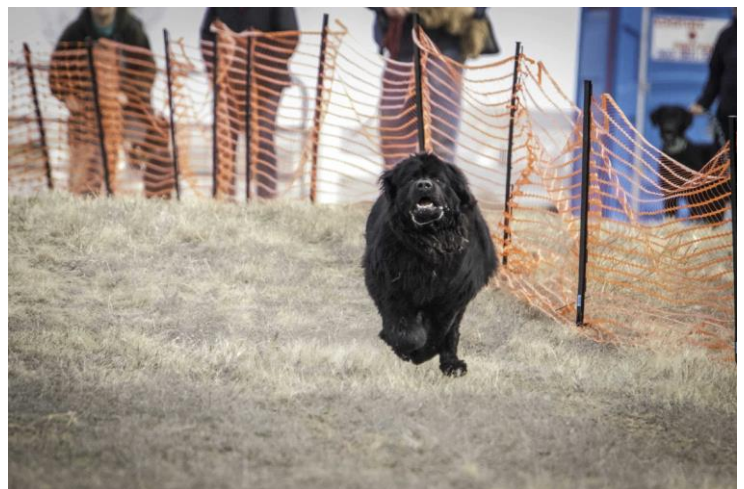




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Quarterly Newsletter of the High Country Newfoundland Club (HCNC)

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

It is the time of year for renewals. We have included a renewal form in this issue of the newsletter.

The HCNC Bylaws state:

SECTION III - MEMBERSHIP DUES

1. The Board of Directors shall set the amount of annual membership dues for the ensuing fiscal year. Any changes in dues shall be made no later than January and the membership shall be notified of any such changes.
2. Dues will be payable May 1 of each year; notice of dues will be in the March and April issues of the club newsletter.
3. Dues will be considered as delinquent on June 1 of each year.
4. Dues are considered an obligation to the club and are non-refundable.

Please send your renewals to:

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HCNC MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM
Renewals are due annually on **MAY 1ST**

Please make checks payable to "HCNC" and mail to **Mark O'Connor, 8284 Rossman Gulch Road, Morrison, CO 80465**. Memberships are due annually. ALL memberships expire 4/30. General (voting) membership – Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, Wyoming. All others are affiliate memberships.

Last Name: _____ First name: _____

(Important) NCA member? Yes No

Last Name: _____ First name: _____

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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List only one email address. **Please UPDATE email address.**

FAX: _____ Publish? Yes No

Please check appropriate membership renewal line. All memberships types receive the newsletter.

_____ General Membership – voting – in region - \$30.00 (if you joined in Feb. -
Apr. of the current year your dues are current until the following May)

_____ Affiliate Membership – non-voting – out of region - \$30.00 ___ Junior Membership
– (ages 8-18) - \$15.00

HCNC By-Laws: 2. Lapsed – A membership shall be considered lapsed and automatically terminated if a member's dues remain unpaid 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 dues are unpaid at the time of the meeting.

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 _____

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HCNC Membership News

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WELCOME
NEW MEMBERS

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

2018

UPCOMING WATER TESTS

July 27-29, 2018

Judges for July are John Pearson and Lori Littleford.

AND

September 14-16, 2018

Judges for September are Laura and Kevin Gallagher.

The September test will have WD, WRD, WRDX three days, back to back with All Breed, Veteran and Tadpole



AGILITY TRIAL

SEPTEMBER 22, 2018

More updates to come

SUMMER SHENANIGANS COMING SOON

QUESTION: What's more fun in the summer than a frosty cold beverage and trivia night?

ANSWER: A Frosty Cold Beverage, Trivia Night and Newfs!

The Summer Shenanigans Committee is hard at work planning a summer get together for club members. Stay tuned for more details at the Annual Meeting and in email blasts...but get ready for some fun!

Tentative date for one evening the week of June 18-24. More info to follow... To help with the event, contact Lead Steward of Shenanigans Sue Raney at sue.raney11@gmail.com.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES (Cont'd)

TENTATIVE DATE FOR THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING AND BOARD MEETING WILL BE MAY 20, 2018. GENERAL MEETING FIRST WITH THE ELECTION RESULTS AND THE NEW BOARD MEETING WILL FOLLOW.

NCA NATIONAL

WHEN: APRIL 29 – MAY 5, 2018

WHERE: FRANKENMUTH, MI

NCA IS HOSTING THE NATIONAL
GREAT LAKES IS HOSTING THE DRAFT TEST



REMEMBER THAT

ELECTION BALLOTS WERE SENT
MID-MARCH

RETURN DEADLINE IS MAY 1, 2018



WANTED:

We are looking for outstanding leaders within our club to chair the **FUN MATCH COMMITTEE**. This opportunity will give you the opportunity to build lasting relationships with other members of the club as well as better understand some of the inner workings of the club. The following chair position is still available: Contact Teri Desnica) to learn how to lead the annual All-Breed Conformation, Obedience and Rally Fun Match. (tdesnica@hotmail.com)

