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An Official Publication of the New-Pen-Del Newfoundland Club

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 12th 2023

Valentine's Newfie Stroll
Liberty State Park
Jersey City, NJ

February – April 2023

Draft Training
(See the flyer in this issue for
Available dates and locations)

March 12th 2023

Newfie Stroll
East Stroudsburg, PA

March 18th – March 19th 2023

Celtic Classic Regional Specialty
York, PA

May 1st – May 6th 2023

Newfoundland Club of America
National Specialty
Frankenmuth, MI

May 2023 (Date Pending)

Paws & Claws
Round Valley Reservoir

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year and welcome 2023.

New Pen Del slowed down its pace during December and Jan. This winter, Ana arranged a Newfy walk at the beach, which was extremely well attended and received. It seems that members truly enjoyed this event as it provided a great opportunity to just talk with other Newf lovers. Of course, the Newfoundlands all loved it.

We will be hosting another walk on February 12, 2023 at Liberty State Park in Jersey City, New Jersey. If you have not been to Liberty State Park, it is beautiful, a perfect place to take a Newfy for a walk. I hope to see you there!!

We have arranged to offer Draft training at various sites throughout our Regional boundaries. All levels of training are welcome from the very new beginner to the very accomplished draft person and dog teams. Look for more information and the available schedule within Bear Facts and our website.

Next we will be hosting the regional specialty at the Celtic Classic on March 18, 2023. Keep your eyes open for raffle items as they roll out on the New Pen Del website and Facebook pages. The tickets can be purchased online and the drawing will be online. Additionally we will have soft goods with our new logo for this year's Celtic Classic on various fun novelty items.

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**PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE
(CONT.)**

The next event New Pen Del will be involved in is the National Specialty and that is the first week in May. We are looking for members who may be interested in participating in the parade of Regional Clubs representing New Pen Del. You don’t have to do anything other than show up and walk your dog. The other item is we traditionally donate a basket representative of the New Pen Del area for a raffle for the host club. If you have any ideas for regionally themed items to include in our donation basket, we’d appreciate your input.

We have been busy planning future activities for our membership as well, which include:

- Paws and Claws
- Water training at Round Valley
- Triple Crown dog show which involves six Dog Shows in one weekend with two other regional clubs.

It looks like we will be very busy again this coming year as we sprinkle dog walks and informal training in between other planned events.

Best Regards,
Chris LaMuraglia
New-Pen-Del President



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NEW-PEN-DEL

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| <i>Board Member</i> | Tiffany Reed | |
| <i>Board Member</i> | Karin Bystol | |
| <i>Board Member</i> | Pat Matthews | ****Welcome New Board Member, Pat!**** |
| <i>Board Member</i> | Donna Campbell | |

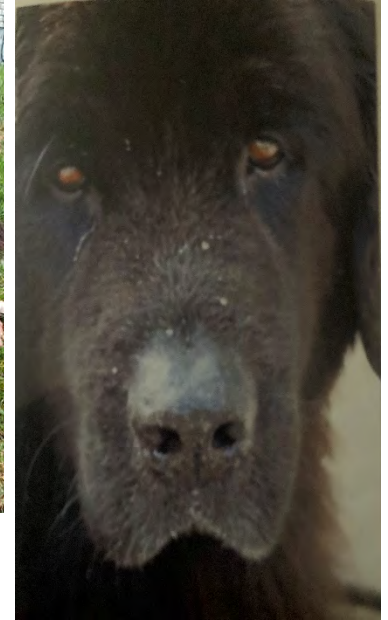
COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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NEW-PEN-DEL MEET THE BOARD

Pat and the Matthews Family

My love for dogs goes way back to 1st grade. Spot, the dog in the *Dick and Jane* beginner

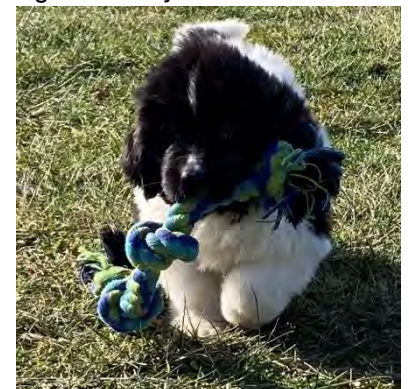


readers series, was the dog I dreamt of and begged my parents for. That Christmas I received my very own

Spot, a black and white Spaniel mix. Spot was the family pet who lived and was loved for 16 years. In the early 80's, on a visit to Alaska, I fell for big dogs. My sister-in-law lives in Alaska and had a Newfie mix called Rusty. He was a friendly goofy dog, and I knew that was the type of dog for me. My husband, Ed, needed to be convinced though. Ed was not really a dog lover. His experience with dogs had been that of the family dog of his youth, a hound mix who frequently escaped from their backyard terrorizing the neighbor kids on their way to school stealing and eating their lunches. Ed was always sent out to retrieve the dog and bring him back home. It took me nearly sixteen years to convince him. In 2001, I finally did, although reluctantly! My niece-in-law and nephew knew that I was looking. They said, "Aunty Patty, you have got to look in larger newspapers than *The Home News!*" On their advice I started looking in *The Star Ledger*. (LOL!) One day, I came across an ad for a New Finland Dog. I had never heard of that breed. After repeating the name a few times, I realized it was probably a typo and called. Yes, in fact it was a misspelling. This family had a Newfoundland and wanted another, so they bred her. Princess had ten pups and I was getting second pick! I chose Molly, my first Newf. Ed soon fell in love with her when he realized she was a chick magnet. Wherever we brought her, people crowded around wanting to pet her. Molly was a natural born swimmer. She was always drawn to water, first playing in her water dish, then dragging us to the canal to swim. She would jump off the dock and swim for hours at our friend's house at Budd Lake. She left us way too soon at the age of eight.

Maggie Rose was our second Newf. With Maggie we were introduced to NPD Newfoundland Club and the world of water and draft training. However, we found out that we weren't the best trainers and Maggie wasn't as enthusiastic as Molly had been about swimming and jumping off docks. She did take to drafting and participated in several tree pulls in Sussex County and NY. She was infamous for using the communal water bowl as her personal foot bath! She would put her big, hot, tired paws in to cool them off. We eventually wised up and brought her very own foot bath so she wouldn't pollute everyone's water bowl. Maggie was a kind, gentle soul, who everyone enjoyed! Maggie became a therapy dog at the age of one. For eight years she brought joy to the children at South Brunswick Library's reading program, and South Brunswick elementary school. She also was a volunteer at Princeton House. The patients there just loved her. COVID brought an end to that though. We were both heartbroken when she passed at the age of ten.

Pearl is our present Newf. She is an exuberant fun loving 1 year old Landseer. When she turned 6 months she became a mouthy excited devil-dog that Ed nicknamed Oyster's Irritation. She is a smart pup who will take us on new adventures and teach us many things. The first being that patience is a virtue and virtue is a grace. When you put them both together you get a happy face and pup! 😊 – Pat Matthews





RESCUE UPDATE FROM CHRIS LAMURAGLIA, NPD PRESIDENT

We are excited to advise the membership that the Board of Directors has voted to collaborate with That Newfoundland Place located in Connecticut to handle rescue in the New Pen Del region. Nancy Weaver is a representative from That Newfoundland Place and will manage Rescue in the New Pen Del region.

