

# High Country Newfoundland Club's Newf News January/February 2008 Issue

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## Upcoming Events

*HCNC Board Meeting*  
Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM  
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*HCNC Annual Awards*  
Applications Due  
February 9, 2008 at 6:00 PM  
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*HCNC Regional Specialty*  
Thursday, February 14, 2008  
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February 15-18, 2008  
National Western Complex in  
Denver

[www.onofrio.com](http://www.onofrio.com)

*Draft Test*  
April 19th and 20th  
Lions Park in Golden  
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## Celebrating 25 Years of Holiday Carting in Writer Square Denver, CO

It was cold.  
The kids had fun.  
Thank goodness for  
Starbucks!



↑Are we done yet?

Snowflakes that stay on my nose and my lashes →



Burr!



# FOCUS ON...

## A Look at the AKC Eukanuba National Championship as a Spectator

I thought my nephew would like to go to a dog show that was on television. So, for his birthday I took him to the AKC Eukanuba National Championship near his home in southern California. As you approach the entrance to the Long Beach Convention and Entertainment Center you are greeted by a huge banner proclaiming it as "The Big Show". This does raise your expectations! Before you even enter the building, there is a roped off area with bleacher seats where demonstrations are in progress. Throughout the day, we saw obedience, rally, service dogs and herding dogs all doing their thing. It was a great opportunity to see and appreciate what some of the other breeds excel at. Moving into the building, the breed rings were buzzing with activity. Grooming is in the same general area so you can walk around and see the people you know preparing for the competition. Since our day was to include watching the Newfs, we loitered around ring 10 to get a ring-side seat. It was quite impressive to see the dogs and handlers vie for the coveted purple and gold rosette. Club member, Bob McAlister's dog, Reagan, got an Award of Excellence. Next we headed to the obedience and agility rings. You could literally feel the energy in the agility rings. We watched for quite a while amazed how the dog and handler teams worked together. Just as in the breed rings, these dogs were the cream of the crop. We took a break for lunch then headed to the *Meet the Breeds* area. Each breed had a decorated benched area mostly sponsored by the local breed clubs. Arranged in alphabetical order, it was easy to find the breeds you were interested in visiting. We chose to meet each breed which was quite an endeavor. The agility rings called us back and we saw the very top dogs running their courses. In between all this activity we visited vendor booths, the AKC information center, and of course the Eukanuba dog food display with samples. We got an Animal Planet travel water bowl. They take a break from 5-7 PM so we met family members for dinner. All of us returned for the evening program. We watched the Junior Showmanship Finals, the inaugural Eukanuba World Challenge featuring dogs from around the world, the Working Group Finals, the Terrier Group Finals, Best Breed-by-Exhibitor in Show, the Herding Group Finals, presentations for AKC Awards for Canine Excellence (ACE), then the Best in Show event. Everyone picked their favorite and then we watched the judge, Miss Maxine V. Beam, select her favorite, a Sealyham Terrier. It was interesting to stay and see them re-shoot parts of the ceremony for television. Overall, it was a very full day. We had fun, we were educated, and we have special memories we'll treasure. In most ways it did live up to the hype. Next year, Westminster???

Submitted by Claudia Walters

**AKC Eukanuba National Championship**  
**Televised on February 2, 2008**  
**8:00 PM (check for local time)**  
**Simulcast on Animal Planet and Discovery networks.**



Travis with a Belgian Malinois.

## Healthy Newfs

Rico, CH Bruin's Onyxbay Premonition CGC, WD, RA, follows his half-sister Magic, Briun's Black Magic of Stehekin, in clearing all of his OFFA health clearances.

Submitted by Bill Espander, owned by Scubi, KT, Rico, and Jaz

**Room  
for  
your  
BRAG  
Here!**

## 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 brags on water work, drafting, tracking, obedience, rally, agility, Freestyle Dancing anyone?**

**Share your Therapy Work experiences.**

# BRAGS

## Having a Great Year!

Kathy Sylvia's boy "Rico" completed his Rally Advanced title in Amarillo, Texas on December 9. He would have completed his title in three legs, had his mom not run into the bar jump on Day 2 and knocked the stupid thing down. He also took Best of Breed two of four days in Amarillo, making the rounds between the Rally ring and the Breed ring. Rico is now Ch. Bruin's Onyxbay Premonition, RA, WD.