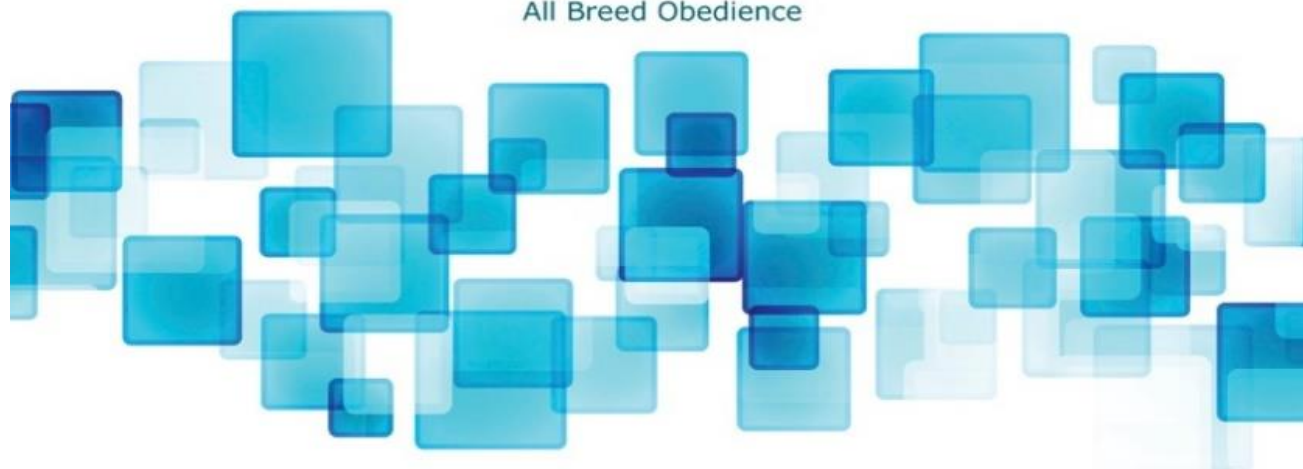
WATER RESCUE TRAINING UPDATE

Patti Pigeon has received permission to distribute the 2018 Water Training Schedule for Chatfield Gravel Ponds. All Dates have been added to the HCNC Event Calendar on our website at events--news.html so you can visit the site and add the dates to your personal calendars. All members must have their 2018 Water Permit to train and access the gravel ponds on the approved scheduled days. In order to receive the water permit members must have their membership renewals paid for 2018-2019. Distribution request Patti Pigeon - Chatfield Liaison

Save the Date

NCA Regional Specialty*
November 8, 2018
Colorado State Fairgrounds - Pueblo
Breed Judge-Ingrid Lyden
Sweeps Judge-Johanna Matsuda

All Breed Obedience



*Pending NCA Approval

K9 & PEOPLE CPR TRAINING?

Some of us are familiar with how to perform life-saving CPR to a human, or we can readily find someone quickly to help.

But how many of us are prepared for a disaster should the loved one in need be our beloved pets?

Katherine Payne has reached out to a company who teaches group K-9 CPR classes. With enough registrants, we have the ability to fine-tune whether the class be full day dog CPR, half-day dog CPR and half day human CPR, or other format in which we have an interest.

Please email Katherine at kpayne91@comcast.net with K9 in the subject field with your name and contact information. No commitment is necessary just yet...just getting a potential headcount.

What is that unfamiliar logo on the front page of this newsletter?

Who's the dog on the front page by the table of contents?

What is HCNCRESCUE.ORG?

Continue reading and you will find out the answer!!!

MEET THE BREEDS REPORT

February 18, 2018

Submitted by Claudia Walters, Chairperson

Many HCNC Members and their dogs were on-hand for Meet the Breeds at the National Western Complex in Denver. From 1-2 PM, our dogs were the center of attention as children and adults came to Meet Our Breeds. The dogs were the star attraction and the club members were there with the answers to all their questions about the dogs. It was also a great time for members to talk and network in an informal setting. A huge thank you to all the members (I counted at least 20) that supported this HCNC event! As a token of our appreciation, each member received a HCNC logo thumb drive to take home. It was also great to see members wearing their new Club Logo T-shirts and Sweatshirts.



AWARDS BANQUET

February 18, 2018

Submitted by Karen Benenati, Chairperson

Once again, the members of the HCNC and their Newfoundlands had a fantastic year! Great job everyone!



The annual awards banquet honoring the dogs, their owners and breeders was a great celebration at Maggiano's Little Italy in Englewood. We all enjoyed a delicious family style Italian meal featuring wonderful appetizers, salads, incredible pasta entrees and the most delicious desserts. I enjoyed planning the banquet and always like to change up the menu a little each year, but still keeping some of the favorite, highly requested menu items.

Thank you to Noreene Rodgers for handling reservations, Matt and Katie Sidesinger for reading and presenting, and to Claudia Walters for baking the tasty Newf shaped cookies we got to take home with us.

