



# Newf News

July, August, September 2022

The High Country Newfoundland Club



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| Chairperson | Claudia Walters   |
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### **Awards Banquet (2020 & 2021)**

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| Chairperson | Florence Larsen                                |
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| Back-up                 | Club Vice President |

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## **Committees Cont'd**

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| Membership Applications   | Mark O'Connor                  |
| National Ad               | Claudia Walters                |
| National Club Basket      | Shine Sturtz                   |
| New Puppy Buyers-Welcome  | Mark O'Connor                  |
| Nominating Committee 2022 |                                |
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|   | Kady Eckstrom |
|   | Lynn Kitch    |
|   | Peggy Lange   |
|   | Kathy Sylvia  |

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| Chairperson         | Mark O'Connor                                      |
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## A Message from our President, Mark O'Connor

Hello Members,

This quarter's message is very brief. Watch for the Holiday Party announcement within this newsletter.

Kate and I want to wish all our members and Newfoundlands a jolly holiday season!

-Mark

## WELCOME **NEW MEMBERS**

### New Members:

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3664 Brunner Blvd.

Johnstown, CO 80534

[Medsurgnurse004@aol.com](mailto:Medsurgnurse004@aol.com)

570.510.5110

Sponsors: Kady Eckstrom & Lyle Payne

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Parker, CO 80134

303-549-5523

[shainakburns@me.com](mailto:shainakburns@me.com)

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### New Applicants cont'd

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572 W. Quantico Ct.

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1313 E. 4170 S

Salt Lake City, UT 84117

[jdcannon@live.com](mailto:jdcannon@live.com)

385-630-9095

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Alysabeth Mattingly and William Heath

PO Box 365

Allenspark, CO 80510

443.859.4908

[lys20lys@gmail.com](mailto:lys20lys@gmail.com)

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# **NON HCNC SPONSORED UPCOMING ACTIVITY WHERE YOU ARE GUARANTEED TO FIND NEWFOUNDLAND DOGS**

## **HOLIDAY PARADE IN GOLDEN, CO**

### **FREE HOLIDAY FAMILY FUN**

The parade returns in 2022 for one spectacular day with all the favorites including elves, marching bands, floats, Victorian carolers, antique cars, the Grinch, Buffalo Bill, and Santa. After the parade, grab lunch at one of the many [restaurants](#) lining Washington Avenue, or [shop](#) the galleries, boutiques, and stores of colorful [historic Golden](#).



Olde Golden's Holiday Parade is  
**Dec. 10, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.**

### **PARADE DETAILS**

Join in the holiday spirit and watch floats, clowns, festive holiday characters, and Santa Claus on the firetruck parade.



**WHERE:** The parade route begins at 10<sup>th</sup> St along Washington Ave and runs from 10th St to 13th St in historic downtown.

**WHEN:** 10:30 am Saturday, Dec 10th

**PLAN EARLY:** Get to town early to secure parking and a prime viewing spot.

**DRESS FOR THE WEATHER:** Festive attire is welcome.

**DON'T GO HUNGRY:** Grab a bite to eat from our local restaurants and cafes prior to the parade.

*\* Avoid bringing chairs and pets, it gets crowded.*

### **WHERE TO PARK?**

Garages located along Jackson St. between 11th St. and 13th St. provide easy access to the route and downtown shops and restaurants.

While in town, drop off the kids' letters to Santa inside the [Golden Visitors & Information Center](#) and plan to stay after the parade for the rest of your Golden adventure.

# RECAPPING EVENTS FROM THE THIRD QUARTER 2022: HCNC August Water Test

Written by Lisa Johnson

Denver weather cooperated for the August 26-28 HCNC Water Test with temperatures in the upper 80s. Several water stewards were looking forward to cooling off with a dip in the Gravel Pond at Chatfield Reservoir.