Submitted by Kathy Sylvia

## Nothing Small About It

Here is a small brag. Oliver, BISS Am/Can/Intl CH Misty Mtn's As You Like It, RN, WD, CGC, TDI, was entered in five Rally Trials in Texas last week. In the five trials he finished his Rally Novice Title and passed two trials toward his Rally Advanced Title.

Submitted by Ron Horn

**Room  
for  
your  
dog's  
picture  
here!**

## **ZZ is an Obedience All Star**

I am proud to announce that ZZ (UKC-CDX Zzweet Dreams In Black & White CDX, ASCA-CD, RE, DD, WD, CGC, TDI) has had another successful year in obedience. He just received his UKC - CDX at the High Plains Kennel Club show in November. Not only did he get qualifying scores both days, he also got First Place and was the only dog to qualify on Sunday.

Submitted by Terri Desnica



## **2007 AKC Eukanuba National Championship Award of Excellence**

Congratulations to Springhaven's Honest Reagan on his win at the Eukanuba National Dog Show in Long Beach, Ca. Dec 2, 2007. Reagan won an "Award of Excellence" beating some of the top Newfoundland's in the country. Robert and Gail McAllister (owners) would like to thank all the wonderful Newfoundland people who have been so supportive. A special thanks to Debby Forry who is every bit responsible for Reagan's success. Reagan would not have achieved the recognition that he has without Debby! Thanks also to professional handler Clint Livingston who is a consummate professional. Reagan's breeder is Joanne and Jeff Givens of Springhaven's Kennel.

Submitted by Bob McAllister

# NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS

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

Ed Maas  
Cydney Jones  
Claire Hernandez  
Douglas and Renita Oringderff  
Virginia Powell and Chaz Symons

**NOTE: ADDRESS CORRECTIONS**

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**Would you like the HCNC Membership Directory file?**

Anyone interested in receiving the HCNC membership directory via email (it is a word document) should contact membership chair: Raymond Gunn via email:

[raymondgunn@earthlink.net](mailto:raymondgunn@earthlink.net)

Submitted by Raymond Gunn II



## **LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO PRACTICE BEFORE A SHOW? TRY A MATCH.**

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

January 20

Terry-All Kennel Club B-OB & Rally Match Adams Cty FG, Brighton

February

3 Flatirons Kennel Club B-OB & Rally Match Boulder Cty FG, Longmont

10 Friends of Boxers Conformation Fun Match Adams Cty FG, Brighton

Submitted by Shine Sturtz

### **IMPORTANT! HCNC BOARD MEETING**

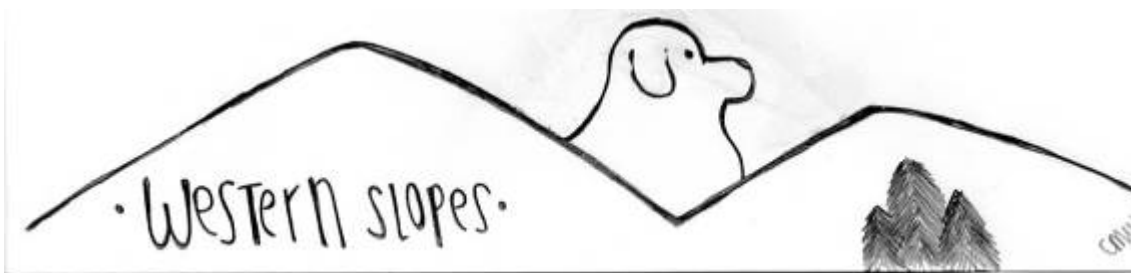
The board meeting will be at 3:00 PM on Sunday, Jan 27th at the home of Maria Rizzuto. (Time tentative based on the conclusion of the working dog match earlier that day.)

Please call Sue Raney or Maria Rizzuto to confirm the time in case it changes between publication and actual event. Important HCNC topics that will be discussed include continuation of the rescue program and nominating committee for the upcoming elections.

**Sue Raney 303 421-3282**

**Maria Rizzuto 303 279-7374**

No report from the Western Slopes this issue but we're saving space for the next issue.