We had a wonderful group of attendees this year and I heard a great time was had by all! It was so nice to hear all of the accomplishments of so many dogs. Of course, we did have a few "In Memoriam It is so sad when our beloved dogs leave us, but it was so nice to hear the sentiments written by the people who loved them so much. What a wonderful time we had honoring our wonderful dogs and their people. Thanks to everyone who helped to make this possible. Looking



COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT

Submitted by Steve Gunther

Our friend, Emmy Adams from Golden High School, reached out and asked if any of our members could bring their dogs to the Jeffco #NeverAgain Rally on March 14th. Three of our members, Peggy Lange, Kate O'Connor and Mark O'Connor brought their Newfies: Alex, Daley and Navy to the North Area Athletic Complex (NAAC) in Arvada, where a number of Jefferson County schools chose to hold a group assembly to take a stand against gun violence.

Peggy, Kate, and Mark, along with Alex, Daley and Navy were there to greet the students and others as they entered the facility.



HIGH COUNTRY NEWFOUNDLAND RESCUE UPDATE

High Country Newfoundland Rescue Update

High Country Newfoundland Rescue (HCNR) has been re-organized. A new board has been seated. The board members are:

Joyce Kohlmeier - Chairperson
Christina Rutland - Vice Chairperson
Lisa Johnson - Secretary
Steve Gunther - Treasurer

Susan (Chip) Schneider - Director
Gene Kohlmeier - Director

Thank you to everyone who has agreed to serve.

Katherine Payne has also consented to act as a consultant
Helping the board with a variety of items.

Please take a few minutes to visit our updated website:
www.hcncrecue.org and our updated Facebook page:
www.facebook.com/hcncrecue/ Also check out our new logo!

Thank you to everyone who has provided assistance in the past. We hope that you will continue to do so as others add their support to our mission of rescuing and providing new wonderful forever homes for Newfoundlands in Colorado, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming.

HCNR is in need of volunteers to assist in transport, fostering, home visits, fund raising, etc. If you are interested in helping, please download and complete a volunteer application which is available on our website.

Last, but not least, we have launched a Teespring campaign:

<https://teespring.com/hcnr-spring-2018-campaign#pid=369&cid=6512&sid=front>

Please help support our mission of rescuing Newfoundlands. Thank you.



HOME SWEET HOME: MEET IZZY:

In February, High Country Newfoundland Rescue was contacted by a Newf owner who needed to find their two year old female, Izzy, a Forever Home due to changes in the family. The owner contacted the breeder and was told they did not want Izzy back. HCNR volunteers remained in contact with the owner while Izzy was screened and arrangements were made to transport and place her in a foster home. Izzy was living in a rural section of southwest Utah, which made transportation options rather challenging. Although there were initially some adoption possibilities



in the Salt Lake City area, we decided it was in Izzy's best interest to be transported to Colorado to be fostered by Gene and Joyce Kohlmeier. The Kohlmeiers have extensive experience in living with and fostering Newfoundlands.

Izzy was successfully transported from Utah to Colorado, thanks to the help of many. Her owner transported her for the first leg of the trip. We reached out to a Newf friend in Gypsum for help, and this person not only volunteered to help with transport, but also enlisted transport assistance from two of her friends. The Kohlmeiers took the last leg of the trip to Ft. Collins. Izzy stole many hearts during the course of the long day. She was comfortable and happy riding with each transporter. At Vail Pass, she stepped out into snow and cold, and looked absolutely delighted to discover what Newfie weather is all about.

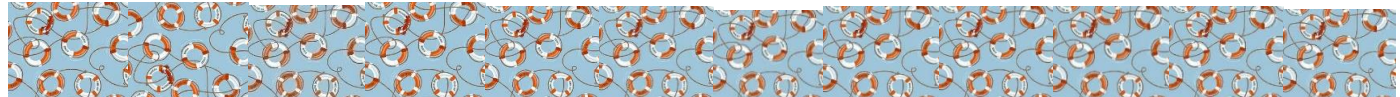


The Kohlmeiers fostered Izzy for about two weeks, during which time she was observed, evaluated and vetted, including a heartworm test and heartworm prevention. She was in good health and had been cared for by her previous owner, which isn't always the case in rescue situations. She interacted playfully and appropriately with the Kohlmeier's dogs and Gene said that she wanted to be a lap dog.

Several interested families submitted applications, and consideration was given to all. A family who have two other Newfoundlands and who had previously adopted from HCNC were especially interested in Izzy and drove several hours to do a Meet and Greet with her. Volunteers watched as Izzy and the family began bonding with each other immediately.



The family made a commitment to Izzy right away, and returned to their home to build a fenced in area for Izzy's transition into being a house dog. Two days later they made another trip to Ft. Collins to bring Izzy home. Izzy has quickly settled into her Forever Home with her human family of four and her canine and feline family. HCNR is grateful to all who helped make Izzy's transition into her new home possible. Special thanks go to John, Katia, Steph, Bryana and Gene for helping with her long transport, and to Joyce and Gene for fostering and providing her a secure and loving foster home.