Crystal clear water as smooth as glass with a minimal breeze greeted the first dog who stepped into the water on Friday while our wonderful judges, Sue Marino and Cindi Kursner, stood on the beach.



We had exhibitors from as far east as New York, as far south as Texas and as far west as Vail, CO to test with us.



I extend a big thank you to the beach and land stewards whom without their volunteering, our club would not be able to hold such an event. Coordinating a water test event is a journey for all our committed volunteers, and each team member is

essential to help put on the event.



Editor's note:  
Thank you to  
Stephanie Lucero  
and to Sue  
Schneider for  
your  
photography  
expertise



## August 2022 Water Test cont'd

- It takes a team: the Water Test Committee who planned the event, the set up and tear down stewards, the catering stewards for our delicious lunches, the judge's dinner, plus the many people who came to watch and cheer on our exhibitors.

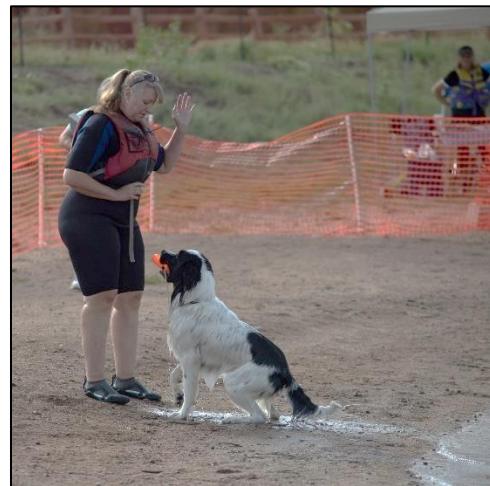


Congratulations to our qualifiers **Jay Acker and Brach** with a WRD and to **Shine Sturtz and Whisper** for her WRD and requalification WRD. Thank you to all our exhibitors, hard-working stewards, fair and encouraging judges, my dedicated committee, Sue Raney and Maria Rizutto, and to all who came out to cheer.

In addition to our NCA water tests, we held two non-NCA events over the weekend: HCNC tadpole test for beginner water dogs and handlers, and HCNC's All-Breed Water Test. The tadpole test revealed some true intrinsic water dogs with great potential.



Patti Pigeon 2022 August HCNC NCA Water Test Chair



## Some Behind the Scenes Moments at a Water Test:



The Day before the test...someone needs to get the trailer to the test sight, right? Jim Johnson takes a break from his Zoom call to install the hitch and get that trailer to Chatfield. Note that the sunglasses are in mid-air, soon to join the pen already on the ground.



Oh, no...what do we do? The right oar has broken off the boat hinge. Improvise? Stop the Test? Bring in a replacement boat?



**Part 1 of a 3-part story.** A first time paddleboarder falls off her board in the middle of our water test site. Even worse, we have a dog on the beach ready to perform a retrieve. Now what do we do?



Wait a minute...it must be cool behind that fan in the shade. What a life our dogs lead 😊



**Part 2 of a 3-part story.** Mark ventures out into the water in the kayak to assist the paddleboarders.



**Part 3:** After a 15 minute wait, Carson still pulls it off!

## **She Is A Multipurpose Dog**

### **TONGUE IN CHEEK?**

By Roger Powell

When you bring to mind an image of a Newf, what are the key characteristics in your image? When you see a Newfoundland on the street, what is a clincher that makes you certain that the dog is indeed a Newf? What makes a Newfoundland dog's face friendly, letting everyone know that she is a kind dog? Would a Newfy be a Newfy without his tongue lolling out?

When Cladina's first-born puppy, Bumble, had only her face out of the birth canal, Consie and I could see through her chorion (birth sac) that she had her tongue out. Bumble's muzzle was short and stubby, but there was a wide pink tongue visible between her lips. Had we not known that this puppy being born was a Newfoundland dog that tongue would have given it away.