The Rescue committee will assist the Newfoundland Place with Newfoundlands in our region in need of assistance. Additionally, our committee will field phone calls from possible fosters and Adopters... the committee will assist That Newfoundland Place with home visits as well.

We welcome and thank Cathy Derench and Nancy Weaver of That Newfoundland Place for working to protect and save Newfs in our region in need of help/rescuing.

New Pen Del will offer donations and rescue committee volunteers. Thanks to our Rescue Committee volunteers. Please see the table below for updated NPD rescue contacts.

| NAME | EMAIL | PHONE NUMBER | REGION / NEED |
|------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|--|
| Nancy Weaver | neweaver@optonline.net | 908.413.0855 | Need a newf rescued? Contact Nancy. |
| Sue Ryan | matawansue@aol.com | 908.217.1724 | Adoptions Central and North NJ |
| Donna Carroll | riopearl2191@gmail.com | 856.498.2588 | Adoptions South NJ |
| Bob Frankenfield | bobfrankenfield@live.com | 610.709.4444 | Adoptions Eastern PA (Northampton County Area) |

NEW-PEN-DEL



MEET THE NEW RESCUE COMMITTEE

SUE RYAN

I have had a newfies off and on since I was 16. They have worked in obedience, rally and agility. My current newf is a 10 yr old girl who has obedience, rally, CGC and trick dog titles. She has also been in several commercials, print work and a TV show.

She is my ❤️. I'm a dog groomer for over 30 yrs.
I'm so happy to be able to help!

SUE WILL BE SUPPORTING THE CENTRAL NJ REGION ADOPTIONS.



BOB FRANKENFIELD



Bob is a native of the Lehigh Valley and is currently the director of a small nonprofit homeless agency in northwest new jersey. He spent his entire career working in human services in that area and has had the pleasure of having many dogs in his lifetime, mostly large breeds, his favorite being newfoundlands and their mixes. All but 2 of the 15 dogs in his life were adopted. He currently has a 10-year-old golden retriever certified therapy dog and a new addition, a 10-month-old newfoundland mix named Maxwell Smart. He has foster experience, and though his family is grown, he passed his affection and love of canines to his children, who both have dogs in their lives. He believes that people never "own" dogs but that the dogs are part of the household to be respected and cared for, never neglected, and abandoned on a chain outdoors. He has strong feelings about puppy mills and irresponsible breeding that skips

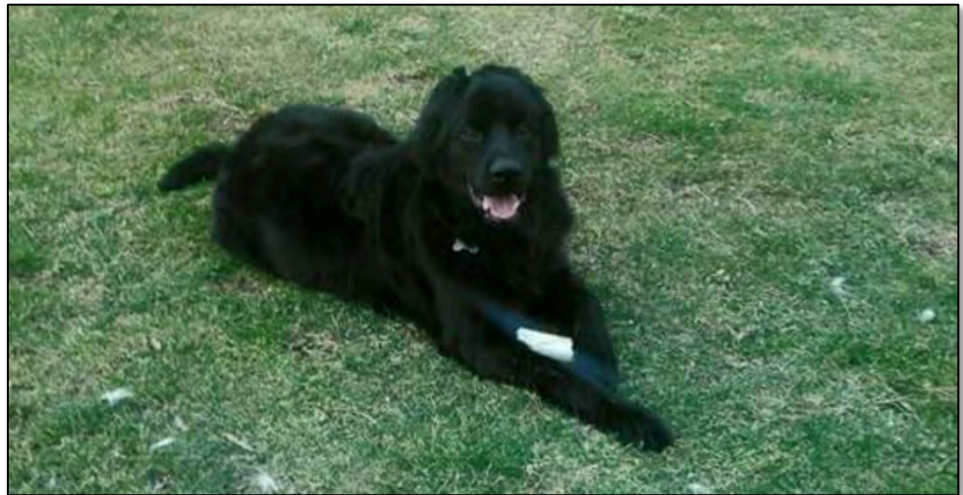
basic health and genetic precautions, causing many ill health issues, premature death, behavior issues, and unwanted, abandoned dogs. The dogs bred irresponsibly pay the price, and often that is an untimely demise or unhealthy life.

BOB WILL BE SUPPORTING THE EASTERN PA REGION ADOPTIONS.

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DONNA CARROLL



Where it all began...Fell in love in 1997, my 1st Newf Pearl. Then came Tucker Newf/Pyr/Saint X, a rescue. Another Newf rescue Jewel. Tugboat (Tugger) is our current Newf. We received an email from NPD, someone wanting to surrender a puppy named Bear (10 months old). We were going to check out the situation, but after seeing how he was living, we had to bring him home with us. Not bad people just not educated. Bear was in a crate in the finished basement. They took him out to introduce us, holding him by the collar. Took him out to go the bathroom, still holding his collar. Told us he barks a lot, especially when their 3yr old gets on top of the crate. Never seen a house with a Newf without hair/fur. We believed Bear spent most of the day in the crate. When they got him, he was a cute little 8-week-old black ball of fur. They didn't know in a few short months He was going to be 125 lbs. They made the right decision contacting NPD. They had all his things packed hoping we were going to take him. We could not leave him there, so we took him home to foster. He enjoyed running/playing in the yard with our other 2 dogs. He got along with the cats & humans, so Tugger joined the family. 🐾💕

DONNA WILL BE SUPPORTING THE SOUTHERN NJ REGION ADOPTIONS.



WE CAN STILL USE A FEW MORE VOLUNTEERS FOR THE RESCUE COMMITTEE, ESPECIALLY IF YOU CAN HELP SUPPORT PA REGIONS. IF YOU CAN HELP ASSESS POTENTIAL ADOPTERS, DO PRE-ADOPITION HOME INSPECTIONS, AND FIELD CALLS FROM PEOPLE LOOKING FOR A RESCUE DOG, WE NEED YOUR HELP! IF INTERESTED, PLEASE REACH OUT TO KARIN BYSTOL AT IKBZMOMMY@GMAIL.COM . YOU CAN HELP RESCUES FIND THEIR FOREVER HOMES!

MEMBERSHIP

HELLO
WINTER

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER??

Membership applications can be found on the website:

[NPD Membership Portal](#)

Please contact New-Pen-Del Membership Chairs,

Amy Kroeger (aim72@comcast.net)

or

Tiffany Reed (Tiffany.newf@gmail.com)

with questions.

Hello New Members!

Karen Lilley

Tinton Falls, NJ
Sponsor – Amy Kroeger

Lisa & Rob Turiano

Bridgewater, NJ
Sponsor – John Affel

Barbara Aiello Fallon

Staten Island, NY
Sponsor – John Affel

Jeff Edwards & Kelly Surrick


Philadelphia, PA
Sponsor – John Affel

Beth Meloro

Philadelphia, PA
Sponsor – Amy Kroeger

MEMBERSHIP

STAY CONNECTED TO NPD...