Order your Colorado State Parks Pass and Water Permit

With the change of Seasons upon us, it is time to renew your Colorado State Parks Pass. Katherine Payne is compiling a list **of members and non-members alike** to participate in a group purchase. To avoid a lapse in your State Parks pass, I will again be purchasing the passes on June 1.

The cost of the annual state pass if you purchased separately is \$70. By taking advantage of a group purchase discount, the state offers a 20% discount for the purchase of 20-49 passes, bringing the pass price to \$56 per pass. For our water training people, that is really only seven visits to the park at the daily rate of \$8/day.

Once you have purchased an annual pass, the state allows multiple family passes at \$35 per vehicle within the same household.

If we have 50+ interested individuals, the rate of the pass will be even less but at this time; the target is the 20 passes.



If you are interested in being on this list, please e-mail Katherine at kpayne91@comcast.net with Annual Park Pass in the subject line and I will add individuals to the list. **We are extending this to all our friends and family not just HCNC club members to reach our goal.**

On May 8th, after I return from the National, I will reach out to everyone who has contacted me and ask for payment of the passes so when I go to make the purchase on or around June 1st everyone has prepaid

for their pass. I will either meet the individuals or groups or mail the passes.

These passes are good for all 42 Colorado State Parks, however, they do not include the Dog Off-Leash pass for Cherry Creek and Chatfield State Park. Those Annual Dog Off-Leash Passes are \$20 for the year and more information is available <http://cpw.state.co.us/buyapply/Pages/DogOffLeashPass.aspx> Thank You and I look forward to hearing from everyone soon.

Distribution Request - Katherine Payne

HOT DIGGITY DOG: Member Katie Sidesinger Spotlight

written by Shine Sturtz

Not too long ago I had the idea of interviewing club members so that we can all get to know each other a little better. I thought it might help bring us all together. After all, we share membership in this club because of our common interest: we love this awesome breed! With the Westminster Dog Show having just wrapped up, come to find out that we have several fellow club members who attended and participated in the event. Lisa and I decided to focus our member interviews on Westminster for this issue.

Katie Sidesinger was kind enough to chat with me about her Westminster experience this year with her boy Dexter. (GCHB CH Honey Lanes A Slice Of Life On Heavy Seas CD CGC DD). I enjoyed chatting with Katie, getting to know her just a little bit better and I hope the membership will enjoy this section of the newsletter also! --Shine Sturtz

Shine : *So.. I thought we could just start out with a little background like, how did you discover this breed in the first place?*

Katie: Matt and I were young and lived in a condo in San Diego and were researched breeds we liked. We narrowed it to Berners and Newfs. While at the dog beach with our first Berner, we encountered a bunch of Newfs and fell in love. At that point we decided our next dog would be a Newf.

I wanted a brown girl and we found Bella she was the only brown girl in her litter so we took her as just a pet. No expectations. Her breeder gave us the okay to show her and looking back, I wish we had.

We did all the working stuff after meeting Newf people at her training club. She earned her water titles, CDX, draft and team draft and rally titles. And, she was a therapy dog at local hospitals.

Shine: *How did you get interested in conformation?*

Katie: After she earned all her working titles, someone had mentioned the VN. (*Editor's Note: Versatile Newfoundland is the designation for a Newf who earns an AKC championship, AKC obedience, NCA Water Rescue Dog title and NCA Draft Dog Title*) I thought that would be cool. We pursued a VN title with Mojo. I told his breeder I knew nothing about conformation and she said she would help me.

Shine: *But by then you'd found a different breeder?*

Katie: Yes for Mojo we found an NCA breeders list who did clearances and showed her dogs. Kelli LaPore at Honeylane Newfoundlands encouraged me to owner handle and showed me how to groom, handle, and enter a dog show. And Mojo finished his VN at 21 months owner handled for every point.

She said if I was terrible at it then she was confident I could study and purpose of watching the good showed.

Shine: *At what point did were you one of those kids who carpet?*

Katie: So after Mojo's VN I had the specials dog; never carried much *Specials are dog of Breed winners return to these Group winners then Best In Show*) And this is when been a dream; I'd always watched year of specializing with Dex and amount of winning, I believed he the green carpet. The judge happened to be someone who'd put up many owner handlers at shows so I felt like we had a fair shot!

Shine: *Had you been to NYC before? Or to the show?*

Katie: I had been to NYC but never for the dog show. We stayed at Hotel Penn. The hotel had an area in the basement with cedar shavings and plastic fire hydrants. Outside there was nothing except for potted planters. It was a good thing Dexter will pee on anything since the nearest park was half a mile away.



she would suggest hiring someone, but learn. I learned to attend shows for the handlers and observe how they

Westminster become a dream/goal? Or always wanted to be on the green

show bug!!! But he wasn't really a coat. (*Editors Note: A General competitions in which the Best compete for Best in Group; return to compete for the title Dexter came along. Westminster had at home and been awestruck. For a getting him in Top 20 and doing a fair would be competitive and deserving of*

Shine: *Would you share with us how Dex held up?*

Katie: Dex was amazing. He held up so much better than I did. There were always swarms of people in the hotel lobby and always tons of people on the streets. Dex greeted everyone with a wag and kisses and a few hugs. News crews were taking selfies with him. He never missed a meal and seemed to take it all in stride.