Writing seriously about Newfy tongues is just about

impossible. How can a dog, sitting slouched over on one hip with its tongue hanging out be a serious dog? Yet, a relaxed tongue that hangs out, often draped over a canine tooth, is a notable characteristic of the breed. Many paintings dating back to the early 1800s, show Newfs with tongues extended. As soon as photographs of Newfs appeared, many showed Newfs with tongues hanging. The visible tongue appears to have been a breed characteristic from the beginning.

My subjective opinion is that our breed has experienced selective breeding for dogs that make us happy, that make us smile and especially that make us laugh. Clearly, Newfies enjoy making their people laugh. I cannot count the times that one of our dogs has done something goofy and comes up smiling, pleased to have put me in a good mood. Perhaps, our dogs have inherited their hang-me-down (in a good way) tongues because no one can look at a Newfy with its tongue hanging out and not be, at least, a little bit amused.

Newfy tongues differ physically from the tongues of dogs of most other

breeds. Consie and I have good friends who have loved their German shepherds. When their dog, Loki's tongue was visible, which only happened when he was panting, it was stiff, sticking straight out of his mouth a little ways. When I was a kid, I had an uncle and aunt who had dachshunds. Those dogs' tongues were stiff when they panted. I grew up with collies and their tongues are like the tongues of German shepherds and dachshunds. Newfy tongues are thin, supple and relaxed, and those tongues drape luxuriously. John and Myra Lanier, breeders from the 1970s, had a Landseer named Chief whose tongue seemed longer than normal and was always visible. Often, it hung way out of his mouth to one side or the other. John and Myra's kids would try to keep Chief's tongue inside his mouth so that it would not show. They would hold Chief's mouth shut, wrapping his lips and flew around his muzzle. They would roll up his tongue and then clamp his mouth over it. Chief's tongue would always sneak out someplace, first just the tip, then the rest of the tongue following. His tongue was capable of shape shifting. It was as though his tongue became liquified as it

sought a way to escape from his mouth, then returned to tongue form as it became visible between his lips.

Our girl Milakokia used to sleep with her tongue out, sometimes hanging out two inches. Exposed this way, her poor tongue would get dry, so that when she awoke, Milakokia would smack her chops, moving her tongue so that it could soak moisture from all around the inside of her mouth. She would also sit in front of a fireplace or wood stove, making her face hot, all the while with her tongue out. She would sometimes wipe her face with a paw, as though to get some relief from the heat. Yet, there she would sit, with her face getting hotter and hotter, and her tongue getting drier and drier. When she reached her threshold, she would roll her tongue around inside her mouth, getting it moist again.

All-breed books, which usually feature one page of information including a photograph per breed, never mention tongues. I have not done a thorough review but the United States, Canadian, United Kingdom and Danish breed standards, including old standards, do not mention Newfy tongues. Breed books going back to Kitty Drury's "This is the Newfoundland" and Margaret Booth Chern's "The Complete Newfoundland" and her "The New Complete Newfoundland" do not mention tongues, despite dozens of pages of photos showing dogs with tongues draped at the fronts (or sides) of their mouths. Birgitte Gothen's two editions of her Danish book, "Bogen om Newfoundlandshunden" ("The Book on Newfoundland Dogs"), do not mention tongues, though each book boasts three Newfs on its cover (each with two blacks and one Landseer Newf) with tongues hanging proudly; the Landseer on the first edition has his tongue drooping way out to the side from the back of

his mouth. The entry "tongue" is not to be found in that book's index, nor in any other book index I checked.

So, what is the deal? Newfy tongues are clearly not invisible. Is the tongue, drooping like pink Silly Putty®, so common, so familiar, that we simply fail to see it even when looking right at it? That is what I suspect is the case. Appreciate your dog's tongue for what it shows you about her sweet personality, his bit of goofiness and their abilities not to take themselves too seriously.