LEARN ABOUT NEW-PEN-DEL


If you're interested in becoming a member of the **New-Pen-Del Newfoundland Club** we suggest that you read through our **constitution (PDF)** and **bylaws** to get a better understanding of the club's mission and rules. We encourage you to attend a few events to see what we're all about and enjoy in the fabulous company and meet some wonderful animals. This is a wonderful way to see all the fun and exciting things the club offers and a way to meet potential sponsors. You will find links to the constitution & bylaws above and an interactive application below.

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

New-Pen-Del hosts water tests and draft tests, regional specialty shows with beautiful prizes, educational events such as grooming seminars, water rescue training and draft seminars. We also host a wonderful fall festival with Newfie games, including the very popular Newfie Obstacle Course and various other fun activities where owners can get together and share their appreciation for the breed. Additionally, New-Pen-Del hosts an annual awards dinner to celebrate the yearly accomplishments of your dogs with prizes and personalized slide shows for the membership to enjoy.

New-Pen-Del can be a wonderful resource for novice Newfoundland owners as there is usually many, many years of Newfoundland experience just waiting to be tapped.

Please Contact the Membership Chair with questions or for more information.



MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

Wendy Keyser
wgmaddiesmom@comcast.net
Membership Chair

TO PRINT AND MAIL THE APPLICATION, CLICK THE LINK BELOW

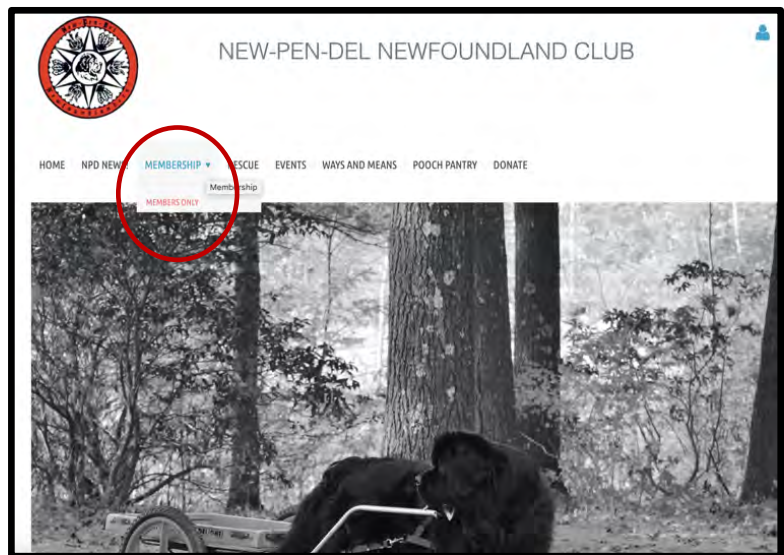
[MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION](#)

NEW-PEN-DEL NEWF CLUB GOES DIGITAL!

If you haven't already done so, please check out New-Pen-Del's new membership portal! Check out current and up to date information on our events, our members and products <https://npdnews.wildapricot.org>

MEMBER'S ONLY SECTION

Members are invited to access the *Members Only* section of the Portal. Click the down arrow, next to "Membership" and click on "Members Only". You'll be prompted to enter your username and password. From there you'll have access to Member Only information, including a member directory.



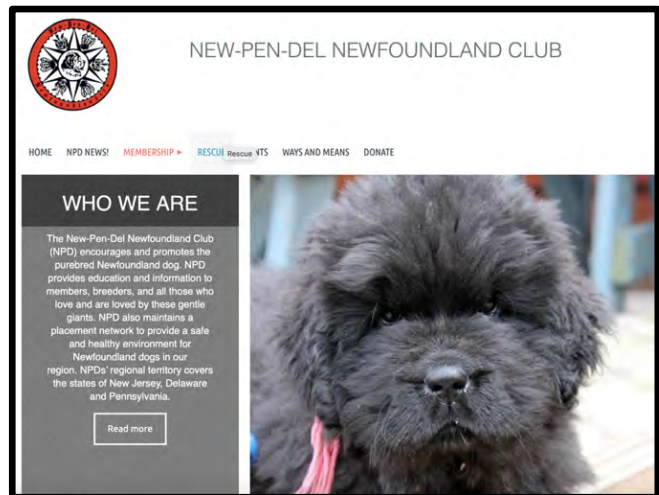
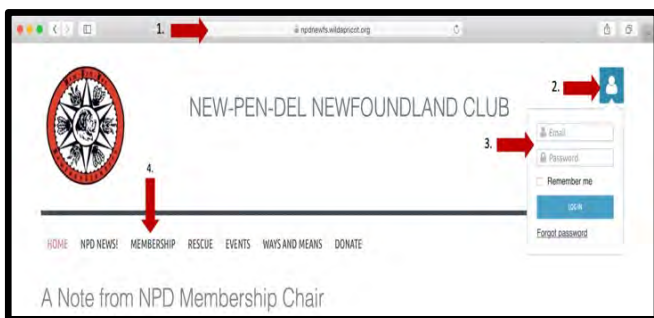
MEMBERSHIP

ACCESSING THE MEMBER PORTAL...

How to Login to the Portal

There are several steps to login to the Membership Portal. Follow the steps on the diagram below to enter your email and password. The *Members Only* section of Portal is under the Membership menu tab.

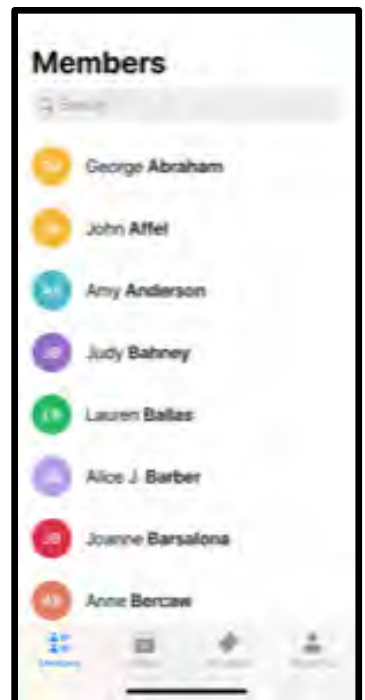
If you need assistance, please email Amy Kroeger (aim72@comcast.net)



Using the Wild Apricot App to access the Members Directory...

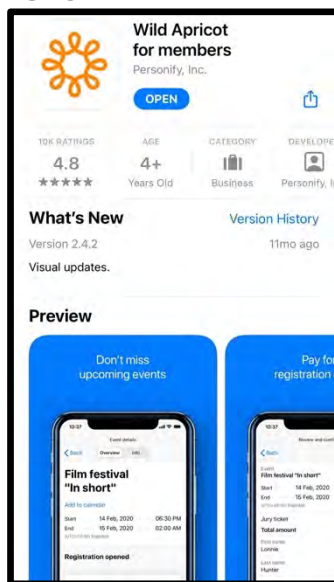
After you download the Wild Apricot App for Members, login using the same credentials you use to login to the Members Only part of the Portal. Open the app and click on Members at the lower left-hand corner of the page.