**February in Colorado: 5 Shows in 5 Days  
Attend the Rocky Mountain Cluster  
&  
NCA Independent Regional Specialty  
Hosted by  
High Country Newfoundland Club**



**When:** Thursday, February 14, 2008

**Where:** National Western Complex  
4655 Humboldt Street  
Denver, CO 80216

**Show Secretary:**

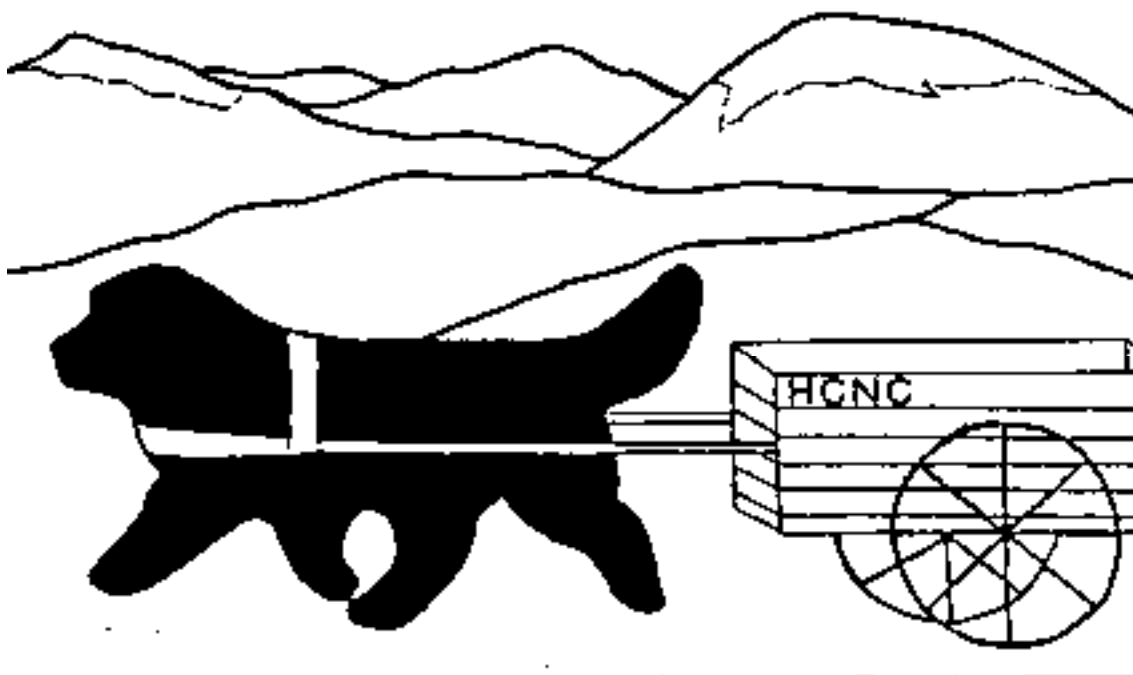
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**Judges:**

Mr. Dana Cline-Breed and Junior Showmanship  
Mr. Jay Acker-Sweepstakes  
Mrs. Susan Oviatt-Harris-Obedience

**Show Chair:**

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**HCNC Draft Tests**  
**Saturday, April 19, 2008**  
**Judges-Patti Pigeon and Sue Raney**  
**&**  
**Sunday, April 20, 2008**  
**Judges-Patti Pigeon and Ron Horn**

**Lions Park**  
**Golden, CO**

**Premium posted on web-site February 15, 2008**

***Test Chair***  
**Betsy Beaver**  
**[ikkumanewf@msn.com](mailto:ikkumanewf@msn.com)**

***Test Secretary***  
**Maria Rizzuto**  
**[mariarizzuto@comcast.net](mailto:mariarizzuto@comcast.net)**

**All Breed Draft Test to follow Newfs on Saturday, April 19, 2008**

**Volunteer Stewards Needed!**  
**Contact: Betsy Beaver [ikkumanewf@msn.com](mailto:ikkumanewf@msn.com)**  
**or Sue Raney [raneyathome@comcast.net](mailto:raneyathome@comcast.net)**

## Got Newf Stuff?

Shine is putting together a brown bag raffle to be done ringside at the regional. If there are things laying around from the national that can be put into the brown bag raffle she would appreciate them! Or if you are cleaning house and find some things you want to get rid of that works too! :-)

Shine will gladly accept and appreciate any donations people would like to make!! Please contact Shine to let her know what you have to donate.