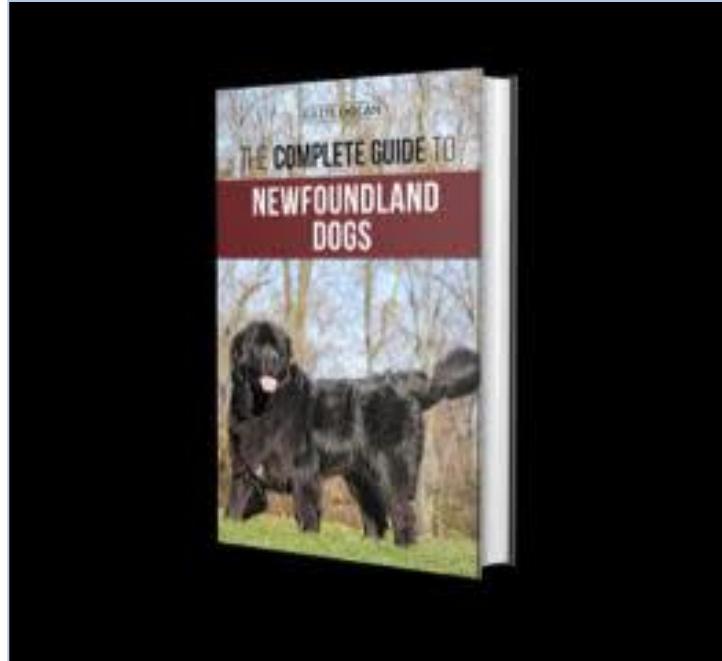
And give each a hug from me.



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# The Complete Guide to Newfoundland Dogs

HCNC member Katie Dolan worked with NCA members and photographers across the country to put together a comprehensive book on our favorite breed. As a breeder and Newf Ambassador, Katie created a readable and fun resource with the newest research and charming anecdotes about her dogs.



It is perfect for new Newf owners and might be a good addition to a breeder's Puppy Packet. The book is available on [Amazon.com](#) in a color Kindle version and b/w paperback. Bulk pricing of only \$10 each is available for a minimum of 10 books by emailing the publisher at [contact@lpmedia.org](mailto:contact@lpmedia.org).

The book was developed in conjunction with many NCA and regional club members. The HCNC grooming session with Penny Shubert, coordinated by HCNC member Goldin-Liston and team and other HCNC events are featured.

It will be included in the next New England Newfoundland Club newsletter and has been featured in an NCA email blast to members. It is exciting to see the positive response: Newf owners particularly like the stories and the pictures from many photographers around the country.

*The book is available on [Amazon.com](#) in a color Kindle version and b/w paperback. Bulk pricing of only \$10 each is available for a minimum of 10 books by emailing the publisher at [contact@lpmedia.org](mailto:contact@lpmedia.org).*

## Denver International Airport's Canine Airport Therapy Squad Receives GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS® Title

***The Program was Named 'Largest  
Airport Therapy Animal Program'***

DENVER – Sept. 15, 2022 – Denver International Airport (DEN) is paws-itively thrilled to announce that the Canine Airport Therapy Squad (CATS) program is featured in the Guinness World Records 2023 book as the 'Largest Airport Therapy Animal Program' with 87 members as of 2021.

"We are extremely proud of our CATS program and grateful for all the volunteers who donate their time to bring joy to our passengers and employees," said DEN CEO Phil Washington. "The continued growth of the program is a testament to the positive impact it has on travelers, and we look forward to welcoming even more teams as we continue to grow this beloved program."

The CATS program began on Oct. 29, 2015, on National Cat Day, with 28 members from 14 breeds. Today, the program includes 84 members and 33 breeds as well as one cat (and of course, their human handlers). Despite a "paws" during the pandemic, the CATS program has resumed with teams donating more than 1,250 hours of time so far in 2022.