You will now see a list of all NPD Active members. Search and find the member you would like to contact.



Download the Wild Apricot for Members App on your Smartphone

Go to the App store on your iPhone or Android device and download the Wild Apricot for Members app.



NEW-PEN-DEL 2022 AWARDS APPLICATION

*Members not able to attend the awards ceremony are responsible for arranging receipt of award.
In the event shipping is required, award recipient is responsible for shipping costs.*



This year, we're also offering easy online Awards Registration. To register online, visit <https://npdnews.wildapricot.org/event-5140793>



2022 NPD AWARDS FORM

Please review the guidelines to determine whether your Newfoundland(s) are eligible for an award/certificate.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE NEW PEN DEL BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAS REVISED THE POLICY TO STATE THAT ALL AWARDS ARE BASED UPON THE CALENDAR YEAR JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31, 2022.

This form must be submitted to: Donna Campbell 147 Field Avenue Hasbrouck Heights, NJ 07604
donnacampbell2835@gmail.com

DEADLINE: March 31, 2023

AKC Titles:

Dog's Registered Name: _____

Dog's Call name _____

Breeder/Co-Breeder: _____

Owner/Co-Owner: _____

AKC Titles earned: _____

Date Finished: _____

NCA Titles:

Dog's Registered Name: _____

Dog's Call name _____

Breeder/Co-Breeder: _____

Owner/Co-Owner: _____

NCA Title(s) earned: _____

Date(s): _____

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Versatility – The versatile Newfoundland award will be presented to each member-owned Newfoundland designated as a Versatile Newfoundland by the Newfoundland Club of America.

Dog's registered name: _____

Dog's Call name _____

Working Achievement: The working achievement award will be presented to each member-owned Newfoundland designated as receiving a working achievement title by the Newfoundland Club of America.

Dog's registered name: _____

Dog's Call name _____

Non-Competitive Certificates: Certificates will be awarded to each member-owned Newfoundland earning an AKC Canine Good Citizenship (CGC), Living Legend or any level of Trick Dog (TD) or Therapy Dog (TD).

One time designation, please include a copy of CGC certificate or Therapy dog certification.

Dog's registered name: _____

Dog's Call name _____

Living Legend's date of birth _____

General Guidelines

1. Each member-owned Newfoundland completing the requirements for a Breed Championship, CH, GCH, all AKC obedience titles, ThD, DD, DDX, TDD, WD, WRD and/or WRDX will receive an award. Owner is responsible for sending copies of all certificates of titles achieved with this form.
2. In case of multiple titles for the same dog, one award will be given per year.
3. The awards year for all AKC titles and/or NCA titles, will be based on the calendar year January through December.
4. Additional awards for breeder and/or co-owner may be purchased by the owner of a dog receiving an award at the club's cost. Please contact Donna Campbell or Karin Bystol directly for such requests.
5. To qualify for an award/certificate, the owner of the dog must be a member or have applied for membership as of January 1st of the year for which the award is given. Dogs owned or co-owned by New-Pen-Del members are eligible for awards/certificates only if the dog permanently resides with the New-Pen-Del member.
6. A photocopy of CGC, recognized therapy dog registration must be attached to the awards form.

For any questions, please reach out to Donna Campbell at donnacampbell2835@gmail.com or Karin Bystol at ikbamommy@gmail.com

NPD NEWS



Jamie Smith

Silvia & Chuck Mielke

(in memory of Armando, see pg. 43 for Armando's tribute)

& Plow Farms

Your donations help the club sponsor events, offer trophies and awards and help with rescue expenses. Thanks for your continued support!
It's easy to donate on our website. Just click the Donate tab and select how you'd like your donation applied. <https://npdnews.wildapricot.org/Donate>

Sponsor a Raffle basket

Click Photo below to donate....



Raffle baskets help us raise money to support events like working dog tests, educational events, tree pulls, fall fest and more. Please support our events by sponsoring a basket. With a \$25 donation, we'll put together a basket to raffle at a future event. Please contact

katlynn4@gmail.com if

you'd like to be acknowledged in our newsletter or on the basket for your donation.

Thank you so much for your support!

POOCH PANTRY

NPD continues to offer the Pooch Pantry to members in need of financial assistance for their dogs. Please visit our website for more information. <https://npdnews.wildapricot.org/Pooch-Pantry>



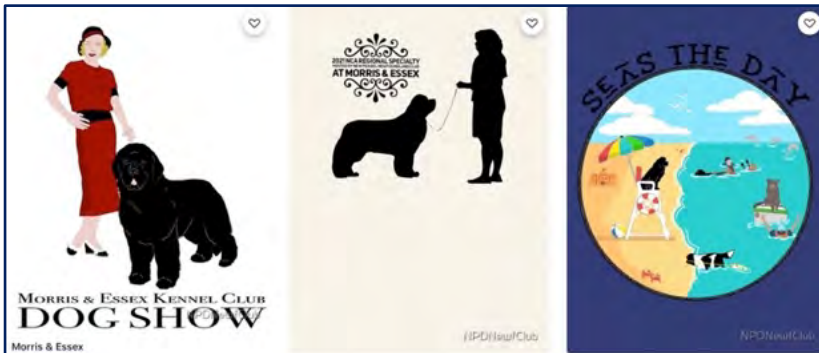
WAYS & MEANS

NEW CELTIC CLASSIC NEWF MERCH!



Click below to see all available items and colors! Embroidered designs available!
<http://www.newpendelnewfclub.deco-apparel.com/shop/category/View-all?c=0>

CHECK OUT OUR OTHER STORES FOR NEWFIE MERCH!



Please help support club events by purchasing some fun newfie merch!

<https://www.redbubble.com/people/NPDNewfClub/explore?asc=u>

Contact our Ways & Means Chair, Kat Lynn with any questions or fundraising ideas at Katlynn4@gmail.com



<https://teespring.com/stores/new-pen-del-newfoundland-club>

NEW-PEN-DEL

EVENTS



NEW-PEN-DEL
ANNUAL TREE PULL

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10TH

New-Pen-Del had a great day at Plow Farms! Thanks to all who attended, helped pull in trees and shared your wonderful dogs with the public. Thanks to Plow Farms and the attendees for their generous \$565 donation to NPD!



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*it's
the most
wonderful
time of the year*



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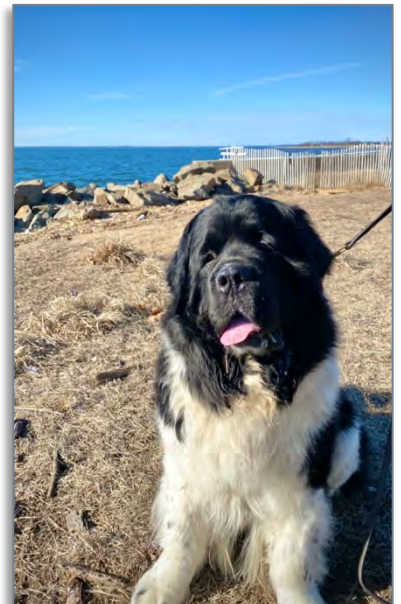
Tel: 717.537.1224



2023 New Year's Day Newfie Stroll

Over 30 NPD Members and more than 15 Newfs kicked off 2023 with a stroll at Sandy Hook's beautiful Fort Hancock! It was a gorgeous 50 degrees and sunny, and a lovely time surrounded by friends and wonderful newfoundlands! Thanks to all who attended!







