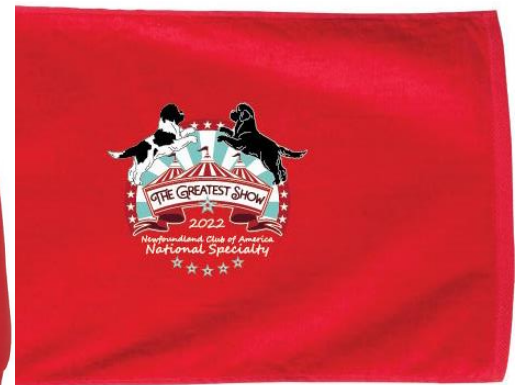




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The High Country Newfoundland Club



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A Message from our President, Mark O'Connor

Hello Members,

The club continues to try and provide useful events for the membership. April 30th was our special grooming seminar with well-known groomer Penny Shubert. We had about 20 attendees in person and over 50 via Zoom. We had people watching from Italy and Sweden as well as across the US. The event brought in over \$1500. We are very pleased with both the knowledge shared and income to the club. Additionally, we had nine new memberships to HCNC. Special thanks to Ron Horn, Florence Larsen, Claudia Walters, and Megan Goldin-Liston for their roles in making the event a success.

I just got back from the 2022 NCA National Specialty in Frankenmuth, MI. After 3 years absence it was great to see old friends and meet new ones too. Of course, the dogs were beautiful. HCNC participated in the introductory parade, and the club was well represented in rally, obedience, and conformation rings.

Upcoming this weekend is the Awards Banquet. The new Board of Directors will be seated at next week's meeting. We are also in the middle of renewal season. Please renew ASAP if you have not already done so.

Water season is now upon us. We have sent out the water schedule for Chatfield for Summer 2022. There has been a change in how it works. In previous years a day was exclusively for the Newfs or for scuba or some other group. This year, those groups have "priority." To me this means we can train and swim whenever but must cede the beach when the other groups are present. I have said this in previous years but bears repeating: Don't try and police the beach. Avoid confrontations, as this only creates unwanted scrutiny from the rangers and by extension puts our permits and ability to train at risk. Let's play nicely with others!

Hope to see you soon,

-Mark

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UPCOMING EVENTS



A CELEBRATION OF OUR NEWFOUNDLANDS AND THEIR PEOPLE

SAVE THE DATE

The HCNC Annual Banquet and Awards Lunch Returns to celebrate the awards achieved in years 2020 and 2021.

Sunday, May 22, 2022 at 11:30 am
Maggiano's Little Italy
7401 South Clinton Street
Englewood, CO 80112

Contact the Committee Chairperson Florence Larsen with questions
at flarsen@pbshosting.net

HCNC Members,



Just a reminder that renewals are delinquent if not received by June 1st.

Please renew ASAP if you have not already done so.

LET'S RECAP 2022 EVENTS

On April 30th, HCNC hosted a very special grooming seminar in Colorado Springs. Penny Shubert, renowned Newfoundland Groomer to many a Newfie superstar, flew from Florida to Colorado to share her expertise on how to properly groom a Newfie. Ron and Scarlett Horn hosted Penny and Bob at their home.



On Saturday, a group of about 20 participants gathered at Under the Sun Doggie Daycare and Training in Colorado Springs. Penny groomed the O'Connor's **Navy** while at the same time fielded questions from both the live audience and questions submitted on Zoom.



Penny has the gift of understanding the structure of the Newfoundland Dog, the skill to bring out the best features in each

dog and the ability to teach how to groom with a friendly and clear demeanor.



This Grooming Seminar was only possible through the combined talents and hard work of HCNC members: Ron Horn, Megan Goldin-Liston, Mark O'Connor, Florence Larsen, Hilary Perry and Claudia Walters



HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED TRYING ...

Canine Scent Work

Matilda has found something else she absolutely loves, Scent Work. Scent Work is a sport that is based on the task of working detection dogs to locate a scent and communicate to the handler the scent has been found. Scent Work is a positive, challenging activity that allows dogs the opportunity to use their strongest natural sense in a way that is fun and engaging.

Matilda is currently working at the Excellent level where she has to find three hides during her search. The odors she searches for are birch, anise, and clove. A drop of the odor is placed on a Q-tip and then hidden. Because Matilda has been quite successful in the competitions she has entered, the judges have identified her as a “demo dog.” The demo dog has the task of making sure the hide is assessable to the dogs that are entered in the trial. She also checks the area to be certain there are no leftover odors from prior hides. She loves her job.