The program is designed to provide stress relief and delight passengers, making traveling a little less ruff. Their adorable faces and wagging tails provide travelers with memorable moments and smiles through a furry cuddle or pet. Passengers can encounter them throughout DEN sporting their distinctive violet plaid "Pet Me" vests. All CATS are registered with a

recognized pet therapy association and are trained and insured. CATS volunteer handlers wishing to apply with their pet must have experience working with a recognized animal therapy organization and must be registered with the Alliance of Therapy Dogs or Pet Partners. For more information about joining the program, please email [info@flydenver.com](mailto:info@flydenver.com).

"Whether it's with a lick, a nuzzle or some amusing antics, our four-legged friends have an amazing ability to make us smile – even when we might be feeling stressed or anxious. The Canine Airport Therapy Squad at Denver Airport have taken this innate skill and run(a)way with it. It's a pleasure to be able to recognize the hard-working dogs (and, of course, not to forget, Xeli the cat), as well as their owners, who selflessly give up their time to brighten the day of thousands of travelers every year," said Adam Millward, Managing Editor, Guinness World Records.



Ron Horn with Matilda

Sadly, Matilda is the only club member dog in the CATS program. When the program started in 2015 our Newfs were a major component of the group. Unfortunately, those original members have retired or passed on. Matilda is a second-generation member of the group.

# In Memoriam

HCNC Members,

Sadly, I report the loss of Linda Morley-Roser. She was a giant in our club and was an Honorary Member of HCNC. She mentored countless numbers of Newfoundland owners. She will be missed, as her footprint was large in the Colorado Newfoundland community.



Linda bred under the Legacy Newfoundland kennel name. Her contributions to the breed were numerous. Her dog "Wheeler Dealer" was Best of Breed (Owner handled) twice at the Newfoundland National Specialty. He also earned the Versatile Newfoundland Title. "Lucas" was a Top 20 Newfoundland for several years. He was NCA Top Producing Sire several years ago. Notably for me, he was my Daley's grandfather. Others in our club (and beyond) could share boundlessly about the dogs they adopted from Linda.

Linda was intricately involved in leading and chairing HCNC Rescue efforts. This is such a thankless job. I have met multiple people who conveyed that Linda was so caring about the dogs during their transition to their soon to be families. She helped me place a dog of an HCNC member who passed away and the couple that adopted her loved Linda so. It spoke volumes to me.

Linda was also heavily involved in NCA working events. My understanding is she was previously a water and draft judge. (This was before my time in Colorado.) To be a judge takes so much time and commitment to earning titles on your own dogs – and then sharing your knowledge at the judge level. I also understand that Linda had one of (if not the) first Newfoundland ("Tundra") to earn the AKC Utility Title (UD.) Linda's is a truly remarkable and fitting "Legacy."

Linda attended the August 2022 water test, and I was happy I got to visit with her, and she got to love on my Daley. I always reminded her he would not be ours if it was not for her. I know others visited with Linda at that test and I know how much she enjoyed being there.

HCNC and the greater Newfoundland community wish to extend our condolences to Tom, their family, and close friends.

More information about a memorial or celebration of life is attached.

Mark O'Connor

HCNC President

October 5, 2022

Dear High Country Newfoundland Club Members,

**Newf Tide Ad for Linda Morley Roser**

Linda's husband, Tom Roser, is purchasing a Newf Tide ad in memoriam of longtime and honorary HCNC Club Member, Linda Morley Roser. He would like to include the names of all Linda's Newfie friends in the ad. It was Linda's wish that donations be made to NCA National Rescue Network in her name. If you would like to honor Linda by making a donation, please use the attached form to make your donation. Please send a copy of the completed form to Peggy Lange at [peggylange@outlook.com](mailto:peggylange@outlook.com) to have your name included in the Newf Tide Ad.

**Celebration of Life for Linda Roser**

Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>  
Maggiano's Little Italy 7401 S.  
Clinton St.  
Englewood, CO 80112  
Noon – 3:00 PM

Appetizers and Open Bar

Please bring your favorite memory of Linda to share.