EVENTS

2023 DRAFT PRACTICE

This Winter, NPD is organizing draft practices at various locations throughout NJ and PA. The goal is to get the dogs used to draft work, learning basics of harnessing, and hitching, turns and directions, etc. This is not expected to be formal training to prepare for a draft test. Experienced draft teams are welcome. Continue to check <https://npdnewfs.wildapricot.org> as we will be adding new dates.

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draft
practice



REGISTRATION REQUIRED
(VISIT LINK BELOW TO REGISTER)

<https://npdnewfs.wildapricot.org/events>

**Mercer County Park
East Picnic Area
Princeton Jct., NJ**

- Sunday, January 29th 11 AM
- Sunday, February 26th 11 AM
- Sunday, March 26th 11 AM

**Thompson Park
Lincroft, NJ**

- ~~-Saturday, February 4th 12 PM~~
- Sunday, February 5th 12 PM
- Sunday, March 5th 12 PM
- Sunday, April 23rd 12 PM

**Schooley's Mountain Park
Long Valley, NJ**

- Sunday, February 19th 12 PM

**Brubaker Park
East Earl, PA**

- Dates Pending

**Green Lane Park
Green Lane, PA**

- Dates Pending

FEBRUARY 2023

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|--------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|-------------------------------------|
| Jan 29 Mercer County Park East Picnic Area | Jan 30 | Jan 31 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 Thompson Park |
| 5 Thompson Park | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 Schooley's Mtn. Park Pavilion Parking Lot | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 Mercer County Park East Picnic Area | 27 | 28 | | | | |

MARCH 2023

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|--------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|----------|
| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 5 Thompson Park | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 Mercer County Park East Picnic Area | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | |

APRIL 2023

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|-------------------------|--------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|----------|
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| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23 Thompson Park | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30 | | | | | | |

MERCER COUNTY PARK DRAFT PRACTICE JANUARY 29TH 2023



The first draft practice was at Mercer County Park in Princeton Jct., NJ.

Approximately 10 dogs attended. We had some test obstacles set up and went over harnessing and hitching for those new to draft work. We even practiced out of site stays and took a ½ mile walk.

Thanks to Kat & John Lynn and Rose & Tiffany Reed for organizing.

MERCER COUNTY PARK DRAFT PRACTICE



THOMPSON PARK DRAFT PRACTICE
FEBRUARY 5TH 2023



THOMPSON PARK DRAFT PRACTICE

We had 11 dogs show up to beautiful Thompson Park in Lincroft, NJ (near the Jersey Shore). The practice was postponed to Sunday to avoid the 6°F day on Saturday and instead, we enjoyed a sunny, sweatshirt weather Sunday with the dogs. The young dogs are improving every week! Check out the fun video of the event at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=77QX04w_oHc



EVENTS

Please register on our website at <https://npdnewfs.wildapricot.org/event-5133467>

LOVE IS A
four legged word

NEW-PEN-DEL
Valentine's Day Newfie Stroll

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH 2023 @12PM
(no rain date)

LIBERTY STATE PARK
JERSEY CITY, NJ

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NEXT BEAR FACTS ISSUE!

EVENTS



CELTIC CLASSIC REGIONAL SPECIALTY



PREMIUM IS OUT!

Show Superintendent:
Jim Rau Dog Shows, Ltd.

https://www.raudogshows.com/wp-content/uploads/Celtic-2023-PL-3.pdf?fbclid=IwAR2ZHYepM34_vacX_6FX_6mjd6ZqWasDXtp9mDr59c_h7iZO25_ZewnDyHI

Entries Close:
Wednesday, March 1, 2023

*New Pen Del and
Colonial Newfoundland Clubs
Will host back to back Regional Specialties
at the Celtic Classic*

MARCH 18 & 19, 2023

NPD SATURDAY JUDGES

CARL LIEPMANN

NPD SWEEPS: KANDY ADAMS

NPD Trophies: Variety of fans!

CNC SUNDAY JUDGES

PAULA NYKIEL

CNC SWEEPS: AMY DAVIS

PLEASE HELP SUPPORT THE REGIONAL SPECIALTY AND ENTER FOR AN OPPORTUNITY AT SOME AMAZING RAFFLE PRIZES!

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HIGH
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DOG DRYER
AND MORE...

EVENTS



**NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB OF AMERICA
NATIONAL SPECIALTY**

May 1ST – 6TH 2023

*Bavarian Inn Lodge
Frankenmuth, MI*



Are you attending the National?

**JOIN NEW-PEN-DEL AT THE NATIONAL
SPECIALTY OPENING CEREMONIES PARADE!**

TUESDAY, MAY 2ND IN THE AFTERNOON (TIME TBD)

We are working on a theme! Do you have any ideas?
*Please email Ana Peraza at anaperaza@comcast.net
if you have ideas or can help.*

If you would like more information on the week's events, click the following link, <https://store.ncanationalspecialty.org/shop>

NEW-PEN-DEL

PET HEALTH

HELP SAVE A NEWFOUNDLAND FROM CRUCIATE DISEASE!

YOUR GIFT
THEIR FUTURE



This fundraiser is organized by Newfoundland Club of America Charitable Trust.

The canine cranial cruciate ligament is much like a human's anterior cruciate ligament (ACL), acting as an important stabilizer of the knee joint in both species. Although any dog can rupture the ligament, it is uncommon to happen through injury alone. Rather, genetics play an essential role in the degeneration of the cruciate ligament, increasing the risk of a rupture.



"In dogs, ligament degeneration and progressive rupture of collagen fibers in the ligament tissue leads to the development of knee joint instability over time," says Peter Muir, laboratory co-director and a professor in the Department of Surgical Sciences in the UW School of Veterinary Medicine. Both genetic and environmental factors, such as physical health, body condition and neutering, contribute to chronic ligament degeneration.

Pinpointing whether a dog is more likely to rupture a cruciate ligament due to genetics allows the dog's owner and veterinarian to take preventative measures, such as keeping the dog physically healthy and monitoring for signs of emerging injury. It can also help avoid the expenses and recovery involved in a rupture.

Rupturing a cruciate ligament, either partially or entirely, is a lengthy, expensive process for dogs and their people. Surgical treatment can cost between \$4,000-\$7,000 per knee in a dog. And once a rupture happens in one knee, there's a 50 percent chance the other will tear as well.

The NCA Charitable Trust is funding a study to confirm a DNA Test for Cruciate Ligament Rupture risk in Newfoundland Dogs, expanding the current test that is available for Labrador Retrievers. **Please help us by donating today - <https://gofund.me/056c9740>**

NEW-PEN-DEL

NEWFIE HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS

Holidays are better with Newfies...