In the photo Matilda finds the odor in an office at the Denver International Airport.



In Memoriam William "Bub" Bartlett, Jr.

Last week my friend Bill Bartlett, Jr. (known as Bub) joined his beloved Newfoundland, Adam, at the Rainbow Bridge. From the day he was born in 1999, Adam and Bub became inseparable partners. Each Monday evening the two were a great therapy team at Craig Hospital in Englewood, Colorado. They were also members of the inaugural group of Therapy Dogs for the Denver Airport's Canine Airport Therapy Squad. Bub and Adam liked to make weekly trips to the Chapel Hills Mall in Colorado Springs where Adam became the mascot for many of the stores.



Bub with Adam, Lucy and Oliver

The two buddies were well known in Colorado Springs. How many dogs do you know who have been invited to throw out the first pitch at a professional baseball game? Yes, Adam threw out the first pitch at a Sky Sox game.



Bub and Cory

My friendship with Bub began in 1999 when we adopted Adam's sister, Lucy. Over the next several years, the Bartletts, my wife,



and I traveled the country showing our dogs with great success. Bill was a very talented dog show handler as

In Memoriam cont'd

he showed Adam and their other Misty Mountain Newfoundlands to their Championships. A few times our dogs had so much success they collected all the show's Newfoundland ribbons.

As Bub's Mattie began to age, he said to me he could not imagine life without a Newfoundland, so he began a search for the perfect new puppy to join the Bartlett household. That search was finalized when two little girls were delivered to Bub and his father at the Denver Airport. What was supposed to be a joyous moment quickly became tragic. As he held one of the puppies and



turned to place it safely in its dog crate for the trip to its new home, Bub's hip broke and he tumbled to the ground. Sadly, all the treatments Bub received were unsuccessful.

Submitted By: Ron Horn



Bub with Lucy, Cory and Oliver



In Memoriam Picabo

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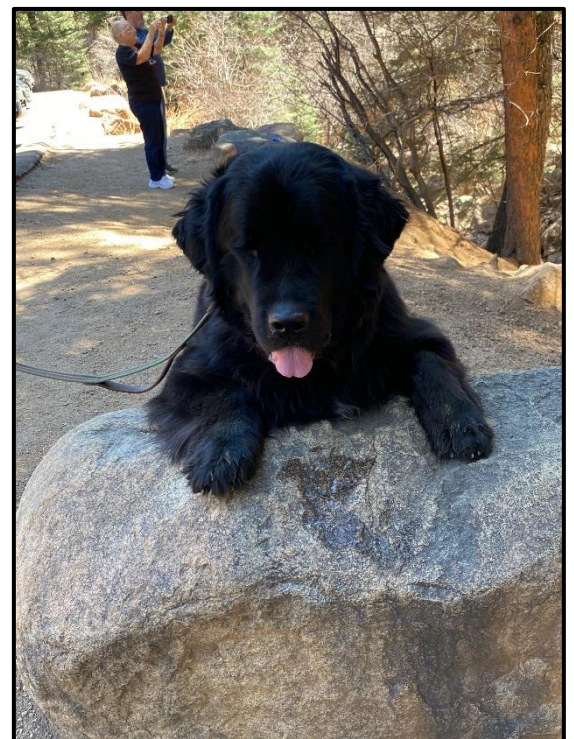
It is with a very heavy heart that I write this short in memoriam for Picabo, my beloved two year old Newfoundland. I know all too well that CANCER SUCKS between breast cancer, pancreatic cancer and osteosarcomas striking my human and Newfie families. Nothing can prepare you for lymphoma in a "puppy." We all love and miss Picabo who brought joy to us in so many ways. Picabo and I spent several months in



isolation during the pandemic lockdown. Our solo walks and hikes were the highlight of life.

Circumstances created an amazing bond between us. We practiced every land training exercise I could think of for water work. Eventually, we ventured out and did Newfie things like water training and obedience classes. At home, Picabo developed a wicked sense of humor. She

enjoyed stealing things and teasing us to exchange the stolen item for a treat. It was hilarious when she would steal from an unsuspecting person. Treats were always on-hand and objects were never damaged. Her own toys were a completely different story. She would hold them and shake and squeak them. I sewed the hole in many maimed dinosaurs and Rex would send regular Amazon packages with more toys. She loved to give kisses and sit with her paws just touching your feet.



In Memoriam cont'd



Like many Newfs, Picabo loved children. She was gentle and would give them a big kiss. She loved all the friends she made at doggie daycare.