RSVP to Peggy Lange via text (970) 618-7049

Sincerely,  
Peggy Lange

**Thank you for your generous support  
of Newfoundland Dogs.**

Donations to the NCA Charitable Trust are gratefully accepted and will be acknowledged in Newf Tide or will remain anonymous. Donations to the NCA Charitable Trust 501(c) (3) Fed. ID 06-1500326 are income tax deductible. Donations may be eligible for corporate matching gifts programs. Please contact your employer or pension provider for more information.

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Acknowledgement:

In Memoriam (person or Newf): Linda Morley Roser

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1004 S State Rd 78, Mt Horeb, WI 53572

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# Wags And Brags



**CH, Mtn High Tribal Rhythm to Thunder Spirits, BN, CGC, TKN.  
Official Championship photo**

He finished this title at our Newfoundland National in Frankenmuth, MI!!! He also got a safety leg with a 3rd placement at National!! He also earned his TKN, Trick Dog Novice title at Nationals and showed in Conformation!! He was a very busy boy!!

Now for his BIG win!!! We started showing him in Conformation in April this year. He earned his AKC Championship at the Greeley Kennel Club show in Greeley, CO. He was pointed out and needed 2 Majors for his championship!! On Saturday, August 20th, he went BOW's (Best of Winner's), with a 4pt. Major!!! Then on Sunday, August 21st, he went BOW's again, with another 4pt. Major, which earned him his Championship!!! We were speechless! On Monday, August 22nd, we moved him up to Breed, he got a Grand Champion Select, with a 3 pt. Major!! What a crazy, fun weekend!!

A special thanks goes out to Heather and Colton Johnson for showing him for us!! And a huge thanks to Peggy Lange, Lynn Kitch, Sue Callister, and Cindi Flowers for trusting us with this sweet, fun boy!! Love you all!! 18 years—4 Newfs—We have a "Champion"!!

**Submitted by Jewel, John Cody & Drummer**

"DRUMMER" has had quite a fun and exciting year so far!!

He's now CH, Mtn High Tribal Rhythm To Thunder Spirits, BN, CGC, TKN!!

He earned his BN, Beginner Novice Obedience title in 3 tries with John handling him!! John had never stepped into an obedience ring!! He did an awesome job!! GO DAD!!



**CH, Mtn Drummer Our Mister "Sweet sweet"**



## Wags And Brags cont'd



John and **Drummer** with ribbons and China from National for BN title!!!



**Drummer's**  
ribbons for his 2  
Major wins for  
his  
Championship  
and his first  
Grand  
Championship  
Select Major  
win!!

**Finn** has been very busy over the last few months kicking off the summer being awarded Select Dog at the Westminster Kennel Club dog show and racking up over 15 Working Group 1s along with many other group placements at many prestigious kennel club shows including another best in specialty win. His most recent accomplishment is going BEST IN SHOW. We are so proud of this home bred Colorado boy holding steady ranking in the top 3 Newfoundland in the country making a name for himself along the eastern seaboard with heavy competition in breed and groups alike. What we will continue to always be most proud of is his steady temperament both in and out of the show ring.

**BIS RBIS MBISS BeeCreek EvenKeele**  
**You're Gonna Need A Bigger Boat CGC**  
**RN TKN "Finnegan"**





## ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Wags And Brags cont'd

★ Samantha turned 13 years old on

★ September 11th

★ She went for her swim and had cake.

★ Submitted by Sue Schneider



★ Samantha did the tadpole test at the  
★ HCNC water test. She loves...to swim...she  
★ was almost 13 years old when she did the  
★ test.





## *Wags And Brags cont'd*



The ORT title is earned by successfully passing the Odor Recognition Test for all 3 target odors - Birch, Anise, and Clove. There is no requirement to pass all three odors at the same event, but the ORT title will not be earned until all 3 odor tests have been passed.