[shine@sturtz.org](mailto:shine@sturtz.org)

P.S. There are still 4 Regional trophies left available for sponsorship!!  
Contact Shine Sturtz for info: [shine@sturtz.org](mailto:shine@sturtz.org), 303-870-0521

## Rainbow Bridge

The following club members have lost their very precious Newfoundlands:

"Tango" VN CH Docksidess Tangled up In Blue, CD, DD, WRD  
1/23/2000 - 1/2/2008

Jan Curtis

"Dickon" Sweetbay's Benedict, CD  
9/8/1994 to 11/24/2007

Anne Beck

"Freedom" Fireside's Uhura's Song  
August 31, 1994 - December 7, 2007

Larry and Kady Eckstrom

"Dolly" Riverhouse Anchorbay Dolly  
5/10/97 - 12/8/07

Cathy & Sam Sands

Just this side of heaven is a place called **Rainbow Bridge**.

When an animal dies that has been especially close to someone here, that pet goes to Rainbow Bridge. There are meadows and hills for all of our special friends so they can run and play together. There is plenty of food, water and sunshine, and our friends are warm and comfortable. All the animals that had been ill and old are restored to health and vigor. Those who were hurt or maimed are made whole and strong again, just as we remember them in our dreams of days and times gone by. The animals are happy and content, except for one small thing; they each miss someone very special to them, who had to be left behind.

They all run and play together, but the day comes when one suddenly stops and looks into the distance. His bright eyes are intent. His eager body quivers. Suddenly he begins to run from the group, flying over the green grass, his legs carrying him faster and faster.

You have been spotted, and when you and your special friend finally meet, you cling together in joyous reunion, never to be parted again. The happy kisses rain upon your face; your hands again caress the beloved head, and you look once more into the trusting eyes of your pet, so long gone from your life but never absent from your heart.

*Then you cross Rainbow Bridge together...*

– Author Unknown

## Growing with Grace

I hope you all had a happy holiday season. We started out the celebrations with two weekends at Writer Square. One weekend was very cold! It was so cold that the Newfoundlands got icesicles on their slobbers. And our water bowls froze. Larry said it wasn't the coldest day in the past twenty-five years but darn close. Newfie people got to pick a hat or scarf with a cool logo on them designed by cousin, Courtney. My Mom picked pink because it is my color. Check out the photos to see how much fun this event is. Mom says the club Holiday Dinner was very nice. We had guests from California this year for Christmas so I didn't get any frequent flyer miles. It was nice to stay home and show them a White Christmas. I played in the snow with my human cousins. We built a snowman and I did some major running around in the snow. I even got in some water training by fetching bumpers and life ring ropes in the snow. Speaking of water, one day Mom and I were walking on a trail after a big snow dump. No one else was braving the cold so I was off leash. As we got close to a pond I saw some ducks in the water. Well, before Mom could stop me, I went for the ducks. Boy was I surprised when I found myself in a partially frozen lake. The ducks were history so I just went for a swim. Mom ran down to the pond. She quickly saw that I was stuck since swimming until spring thaw was not an option. Mom is very calm in emergencies. Thoughts of the rescuer becoming a victim crossed her mind. Dropping her waist pack on land she took my retractable leash down to the ice. Banging on the ice she slowly progressed toward me. When she got close to the edge, I swam over to her. Mom was able to pull me out of the water and I got two feet on the ice then we worked together to get the rest of me out of the water. We walked carefully to land where I shook off the cold water. It was scary for Mom but quite an adventure for me. I got out and started running in circles. That is my usual celebration ritual. We hiked home because Mom said I needed a bath and blow dry. If only the ducks knew they were supposed to fly south for the winter.

It hasn't been all fun and games, I have been to Pet Empawium several times for baths. Usually it was in preparation for our visit to Craig Hospital. I like going there and have made a new friend. His name is Noah and he is a very well mannered Newfie. We go from room to room together and visit the patients. Then there was the day I got a bath so I could get my picture taken for Christmas. I have my own scrapbook so Mom collects my photos and awards. It is getting quite fat because we do so many fun things. I think I told you I was into Rally now; well I got two legs in two tries in Pueblo. On Saturday, I got a respectable 91 out of 100. Sunday was another story. The course had lots of sits and downs. Well two stations from the end of the course I decided I had enough of sitting and downing for no good reason so I just stood there and barked at Mom. She had no idea what to do since telling me no bark and giving me the no bark hand sign were having zero impact on me. Mom could see the judge from the corner of her eye starting to come over to us. Not knowing if it was allowable she gave me a quick jerk on my collar. I got the message and completed the course perfectly. Mom waited as they posted our score and by the skin of our teeth we qualified. I am expected to do a better job this weekend. Once we finish Rally Novice, we are going to start some more draft training. I think the plan is to continue with Rally classes but not enter any shows until after the Draft Test. In our quest for a VN, I must get the NCA titles for Draft Dog, Water Dog, and Water Rescue Dog.