Shine: *Do you think specialing him to Top 20 helped with that?*

Katie: I think specialing him helped but he's had a pretty bomb proof temperament since day one, so that really helped too.

Shine: *When you say he held up better than you, how did YOU hold up? What was the most challenging?*



Katie: I was stressed. Didn't eat much and figuring out logistics of getting our stuff and our dogs to and from the show occupied a lot of my mind and was very stressful. Hired handlers do all of the backend work for you, but as an owner handler I had to get my stuff to and from the show site, set up and get my dog bathed and groomed.

Shine: *The joys and challenges of doing it yourself. You were with a friend, right?*

Katie: I will always say my biggest mistake was not bringing Matt to help with all of the logistics. A friend who showed Dexter's brother was helpful, but truly without Mark O'Connor's help I don't think we could've done it. Mark attended as a spectator and he realized quickly how tough it was going to be and jumped in to help.

Mark lugged crates, potty'd dogs and hailed Uber taxis for us. He was the one who dragged our stuff around the city on a dolly! Thank you, Mark!



Shine: *I imagine you simply can't fly solo at Westminster. It's just too big. Plus, it's a Benched* show. Possibly the only Benched show left in this country. [* most dog shows which people are familiar with are "show and go", meaning you arrive with your dog on your schedule, and leave when you're done showing. At a Benched show, the dog must be on display for the public to see during the designated show hours.]*

Katie: You couldn't do it solo. You always have to be with your dog and the dog has to be available to the public. You can hire a guard for your dog. But that was out of my budget!

Shine: *Hire a guard to hang out with your dog at the bench?*

Katie: Yes! The paperwork comes with your entry packet. I didn't understand what it was for until someone explained it to me.

Shine: *Would you mind explaining about the finances? Westminster is HUGE. Next to Crufts it's the Super Bowl! It takes a village to get there.*

Katie: Oh sure! I don't mind talking dog show finances. I've probably spent the least amount to get into top 20. I do dog shows cheaply!

Shine: *Having a dog at Westminster is a pretty big feather in the cap of the breeder too. Was Kelli able to pitch in any assistance?*

Katie: Kelli was tremendously helpful and she has always been very supportive. Although I've always groomed Dex on my own, I know I'm not nearly as good a groomer as she is. She and I made a stop in Chicago to spend a day at her grooming shop to bathe and trim the boys. It happened to snow a foot that day so we couldn't have driven anywhere if we had wanted to. Kelli flew into NYC and trimmed Dex the day before the show and again the day of the show and was there to cheer us on.

Shine: *I know people who struggle to get their first Newf show dog. You had built a relationship with Kelli via Mojo so when Dex came along, she knew you'd go far with him. Since Mojo was your first show dog attempt, how hard was it to convince a breeder to give you a chance?*

Katie: Kelli has been amazing with me in helping to fulfill my dreams with each puppy while being honest about each one as well. Having achieved as much as we did with Bella, we had that to back us up. We were also friends with someone who was very close to Kelli and vouched for us as a good home.

Kelli did take a risk since she didn't really know us, but she was blown away when we finished Mojo's VN at 21 months. Now not only is she a breeder and a mentor, she's a wonderful friend and confidante.



Shine: *To me that's what a good breeder should be. When you're looking for a breeder, you're getting more than a dog. You're adding a person to your family.*

Shine: *Would you share how you were able to spend the least to get a dog into Top 20? Clearly the biggest money saver is being an owner handler. I personally believe that Newfs did NOT used to be such a handler breed; even ten years ago...*

Katie: It's really frustrating. Especially out west. There are so many handlers. It seems to me that the Midwest has more owner handlers. Kelli has commented that while I could hire a pro if I wanted, however she really really prefers that if you can show your dog yourself you do it yourself. I learned by attending classes, I have showed other people's dogs, I talk to

handlers to get tips and am always learning new tips. It was a lot of work to get where I am now with Dex, and I still have a lot to learn.

Shine: *Aside from the obvious financial reasons for handling yourself, share with us how your relationship with Dex has evolved?*

Katie: The bond with my dog is incredible. Being in the ring together with my dog is so much fun and when you win you know it was the dog who won. There's no question about it. I truly do love it!

It was my dream to show my dog out there. I wanted to do it with him. It has always been me and him and while Dex would show great for anyone, I wanted to do it myself.

Shine: *But again, it's Westminster! Surely you had to have nerves and Dex must have sensed it?*

Katie: Before the show was the hardest. In the grooming area it was so crowded, so many people, you couldn't move to even comb your dog. But once we got behind the gates where just those entered could be and got into the ring it was just like another dog show and Dex did what he always does. He wasn't any different.