Ronin Doman delivering Christmas packages
-Karen Doman



Bonnie on Christmas morning posing for us in front of the wood stove. She's our Christmas present and we're blessed to have her!

-Craig, Karen, and Bonnie



Bella, Riley and their buddy, Henry posing with the outside Christmas decorations. – Mary & Dan Costello



NEW-PEN-DEL

NEWFIE HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS



Andre and his brother Habi and sister Maze posed for the annual Christmas card picture. He went to Plow Farms for the first time. While he didn't pull a cart yet, he's hoping to in the future and was watching his friends be great ambassadors all day! Andre waited patiently on Christmas morning for his gifts. And lastly, he joined the New Year's Day walk with all his Newfie friends down the shore. Let the adventures continue in 2023! - Cheryl Kavka



NEW-PEN-DEL NEWFIE HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS



Winnie and Abby had a great holiday. Winnie loved laying under the tree at every opportunity. We went on lots of walks with the girls. This was at the beautifully decorated Allaire State Park in Wall Township, NJ.
– Ana Peraza-Kroeger



Lily DeFilippis visited Santa this Christmas at the Short Hills Mall for a benefit for St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Center. She was a big hit. Everyone thought she was a bear.



Laurie DeFilippis

10 month old Buoy is the cutest Baby New Year!
– Amy Tokarz

**NEW-PEN-DEL
NEWFIE HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS**



The Tokarz Boys – Fin, Corey (Santa), Diver, Scuba, and Buoy celebrating in style! Ten-month-old Buoy's favorite gift was gift wrapping!

– Amy Tokarz

NEW-PEN-DEL

1st QTR | 23

BRAGS & WAGS!

LIVING LEGEND

CH BEAR N MIND'S AMERICAN GIRL ROM

SPIRIT



Owners: Christine & Dwight Gorsuch

BRAGS & WAGS!

LIVING LEGEND

GCHS BEAR N MIND'S CODE OF HONOR



Owners: Christine & Dwight Gorsuch

BRAGS & WAGS!

MBIS MRBIS CAN GCHG / MBIS AM CH / RO JCH
 MIDNIGHT LADY'S RUMBLE IN THE JUNGLE, AOM

ZOMBIE  Congratulations!



On Saturday, January 7th
 Zombie wins a **Group
 1st** under Diane
 Anderson and **BEST IN
 SHOW** under Jon Cole
 at the Rubber City Kennel
 Club Inc Show (entry
 1166).

On Friday, January 6th
 ZOMBIE wins a **Group
 1st** under Jon Cole and
BEST IN SHOW under
 Diane Anderson at the
 Columbiana County
 Kennel Club show in
 Tallmadge, Ohio (entry
 907).

Zombie is Powered by
 Purina Pro Plan.

Bred by Zsuzsa Somos-
 Soos.

Owned by: Zsuzsa
 Somos-Soós, Christina
 Koffman-Heard, Daniel
 Koffman and John Affel

*Pictured are NPD members
 John & Ellen Affel with
 Christina Koffman-Heard
 and Zombie.*



BRAGS & WAGS!



Bella & Riley Costello with friends Henry Lynn and Hope and Jake Affel participating in Therapy visits this past December at Princeton University.



NEW-PEN-DEL
BRAGS & WAGS!

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**



FIN

Fin turned 10 on December 14th!
Owners: Robert & Amy Tokarz

BRAGS & WAGS!



CH BAILEY'S SCUBA BEAR

Happy
Birthday
11



SCUBA

Scuba turned 11 on December 18th!
Owners: Robert & Amy Tokarz

NEW-PEN-DEL

BRAGS & WAGS!

Congratulations!
WHITNEY & NASH



**BEST OF OPPOSITE & BEST OF BREED
AT THE 2022 TRIPLE CROWN
REGIONAL SPECIALTY!**

IN LOVING MEMORY

GCH Pouch Cove's Material Girl, ROM
2/18/09~10/7/22 💖

Gch. Pouch Cove's Material Girl, ROM.

Riley



Riley, born a singleton out of Bonus and Bradley...Bonus had no milk so she was a bottle baby, who slept in a box on my bed, something she continued (minus the box) until recently when she couldn't jump up...I should have known she was destined to be special.

As a brood bitch she was bred twice and attained ROM designation, for which I am most proud. She produced Specialty winning and Best in Show dogs...and a number one show bitch.

As a show dog, she surpassed my wildest dreams. She won several classes at our National Specialties...while she was shown on a limited basis as a special, she was always competitive and had many exciting wins.

Riley had a willful personality, but at the same time she was one of the kindest most caring Newfs I've ever owned. She knew what she wanted and made it known!!! Riley was my ❤️ ...always by my side, she demanded to be the center of attention at all times. This little girlie bought me more joy than I could ever have dreamed of 💖.

I am broken having to say goodbye to her. Safe Journey my bestie...you have many beautiful souls waiting for you and I will see you soon. 💖. - Christine LaMuraglia

NEW-PEN-DEL

IN LOVING MEMORY

Armando

It's still hurts that our Armando was unexpectedly taken from us at only 7 years old. As like most of us, we have had many other dogs throughout our lives, but words can't express how special he was to us. His happy place was the Jersey Shore beach in the off-season as he seemed to consider it his very own sandbox as once he was there it was quite the task to get the 180 lbs. of him to leave. It still hurts as he was my best friend and I miss him every day.

– Chuck & Sylvia Mielke



IN LOVING MEMORY
Ryder



Owned and loved by the Grispin Family

Valentines TRIVIA

- HOW MANY VALENTINES CARDS ARE SWAPPED IN THE US EACH YEAR?
A. 500,000 B. 1 MILLION C. 25 MILLION D. 190 MILLION
- WHO FIRST DECLARED FEBRUARY 14TH AS VALENTINE'S DAY?
A. JULIUS CEASAR B. POPE GELASIUS C. ST. VALENTINE D. MILLARD FILMORE
- WHAT YEAR DID THE FIRST WRITTEN VALENTINE APPEAR?
A. 100 B. 1913 C. 1415 D. 1647
- HOW WERE THE FIRST COMMERCIAL VALENTINES CARDS DECORATED?
A. ORIGINAL PHOTOS B. INK C. WOODCUTS D. CHARCOAL
- HOW MUCH DO AMERICANS SPEND ON THEIR PETS FOR VALENTINE'S DAY?
A. \$1 MILLION B. \$1.3 MILLION C. \$1.7 BILLION D. \$3.4 BILLION
- ACCORDING TO ROVER.COM, WHAT PERCENTAGE OF PET PARENTS WOULD END A RELATIONSHIP FOR THEIR PETS?
A. 15% B. 25% C. 50% D. 60%
- ACCORDING TO ROVER.COM, WHEN ASKED WHO WOULD YOU RATHER SMOOCH, YOUR PET OR YOUR SIGNIFICANT OTHER, WHAT PERCENTAGE SAID THEIR PET?
A. 34% B. 41%
C. 58% D. 79%
- WHAT IS THE MOST POPULAR VALENTINE'S DAY GIFT
A. CANDY B. STUFFED ANIMALS
C. FLOWERS D. CARDS
- WHAT IS THE TOP CANDY PURCHASED FOR VALENTINE'S DAY?
A. CHOCOLATE B. CONVERSATION HEARTS
C. SKITTLES D. RING POPS
- ACCORDING TO ROVER.COM, THE PREFERRED VALENTINE'S DAY DATE WITH OUR PETS INCLUDE:
A. DOG FRIENDLY DINNER & MOVIE B. DOG SPA DAY
C. TRIP TO THE PARK D. OTHER



SEE LAST PAGE OF THIS PUBLICATION FOR ANSWERS

PRINTABLE NEWFIE VALENTINE'S DAY CARDS

SHARE WITH YOUR NEWFIE FRIENDS...