That's Stephen and me running in the neighborhood. We walked to the store a lot. Someone always stayed outside with me but as you can see I wanted to shop at Albertson's.



Guidelines for High Country  
Newfoundland Club  
ANNUAL AWARDS  
Rev. 5/2005

**Awards are given on a calendar year basis when possible. Years cannot be combined when applying for an award. Any points, wins, etc. that were used in the previous year's awards tallies are not eligible to be used a second time. If wins occurs after the cut-off date for applying for annual awards they may be used for the next year's time period.**

All applications for awards must contain the name of the show, date, win/leg, title, points/score, etc. as well as the dog's name, owner/co-owner, breeder, and any other information required for each category listed., Awards are open to all General, Honorary and Junior members, as defined in the By-Laws. Affiliate members (out-of-region) are eligible to receive awards only as decided by the Board.

Owner or co-owner shall include immediate members as defined by AKC. **Each individual owner and co-owner must apply for an award.**

**Additional Awards may be added to this list by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.**

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**Owner-Handler Awards:**

**When compiling information for owner-handler awards, please list each dog and its wins separately.**

**Owner-Handler (Conformation)** - Person putting the most points on dogs they own or co-own and show themselves. Ties to be broken by most major points - total major points.

**Owner-Handler (Obedience)** - Person putting the most legs and/or points from qualifying scores on dogs they own or co-own.

**Owner-Handler (NCA Working Titles)** - Minimum of two titles. Person putting the most working titles on dogs - may or may not be on the same dog - but must be owner or co-owner handled.

**Owner-Handler (Tracking)** - Person successfully passing the most AKC tracking tests with dogs they own or co-own.

**Owner-Handler (Agility)** – Person successfully passing the most AKC agility tests with dogs they own or co-own.

**Owner-Handler (Rally)** – Person successfully passing the most AKC rally tests with dogs they own or co-own.

**AKC/NCA TITLES AND OTHER AWARDS:**

**Titles offered by the AKC and any other registry the AKC acknowledges as an "official" registry shall be recognized. These include but are not limited to Mexican, International, English, and Canadian. Titles offered by NCA shall also be recognized.**

**Obedience Title** - Obtained with qualifying scores in the "first three attempts".  
Owned or co-owned by members.

**New Champions** - Dogs owned or co-owned by members.

**New Obedience Titles** - Dogs owned or co-owned by members.

**New NCA Working Titles** - Dogs owned or co-owned by members.

**New Tracking Titles** - Dogs owned or co-owned by members.

**AKC Agility Title** - Dogs owned or co-owned by members.

**AKC Rally Title** – Dogs owned or co-owned by members.

**Stud Dog** - Minimum of two Champion Get. Ties to be broken by obedience and working/tracking titles.

**Brood Bitch** - Minimum of two Champion Get. Ties to be broken by obedience and working/tracking titles.

**Breeder of a Champion** - For breeder of a Champion - US or other. Awarded only if the breeder is an HCNC member, as defined above. If the breeder is also the owner - one award will be awarded and shall read - "Breeder/Owner (or co-owner) of ..."

**Group Placements** - A Newf placing in the Working Group will receive an award. If multiples placements are achieved, the total number will be indicated on the award.

**Best in Show** - A Newf receiving a BIS or BISS will receive an award. If multiple BIS's are attained the total number will be indicated on the award.

**Living Legends** - Newfs owned or co-owned by members who reached the age of 10 yrs. during the current award year. Include date of birth and dog's registered name.

**In Memoriam** - Include dog's name, date of birth, date of death.

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The following awards are available to Junior HCNC members. Juniors must be exhibiting a Newf and be 18 years of age or under, as defined by AKC, to qualify for these awards.

**Top Junior Showperson** - Junior with the most NCA points in Jr. showmanship. If none, the Junior with the most placements in regular conformation shows (Jr. showmanship competition only) will be awarded.