In her short life, she traveled to the many wonderful mountain towns in Colorado and hiked their glorious trails and visited their Farmers Markets. I'm left wondering why and thinking about what could have been. Claudia Walters



Wags 'n Brags



Hinckley and her puppies at one day old

Hinckley delivered her first healthy litter of nine puppies.

She's loving being a mom to her babies.



Hinckley and two of the nine puppies at 9 weeks old

Gambino~ Bowater's Five Families wins Best in Sweeps & Winners dog/ Best of winners at the Regional Specialty in Arizona and a Best of Breed the following day out of the puppy class for a major win.



Wags and Brags cont'd



Gotti~ Bowater's Goodfella Wins Winners Dog/ Best of Winners in his debut show.

Finnegan~ Multi Group Winning GCHS BISS
BeeCreeks EvenKeel You're Gonna Need A
Bigger Boat CGC RN TKN. Wins another Best in
Specialty show and a big Group 2 in Arizona.



Wags and Brags cont'd

Cash won 2 majors in NCA Dixon at 9 months old



Owners Valerie and Bill Ritchie, Sheila and Keith Mallinson, Gigi and Kim Griffith
Breeder Sheila and Keith Mallinson



And Cash earned his Championship at 10 months in Pueblo

One more of Cash at the Water Training Seminar last summer



★ Wags and Brags cont'd



Wilson has enjoyed going to Craig Hospital as a Therapy Dog since he was a little puppy. He always brings a smile to staff and patient's faces and loves to interact with everyone there.

On a recent visit, we entered a patient's room and were greeted by a nice nurse who was getting the patient ready for his dinner. She moved the tray away from his wheelchair so Wilson would have room to say hi right in front of him. I started my usual greeting, telling the patient about Wilson and the patient leaned forward and dug his hand into Wilson's fur. He said "Wilson" and seemed to be enjoying the petting. The nurse got very excited and said, "What did you just do? Did you just say Wilson? OH MY GOSH!" Then she told me that he had not said anything since he was admitted.

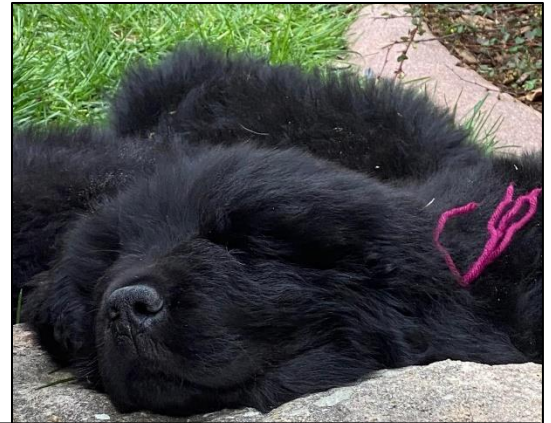
"Wilson" was the first word he said as part of his recovery! Needless to say, there were tears. I am so proud of my boy!

If you would like to join us at Craig with your Therapy Dog, please let me know! If you would like to learn more about your dog becoming a Certified Therapy Dog, visit therapydogs.com. Our own Ron Horn is a tester and can get you started on your therapy journey.

Hilary Perry and Wilson

Did Someone Say Something About Puppies?

A special thank you to Megan and Caleb for enabling our membership to enjoy your pups



Let's Wrap It Up:

As I put together the pages of our newsletter, I can't help but notice the variety of ways we members include our Newfs in our daily lives. Delving further, take a look at Claudia's report to learn the details about the recently held Grooming Seminar in Colorado Springs. While grooming is a time-consuming necessity, look at it as an opportunity to bond with your pet. And, be reassured that if the scissors trim unevenly; the fur will grow back.

The Awards Banquet celebrates the achievements our dogs and owners alike have worked towards over the past two years. It's an opportunity to give recognition and acknowledgement to our peers for their accomplishments. Take a moment to contemplate that by virtue of their intention, focus and discipline, these dog and owner teams define the essence of teamwork. Flip back a few pages to learn how Hilary and Wilson spend one day each week volunteering their time visiting patients at Craig Hospital. Read the explanation Ron gives about getting your dog involved in something that is already in his nature: Scent Work and Tracking.

Be the first to call your Newf friends for a meetup swim or hike at Chatfield Lake or anywhere for that matter. After all, swim season is upon us. Reach out and volunteer for the upcoming spring and summer activities the club has planned. Escape the upcoming heat with a walk in the mountains where the air is cooler. Go ahead, try something new this season, or get involved with something that you share alongside your pets and friends.

-Lisa

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Between 9AM and 9PM Eastern
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