Shine: *Was it structured?*

Katie: We were required to be in the building by 11 am or we couldn't come in and show. We arrived first to the ring just so we could all shake out the nerves and get away from the crowds.

Afterwards all I wanted was to get a beer and relax but again I was required to be available to the public with my dog. Mark was kind enough to be in charge of Dex while I went and got that beer!

And Mark loves talking about the dogs and the breed so he was wonderful with the public.

Shine: *So,,,are you going next year? ??*

Katie: I am NOT going next year! Once is enough. Oh wait...let's see who the judge is and then I'll decide.

Shine: *Along with the show bug, do you have any interest in breeding?*

Katie: I do! Dexter was supposed to be a girl! And so was Boomer! But I also respect Kelli's input into what is right for me and my family at the time.

The breeding is always secondary to me. I show my dogs because I like it and they like it. If one of us doesn't, then we stop. I know I could put Dex with a top handler and he could be a top dog. But that's not why I show him and not why I have him. He's a family pet first and all the rest is secondary.

Shine: *So, one of my goals with these OWNER INTERVIEWS is to assist HCNC members to come together more as a group. What would you like to see happen in HCNC to make it a more cohesive group?*

Katie: I honestly think more fun activities. Hikes, walks, parades would help bring in the pet people and help the other people get to know each other better and get over some of their issues. I think having more fun social events helps bring people together more than the serious working and confirmation events where people are stressed and can't talk much.

I think there should be a fun events committee who does parades and hikes and social things. I mean that's how I started. I was a "pet" person. And did parades and things.

Shine: *It is fun to talk about dog stuff. Thank you so much for chatting with me, sharing your story with the membership, and just generally letting us get to know you a little better!!*

HOT DIGGITY DOG:

Member Peggy Lange Spotlight

written by Shine Sturtz

As part of the member interview series focus on Westminster, I decided to interview Peggy Lange. Some of our membership may remember that Peggy went to Westminster some years back with her girl Baby (Ch. Cypress Bays SeeSea Baby). At that time Peggy lived in California and was a member of the Southern California club. She has been a member of HCNC now for many years, and many thanks to her for sharing her Westminster story with us. --Shine Sturtz

Shine: Before we talk about Westminster, tell me a little about YOUR Newfoundland beginnings?

Peggy: In 1992, I came across a pet store booklet describing the Newfoundland dog. I had forgotten up until that point that I had encountered a picture of a large dog pulling a cart in an encyclopedia as a child. As a child, I had made a mental note to own that kind of dog someday. Yet I had forgotten about that story until I saw the booklet. I bought the book and left it on Tom's [Peggy's husband] side of the bed, and he decided it was a breed he might like too.

Shine: Tell me about your first Newfy.

Tom, unbeknownst to me, responded to a Newfoundland Rescue ad run by the Southern California club. While there were no dogs in rescue at the time, they knew a breeder who had a five month old puppy she was looking to place. Nobody in the Newfoundland world wanted her, because she'd had Parvo as a very young puppy. But when I saw her, I fell in love. I knew she was mine.

I wanted to do the working stuff. I didn't know anything about showing, or a VN. I knew that they were water dogs, and pulled carts, and that's what I wanted.



Shine: When did you get into conformation? (*Editor's Note: Conformation is the act of conforming or producing conformity. Dogs in a show are not compared to each other; they're being*



measured by how closely they conform to the standard of their particular breed. Why? Because the closer a dog's appearance is to the breed's standard, the better that dog's ability to produce puppies that meet the standard)

Peggy: When she was seven months old, my breeder and I entered her into a show very close to my house in Southern California. I had no idea what I was doing, I had never set foot in a ring, nor taken a single class, but I figured, what the heck, how hard can this be. Janice [the breeder] handled my dogs after that.

But my first Newf earned a VN, and I thought, okay, now what's next. After my second VN, that's what I was looking for, a VN dog.

Shine: How did you meet Debbie Thornton? (*Cypress Bay Newfoundlands*)

Debbie was a judge at the Indio shows, and I was in charge of shuttling her around. We discussed my interest in finding a potential VN puppy. The timing must have been right, since Debbie called me later to say one of the puppies she'd placed

in a pet home, "Shiloh," had come back to her. Debbie was confident that Shiloh she could finish her championship. Sight unseen I told Debbie I wanted her. Debbie brought her to me at the National in '03. The entry deadline had closed before I got her so she wasn't entered. The name "Shiloh" didn't suit me, and as we walked around the National together, the comment I heard over and over was "What a beautiful baby, why isn't she entered?" I tried several other names, but every time someone said the word Baby, she perked up, so that became her name.

Shine: Who showed Baby?

Various friends wanted to show her. Adriane Hill, who was a Junior at the time, showed her. She was so fun to show, and she loved doing it. Lots of different people put points on her. Debbie asked Kim Griffith to show Baby for an upcoming cluster. What fun it was to watch the ringside crowd's curiosity wanting to know who Kim had. Baby she took breed every day with Kim, which earned her the points to be in the Top 20.

Shine: When did you realize you had a very special girl?