Guess what? **Team Summit** earned our ORT in September.

**Bydand's Duffy of Summit County, CGC, ORT**



## **2022 HCNC Holiday Party Event at Jim and Lisa Johnson's home**

**Who:** Newfoundland Club members, new applicants and their families

**Where:** 12190 W. 75<sup>th</sup> Lane, Arvada, CO 80005

**When:** Sunday, December 18, 2022

**Time:** 4:00 pm

**Bring:** A side dish or dessert

**Also Bring:** A gift under \$25 for the White Elephant Gift Swap

**Also Bring:** A beverage if you know you want something other than the beer and wine we provide

**Featuring:** Snacks, Appetizers, Dinner, Beverages

**RSVP:** Lisa Johnson by 12/14/22 at [lisajohnson0928@gmail.com](mailto:lisajohnson0928@gmail.com) or 216-408-6214 with the following information:

1. The side dish you might like to bring **AND**
2. The statement: "I promise to come if Jim prepares \_\_\_\_\_ on the Traeger"

**PLEASE SEND TO LISA VIA EMAIL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE A CUTE OR FUNNY PICTURE OF YOUR DOG DOING A TONGUE TRICK FOR THE CONTEST**



## *Just a little warning regarding the Xmas treats many stores are now starting to stock for dogs at Xmas*

*Many of these so-called treats end up with the dog "enjoying" some time in a veterinary surgery over Christmas.*

*The vast majority of these rawhide products and treats come from China. The chews are made from cattle or horse hides and their journey starts with the hides being soaked in a toxic sodium sulfide to remove the hair and fat. More chemicals are used in order to split the hide into layers which is then washed with hydrogen peroxide to give the white "pure" look and remove the rancid smell.*

*Now comes the pretty festive colors and the glue to form cute shapes. On testing, these chews have shown traces of arsenic, mercury, chromium and formaldehyde.*

*If that wasn't bad enough, they regularly cause intestinal blockages, poisoning from chemical residue and choking.*

*The chews go slippery when wet and are near impossible to get hold of to save a choking dog.*

*Leave them in the shop where they belong or if some well-meaning person buys them for your dog, put them safely away for later, then dispatch in the bin! Please be safe with your dogs!*

*(many thanks to Kady Eckstrom for sharing this post with us)*



## *Let's Wrap It Up:*

While 2022 is not yet in the books, so to speak, I've been reflecting on how I included my dogs in my life over the past 11 months. Of course, I wish I had done more, but surely waking up before the summer temperature reached 80 degrees to take my dogs on their walk in the neighborhood must count for something. I also recollect weekend drives into the mountains with them, again to escape the Denver heat. I recall treating them to paddleboard rides on Lake Dillon and Chatfield Lake with their favorite buddy, Me. Yet my conscience still nags at me that I should have spent more time with them.

I remember the variety of opportunities that both HCNC and our National Newfoundland Club of America (NCA) made available to our membership. For example, at the HCNC Awards Banquet we celebrated our members who earned titles for their dog's achievements. At the Newf Grooming Seminar we learned from expert Penny Shubert that we are all capable of grooming our Newfs if we choose to. Our members shared their time and knowledge on how to train and play with our water dogs at the Water Seminar; they shared information on Scent Work and Therapy Work. At the end of the day, however, Summit and Yukon are still just my best buddies, and taking a nap on a lazy weekend afternoon with them is still the best!

Jim and I invite everyone to join us at the Holiday Party on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. It'll be a fun time to recount the adventures we shared during 2022.

-Lisa

Interested in a Newfoundland Puppy?  
Looking for a Breeder? – Contact NCA  
Breeder Referral Hotline  
Call 1-866-NCA-NEWF (1-866-622-6393)  
Between 9AM and 9PM Eastern  
[ncanewf@comcast.net](mailto:ncanewf@comcast.net)

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