I DIG YOU
FUR REAL!



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

YOU ARE
PAWSITIVELY
AMAZING



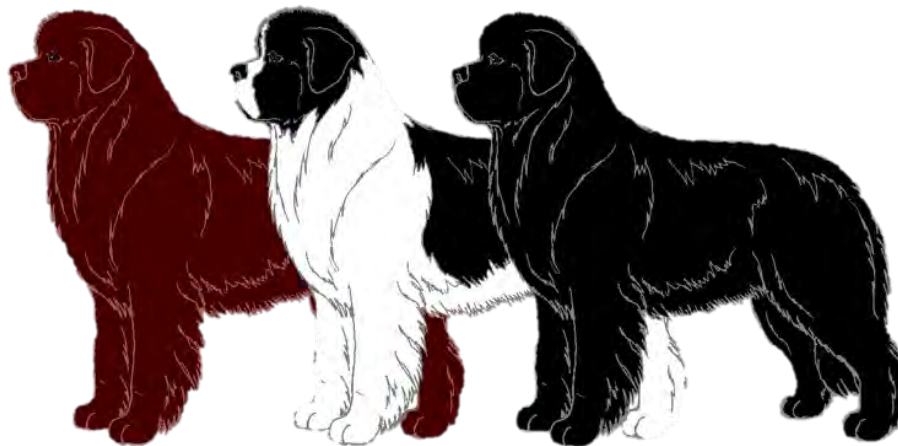
HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

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MEETING MINUTES



NEW-PEN-DEL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: December 1, 2022

Time: 7 PM

Location: Online (Teams)

Attendees:

| | | |
|---|--------------------|-----------------------|
| X | Chris Lamuraglia | President |
| X | Ana Peraza Kroeger | Vice President |
| X | Karen Doman | Secretary |
| X | Jody Grunfeld | Treasurer |
| X | Amy Supko | Working Dog Secretary |
| X | Tiffany Reed | Board Member |
| | Pat Matthews | Board Member |
| X | Karin Bystol | Board Member |
| X | Donna Campbell | Board Member |
| X | Kat Lynn | Board Member |
| | Amy Kroeger | Membership Co-chair |
| X | Nancy Weaver | |
| | | |

Meeting Called to Order: 7:03pm

Type of Meeting: Board Meeting

Meeting Adjourned: 9:39pm

Notetaker: Karen Doman

NEW-PEN-DEL**Agenda Item: Approve Minutes**

Discussion: An addition was made to the October Treasurer's report

Motion to approve meeting minutes:

Motion to Approve: Ana Peraza Second: Karin Bystol

Motion Carried Yes Unanimous

Agenda Item: President's Report

Presenter: Chris Lamuraglia

Chris asked those who are interested in being on the Newf rescue committee to introduce themselves.

We are trying to set up some people who will work with the club liaison (Nancy Weaver) to evaluate prospective owners and offer transport. Jean Boggie and Donna Carroll have offered. They have had experience with NPD rescue in the past.

Their names would be listed on our website under rescue.

There are several others who also offered.

Donna Carroll has joined the Newf rescue committee-she got her first Newf in 1997 and has had 4 Newfs, her last was a foster who never left. She did help out NPD Rescue in the past.

Chris explained that we have become affiliated with a rescue in Connecticut.

Nancy Weaver has several rescue organizations that contact her. There have been a lot of rescues lately. She has been getting several every two or three weeks. Nancy takes them in from the NPD region and has them vetted immediately which runs to \$600 per dog. She contacts the applicants and does house inspections either by zoom or in person. Nancy needs help transporting as well as doing home inspections. She gets a lot of dogs in Pa and from puppy mills in NY. They are dumping their dogs.

Nancy needs help talking to people in the area who are interested in adopting as well as giving up their dogs. Nancy needs to be a part of this as she is the liaison with Cathy Durant.

People on the committee would be taking the applications and vetting them before passing them on to Nancy Weaver. The dogs need to go to Nancy where they can be in a kennel before they are introduced to others.

Karin will email a summary of the conversation to everyone who has volunteered. Karin would divide up the responsibilities based on geographic location.

Both Donna and Jean are willing to commit.

Agenda Item: Vice-President’s Report

Presenter: Ana Peraza Kroeger

| BOARD POSITION TERM YEARS | | | | | | | |
|--|------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|------------------|-------------------|--|
| All terms are 2 years | | | | | | | |
| No member may serve as an Officer or Director on the Board for more than four (4) consecutive full terms. | | | | | | | |
| 29-Mar-22 | | | | | | | |
| The President, the Vice President, the Working Dog Secretary and two (2) Directors shall be elected on odd numbered years, and the Treasurer, the Secretary and three (3) Directors shall be elected on even numbered years, to serve for a two (2) year term. | | | | | | | |
| Position | Name | Original Year on Board | Limit of 4 Consecutive Terms | Term Started | Next Re-election | Odd/Even Election | Notes |
| President | Chris Lamuraglia | 2017 | 2025 | 2019 | 2023 | Odd | Taken over for Tom Broderick |
| Vice President | Ana Peraza | 2020 | 2028 | 2019 | 2023 | Odd | Taken over for Wendy Keyser, who took over for Chris L. 2020-partial term |
| Secretary | Karen Doman | 2020 | 2028 | 2020 | 2022 | Even | |
| Working Dog Secretary | Amy Supko | 2017 | 2025 | 2019 | 2023 | Odd | |
| Treasurer | Mark Keyser | 2020 | 2028 | 2020 | 2022 | Even | |
| Treasurer | Jody Grunfeld | 2022 | 2030 | 2022 | 2024 | Even | Taken over for Mark, when he resigned Jan 2022. |
| Board Member 1 | John O'Neil | 2013 | 2021 | 2019 | 2021 | Odd | |
| Board Member 1 | Kat Lynn | 2021 | 2029 | 2021 | 2023 | ODD | Taken over for Euny Warren, who decided to not take the board position. |
| Board Member 2 | Tiffany Reed | 2020 | 2028 | 2019 | 2023 | Odd | Taken over for Ana, who took over for Nancy Weaver 2020 - partial term |
| Board Member 3 | Donna Campbell | 2020 | 2028 | 2020 | 2022 | Even | |
| Board Member 4 | Karin Bystol | 2020 | 2028 | 2020 | 2022 | Even | Originally took over for Wendy Keyser who moved to VP, then re-elected in 2020 |
| Board Member 5 | Cathy Wisniewski | 2020 | 2028 | 2020 | 2022 | Even | |

