get me a new soft crate cover that fits the frame of my old one. It's green instead of blue and I'll be bringing it to the show in Pueblo. Speaking of Pueblo, we're going there because we have taken up Rally which is just for fun. You go to class and learn all kinds of exercises from Rally Signs. I can't read so Mom has to figure them out. Let me just say that a typical course goes like this: start, about "U" turn, call front-finish right-forward, fast pace, normal, down while moving, spiral right, serpentine weave once, call front-1 step back-2 steps back-3 steps back, and finish. Simply do this as fast as you can, don't knock over any signs, keep the leash loose, sit straight, and don't expect any treats. Yes, siree, we're looking forward to some big time fun in Pueblo! I did have a real adventure last Saturday. Mom decided that it would be a good day to "bag" a fourteener so we set off for Quandary Peak near Breckenridge. The fact that it was 20 degrees at the trailhead should have been a sign that this was going to be an interesting hike. Mom, Courtney and me set off with our packs filled with food and warm clothing. The first part of the trail was a nice dirt path with a few critters for me to investigate. We met groups of people and dogs as we progressed up the mountain. The people coming down reported strong winds but said it was still doable so we kept hiking the mountain. By now we were dealing with packed snow and cooler temperatures. Jackets, hats, and extra gloves were coming out of those backpacks along with snacks and water. Good thing we were prepared because it got WINDY! 50-60 mph winds that were steady, not gusts. When Mom's GPS said it was "just" one half mile to the summit the winds were scary. After consultation with other mountaineers we decided to go for the summit. Slowly we progressed against the wind and altitude as we encountered multiple false summits that trick you into thinking you are closer than you are to the summit. Not a minute too soon we reached the top. Instead of a wild celebration, we huddled in a shelter made of rocks while we took pictures and did lame high fives. It was time to start down the mountain. Usually the trip down would be a piece of cake but on Saturday that was not the case. The packed snow had become icy and very slippery. I had to watch out for both Mom and Courtney because they took a few slips on the ice. When Courtney slipped and cried I laid down next to her until she calmed down. Once when I was walking on the snow one of my back legs went through the snow, as I pulled it out I looked back to see what had grabbed my foot from under the snow. Soon we were back on the dirt trail and finally it was time to start celebrating our accomplishment. It was the first fourteener for both Courtney and me. I wonder how many Newfoundlands have made it to the top. The secret of my success was a summer of swimming, jogging and simply being an amazing dog. Since real Newfie weather is on its way, it's time to get out there and do some Holiday Carting at Writer Square. The weather will be cool and you'll be cool too if you come out and support the club. Hugs and kisses are guaranteed!





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October 26, 2007

Dear Mrs. Sands,

I am pleased to inform you, on October 18, 2007, the Newfoundland Club of America's Board of Directors approved the following:

Section II – Membership Definitions, Article 3: Honorary Membership will be amended as follows:

The words “and has no voting privileges” will be deleted. This section will add the additional sentences as follows: Honorary Members shall have all privileges and duties as members of the club, may attend club meetings, and participate in all club functions, and vote on official club business with each Honorary Member having one vote in all club matters. All individuals who live in HCNC's geographic region who are granted NCA Honorary Member status will be automatically granted full Honorary membership status in HCNC.

Section II – Membership Definitions will be further amended to add a Section 5 “Senior Membership”

5. Senior members shall be 70 years of age and above and have retained HCNC membership for 15 years as well as be members in good standing of the NCA. Senior members shall have all privileges and duties as members of the club, may attend club meetings, and participate in all club functions, and vote on official club business with each senior member having one vote in all club matters. Senior members meeting the above criteria will receive a discount in their annual dues.

Congratulations on a very well done revision! Please be sure I receive a copy of your revised Bylaws as soon as possible (electronic transmission is acceptable).

Regards,
Katherine Mc Iver
NCA Regional Club Liaison