Peggy: As soon as I saw her. She was one of those rare special dogs that just stand out. She took me on an amazing journey I never would have anticipated. But she was showing so much, I didn't have the time to work her in the water. After she won the National in 2005, we looked towards Westminster for 2006. Which was a financial journey I hadn't planned on either!

Shine: You flew from CA to NY?

Peggy: Yes. Baby was a trained service dog on account of some health issues I was experiencing. And due to weather, we had to leave a day early which cost an additional \$1300 because the only seat available was in first class. But if I hadn't made the decision, we wouldn't have made it to Westminster. Then I had a car reserved on arrival, but he wouldn't take the dog.

We lived in Southern California at that time, and this was Baby's first experience with snow and she went nuts! She loved it! It had snowed over a foot, the streets were not yet plowed and with no traffic to be seen, boy did we play in that snow.

Shine: *Would you help us understand how the finances work with showing dogs?*

Debbie was on hand to help with that first cluster of shows where she arranged for Kim Griffith to show Baby. But after that it was on me. We both knew that Baby was special even though she was a "come back" dog. We did split the handling fee at the National and Westminster which I think co-owners should do at those big shows. We also split the cost of a second trophy from the National. The trophy at the National is a four-place setting of Lennox, but co-owners can choose to buy a second set, which we did split the cost. And we split the cost of the second Westminster ribbon.

Peggy: I have had many "come back" dogs; dogs who did wonderful in my home and I am very proud of every Newfoundland I have had. There is so much to be said for the dogs being happy, emotional, spiritual, and physical centered beings. Five out of my seven Newfoundlands have won a Regional; Baby won five, and SeeSea won four. Someone once told me I have just been lucky, which may be a part of it, but I feel like it's so much more than that. I focus on my dogs being well rounded happy wonderful dogs, and they become that.

Shine: *How did Baby hold up under the Westminster pressure?*

She did very well, but it was 9pm by the time we got to Group, and it was midnight for Baby on California time. *(Editor's Note: At AKC shows, dogs are exhibited in seven groups organized by the original work the breeds were created to do. The dog judged best in each group becomes one of the final seven to vie for Best in Show.* She showed nicely in Group, but she just didn't have the flare that she usually did.

The way Westminster is scheduled, I think East Coast dogs have an advantage over West Coast dogs. At that time everything took place at The Garden, and you couldn't leave the building. We had to be there ALL DAY; it was HOT in that building and I couldn't take her out of the building to potty her. Also, I had never trained Baby for those exercise pens with the cedar chips in them; Baby took one look and said "no". There was no water at The Garden for bathing, and Baby had a lot of coat. Those horrible chips just stuck to her coat.

Shine: *What other behind the scene details can you share that the general public does not get to experience?*



Peggy: Dog bathing took place across the street at the hotel. But that particular year there was all that snow. And to melt the snow, of course chemical and grit was used all over the roads, and where does that end up? In her coat! It was not fun. Back then it was all in one building. Now they have another building where a lot of the events take place.

At that time, there was a special area for handlers who had five or more dogs. Kim Griffith only had a cattle dog and Baby, but he was able to be hooked up with another handler who had three dogs. I considered myself lucky that while Baby was not on public display on the bench she was still required to show in breed on Tuesday morning, be available all day and then show at 9pm, all without being able to take her outside in between.

After Westminster, Baby retired, and she was only three. We decided she had earned her retirement. She had a litter of puppies at Debbie's and another litter of puppies at my house, and I got Miley.

Shine: Was Westminster wasn't a lifelong dream for you?

Peggy: I had absolutely no idea what I was getting into. Achieving what I did was a combination of Debbie Thornton, it was Kim Griffith, so many other people, and also it was also the big Baby fan club. They all just pulled me along for the ride.

Shine: Would you do it again?

Peggy: No, for several reasons. The two times that Josh won were the only times I ever even watched. I'm thrilled to have not only been there but won breed! If I were to co-own a dog I would definitely be there, and I would do everything I could to help out. But at my age, only as the co-owner. It was very exciting all the way around and it was really a wild trip, but I don't think I would do it again.

Shine: My main goal with these interviews is so we, as club members can I get to know each other a little better. I am really hoping that it will help unite our club a little more. What do you think our club needs in order to become a more cohesive group?

Peggy: Consider why someone would want to belong to a dog club. There's working, conformation, social, and learning... those are four components to consider. There should be some type of event, every month, where people can get together. There are lots of events we could have that would cover those four big things. Also, members should invite others. Reach out to someone. I know the emails go out as a blanket invite to the membership, but if every member would make a point of calling and inviting someone personally, it would make us a more welcoming club. And it would certainly be nice if people would accept people for the way they are and cut back on being so critical.