**NCA Working Dog Title, AKC Championship, Obedience, Tracking, Rally Agility or any other AKC Title**

The Junior who applies for any of the above awards must exclusively handle the Newf to the completion of the applicable title in order to qualify. Owner or co-owned shall be as defined by AKC.

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HCNC offers an award in recognition of all first place wins at the NCA National Specialty shows: This includes but is not limited to both regular and non-regular classes as well as obedience, rally, agility and other working events.

Any dog owned or co-owned by an HCNC member that achieves Best of Breed, Winners Dog/Bitch, Best of Winners, Best in Sweepstakes, or High Scoring Dog in Trial are also to be awarded special recognition.

The following recognitions by the NCA will also be given an award by HCNC:

- Register of Merit (ROM)
- Versatile Newfoundland (VN)
- Top Winning Conformation Dog/Bitch

In addition, HCNC may choose to give an award for any dog owned or co-owned by an HCNC member whose dog ranks in the top 20 in either breed or obedience according to the NCA counting system. Special attention should be given to those dogs that are also owner-handled to their wins.

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HCNC will consider giving an award for other titles earned by Newfs, such as flyball, search and rescue, etc. The owner must apply proof of title from the organization awarding the title. These titles must be earned by training for and qualifying in actual tested events. They do not include such things as certificates of temperament, therapy dog, CGC, etc. Each title will be considered for an award by the HCNC Board of Directors on an individual basis, with each decision by the Board being final.

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**No awards will be mailed unless prior arrangements are made with the chairperson.** You must either attend the banquet or make arrangements for someone in attendance to pick them up for you.

**Fun Awards** - if you know of any person/event/etc. that may qualify for one of these awards, please let the participation awards chair know. Can be just about anything!

Hurry, complete the form on the next page to recognize your dog's achievements (and yours as well).



**High Country Newfoundland Club, Inc.**  
**Annual Awards Application**  
**For January 1 to December 31, 2007**

This form is to be used to apply for HCNC titles, owner/handler, etc. awards as per the Annual Awards Guidelines (rev. 5/2005). Awards are open to members as defined in the HCNC Constitution & By-laws. Please use **one sheet for each dog, and for each title/award. PLEASE PRINT.**

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Dog's Registered Name: \_\_\_\_\_

AKC Registration #: \_\_\_\_\_ Call Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner/Co-owner: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Breeder: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of award: i.e., Owner Handler (obedience); New Champion; etc.

\_\_\_\_\_

Name of Show(s) & Date(s) \_\_\_\_\_

# Wins/Legs: \_\_\_\_\_ Title earned: \_\_\_\_\_

Points/Scores (or actual AKC publications Date of Title):

\_\_\_\_\_

Name of person applying: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

[ ] I (we) elect to not receive the above award, but wish to have the award listed in the Awards Banquet Program, and receive verbal recognition.

Application must be received on or before **Saturday, February 9, 2008** at 6:00 PM.

Send this application to:

Johanna Matsuda  
3955 So. Grant St.  
Englewood, CO 80113

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## [Meet Connie, The Dog Who Cleans And Does Laundry](#)

Posted: 06 Jan 2008 03:38 AM CST



Who needs a housekeeper when you have Connie the Newfoundland?

Two-year-old Connie helps with the laundry, brings groceries home, and tidies around the house. When Connie's owner, Hazel Carter, was struck with crippling arthritis in her back, she was not able to do everyday tasks around the house.

Carter, an animal behaviorist, taught Connie to perform some of these chores. Connie places dirty clothes inside the washing machine. When the machine is full, she puts a detergent ball inside, and then turns on the machine with her paw.

Once the clothes are done in the washing machine, Connie then moves the clothes to the dryer. Carter said that she could leave Connie to take care of the laundry all by herself, but she supervises because Connie doesn't quite understand that dark colors shouldn't be washed with the whites.

When there is something lying around the house, Connie knows where to put back the item and returns it to its proper place.

Also, when Carter needs something from the store, Connie goes to pick it up from the nearby shop.

Carter said, "She really loves helping out. Her tail is always wagging and she just does some of the jobs automatically now. She fetches her own dog bowl at dinner time, making sure to put it back afterwards. Connie can do a lot - she can even untie my shoelaces for me if I ask her. She is a brilliant help around the home and really enjoys it too. She is a big dog - but she is so gentle."

Source: [Daily Mail](#)

Submitted by Terri Desnica