IN MEMORIUM

"Panda" Makepeace China Bear, CGC, CD, WRD 2/24/06-01/12/2018



We picked up this beautiful Landseer puppy in May of 2006 and our lives changed forever. She was a lover of all people from the get go-and was always a Daddy's girl for certain. She was our heart dog and our hearts are shattered with her loss. She was my first show dog (12 points) and my first obedience dog (CD.) But her love was water. She was driven, fast and a real natural instinctive worker. She was all business around water. She was completely focused on the task at hand. It was through water that we built an incredible and somewhat indescribable loving and trusting bond. In our first ever practice someone said let's see if she'll go out to the boat. She swam out, grabbed the bumper, towed it to shore, beached it and looked at me as if to

ask "what else you got?" She did the same with that exercise every time. She once broke out of her crate when I was calling in water practice for another dog, she ran by the hesitating dog as if to say "get out of the way, Dad needs

help!" She passed 5 of 6 exercises in JR in her first 2 tests. She earned her WD and CD in consecutive months. She earned her WRD on her second attempt. With decent stewarding and judging she'd have done so on her first!! (she "failed" 1 exercise.)It was shortly after this that our planned journey for her went off course. Panda was diagnosed with laryngeal paralysis (LP.) It's an occurrence in our breed. Slowly the larynx stops functioning and it closes-the dog has difficulty breathing and without surgery, will die. She had a special reconstructive surgery that reduces the occurrence of aspiration pneumonia dramatically. I am CERTAIN this surgery added a lot of time for Panda. Years not weeks. We are forever grateful to Dr. Kenneth Sadanaga and his team at VRC (Veterinary Referral Center) in Malvern, PA for the gift of that time (almost 4 years!)

Finally, she led us to many of you. Hundreds of Newf people are in our lives today because of her. Part of her gift and legacy to us is the incredible relationships with our fellow Newf people. We are so grateful to her. And we are ever grateful to Ivan and Chris Rakyta for trusting us with her and mentoring us during her journey. As Ivan said the day we picked her up "We're family now." And so we are. Continue your journey Baby Girl, we love you more than can be spoken

WAGS AND BRAGS

The Summer/Fall of Choo Choo

Choo Choo came into my life on September 7, 2015, three weeks after I lost Gitche. On the way home that day, we stopped by Chatfield to introduce him to the people and dogs practicing for the upcoming water tests. Choo's love for the water was immediately evident. Thanks to Lyle Payne, Choo learned to fetch a bumper and fetch a bumper and fetch a bumper, ad infinitum.



In the spring of 2016 Choo Choo learned to pull a cart at the HCNC Draft Clinic. After some slight reservations he took to carting like he took to water. Throughout 2016 we trained water and draft enjoying both immensely. Choo was close to passing the July and September water tests in 2016, but that damned take-a-line was the major stumbling block. Although Choo rocked all the draft test elements in practice, his first draft test was notable for him never getting to wear the harness. The second test was slightly better, but he finished on leash. Running around the basic control ring like a mad ant was much more fun than a heeling pattern. and moved him up to Senior the following two days.

After the September water tests we transitioned to draft practice and on October 14, 2017 Choo Choo rocked the Draft Dog test and re-qualified the next day!

A huge thank you to everyone who has helped us along the way. Registered therapy dog, CGC, WD, DD1: not bad for a rescue and we're aren't done yet.

WAGS AND BRAGS CONTINUED

MEET HUDSON, THE FASTEST NEWF IN THE NATION AS WE SPEAK



Hudson earned his Beginner Novice Obedience title on April 15, 2018 and has 57 points toward earning his BCAT title for FastCAT. FastCAT is a timed 100 yard sprint. The times are converted to mph and then points are earned for the mph ran. The fastest top 20 of each breed are kept and Hudson placed first for 2018. Congratulations to Hudson and Krista Klett.

On December 8th, Daley, GCH. Haytee and Journey's Hizzoner Mister Mayor, CGC, CD earned his AKC Achiever Dog Title at Trinity Valley Kennel Club in Dallas where he was Select Dog. We believe Daley was the first Newfoundland to earn Achiever Dog. Congrats Daley!!



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And Finally

A Message to My Fellow HCNC Membership,

Take a look at the word "PASSION" in the dictionary, and you will find one of the definitions to be "strong and barely controllable emotion." What I did not find, however, are the variety of names and faces who appear on the pages of our newsletter who deserve a spot in that dictionary definition under "give us an example."

Is PASSION considered to be the time commitment and dedication of our Board Members whose names are on page two? We all know they have as many other commitments like the rest of us. Can PASSION be explained as we witness our volunteers on pages six, seven and eight who take the time to plan, organize and attend Club activities? Or maybe it is explained as the drive and motivation to challenge ourselves and our dogs to compete and strive to earn that next benchmark of success? And perhaps it's also the compassion displayed by the Rescue folks on pages eleven, twelve and thirteen. Of course, we know it is all of these talents and more that enable our Club to reach out to serve our special interests, yes, but also be the good example we have the opportunity to share in our communities.

And for me, it's also the joy I experience when that brown dog of mine wags just the tippy top of her tail every morning when I say hello, Summit! --Lisa

SUMMIT'S SHENANIGANS IN 6 SQUARES



Emily Engel