Nothing to report

Agenda item: Treasurer’s report

Jody Grunfeld

New Pen Del
Treasurer's report
11/30/2022

| Cash Balances | 10/31/2022 | 11/30/2022 | Change |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Operating Checking | \$ 13,535 | \$ 11,070 | \$ (2,465) |
| Operating Savings | 3,440 | 3,440 | 0 |
| Certificate of Deposit | 26,022 | 26,022 | - |
| Rescue Checking | 2,191 | 2,191 | - |
| Rescue Savings | 13,918 | 13,918 | 0 |
| | <u>\$ 59,106</u> | <u>\$ 56,641</u> | <u>\$ (2,465)</u> |
| Beginning balance | 9,771 | 13,535 | 3,764 |
| October Activity | | | |
| Deposits | | | |
| Pay Pal | 850 | | (850) |
| Brown bag Water | 280 | | (280) |
| Fall Fest | 1,435 | | (1,435) |
| Dues | 1,125 | 80 | (1,045) |
| Ways and Means | 565 | | (565) |
| Water Test Fee | 45 | | (45) |
| Ads | 60 | | (60) |
| Total Deposits | <u>4,360</u> | <u>80</u> | <u>(4,280)</u> |
| Checks Written | | | |
| Water Test Equipment | 100 | | (100) |
| Baskets | 75 | | (75) |
| Triple crown Trophies | 170 | | (170) |
| Celtic Classic Registration | | 15 | |
| Judge Expenses - Lonergan | | 1,129 | |
| Postage | | 18 | |
| Fall Fest | | 993 | 993 |
| Water Test Score Sheets | | 44 | |
| Triple Crown - Judge Travel | | 346 | 346 |
| Water Test Food | 162 | | (162) |
| Water Test Refund | 90 | | (90) |
| Total Checks written | <u>596</u> | <u>2,545</u> | <u>743</u> |
| Activity | 3,764 | (2,465) | 1,299 |
| Ending balance | 13,535 | 11,070 | (2,465) |

Jodi would like to discuss the following documents at the meeting

NEW-PEN-DEL EXPENSE REPORT

1) DATE OF REPORT:

2) PERSON SUBMITTING REPORT:

3) EVENT/CLUB COMMITTEE CHARGED: (Regional, Water Test, Membership, ETC)

4) DATE OF EVENT:

5) EXPENSE CATEGORY

(Fill in amount next to it)

a) Facilities Fee \$ _____

b) Printing/Fliers \$ _____

c) Hospitality/Food \$ _____

d) Judges Fee's/Expense's \$ _____

e) Postage \$ _____

f) Administrative fee's \$ _____

g) Trophies \$ _____ h) Ways and Means \$ _____

f) Miscellaneous (describe below)

6) NEWF RESCUE ACCOUNT

a) Board/Grooming \$ _____

b) Veterinarian \$ _____

c) Travel/gas \$ _____

d) Miscellaneous \$ _____

g) Expenses/charges to NPD Credit card: Vendor _____ Amount: \$ _____ (this amount included in above expense category)

h) Was an advance given? _____ If so, what was the amount? \$ _____

7) Total Amount of Expenses : \$ _____

9) Check Payable to : _____ 10) Address to whom check is to be sent: _____

Chairperson: Did event fall within budget? _____ If not, please explain for future planning. _____

Please give all receipts to chairperson of event, whom will then send to me with FINAL REPORT for payments and disbursements .If any questions or hardship cases requiring payment prior to or needing advance, contact committee chair.

NEW-PEN-DEL INCOME REPORT

1) DATE OF REPORT:

2) PERSON SUBMITTING REPORT:

3) EVENT/COMMITTEE: (i.e. Paws and Claws, Membership, Draft, Banquet, etc.) _____

4) DATE OF EVENT:

5) Description of INCOME

(Indicate amount next to it)

- a) Entry Fee's \$ _____
- b) Banquet/Food \$ _____
- c) Ways and Means \$ _____
- d) Hospitality \$ _____
- e) Auction's \$ _____
- f) Miscellaneous (describe below)

6) NEWF RESCUE ACCOUNT

- a) Dog Placement \$ _____
- b) Donations \$ _____
- c) Ways and Means \$ _____
- d) Miscellaneous \$ _____
(Describe below)

7) INCOME

- a) Cash Amounts: \$ _____
- b) Check Amounts \$ _____ # of checks _____
- TOTAL:** \$ _____

Please give all income to chairperson of event/committee, who will then send to me with the FINAL REPORT for the event/committee.

When a dog placement fee is received, indicate in misc. section the name of the dog(s) and new owner.

Donations made in "Memory of.....", will be forwarded by me to the "Bear Facts" chair to be published in the next issue.

Please send all checks/money to me either "registered" and/ or "return receipt".

It was noted that these are very old forms and they need to be updated.

Motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report:

Motion to Approve: karen Doman

Second: Kat Lynn

Motion Carried Yes

Unanimous

Agenda Item: Secretary’s Report

Presenter: Karen Doman

Karen raised the question of what she should do with two boxes of NPD records- some of which are over 25 years old- It was agreed that Karen will review the records and try to determine what documents are important and will store them. She will also consult with Chris.

Agenda Item: Working Dog Secretary’s Report

Presenter: Amy Supko

Tree Pull is coming up on the 10th, rain date is the 11th. The farm runs it. Karin visited last week. The field with the trees is down the road. The dogs do not have to cross the road. It is a laid back affair. 11 have committed to going. Amy asked us to be on the lookout for a family with special needs children who are looking forward to seeing the dogs again.

Andi Ottey has expressed an interest in chairing the draft test but will need a committee as she will be testing and will not be able to run the event. Amy is not able to help. Chris will get in touch with Andi. Karin and Anna offered to help. Paperwork needs to be submitted in the next few weeks. Karin and Amy will be in touch with Andi.

Paws n Claws is still up in the air. Leah Johnson is working on it.

Chris suggested that we advertise in Bear Facts for help.

Ana emphasized that when people need help to please ask. Having a co-chair can lessen the burden. .

Committee Reports

Agenda Item: Awards

Presenter: Karin Bystol/Donna Campbell

Karin and Donna have contacted everyone who was not at Fall Fest to tell them how to get their awards. Certificates were mailed. Other awards are too expensive to ship. The recipients are not getting back to Karin and Donna.

Chris asked that we put a reminder in Bear Facts.

There was a discussion about next year’s awards.

Kat asked if the awards list should be updated. Donna and Karyn agree. The top awards are meaningless as well as the highest scoring Newf in various categories. We are spending a lot of money that the club does not have.

One suggestion is that only earned titles receive awards.

Chris asked that we get a revised list from Karin and Donna and post it in bear facts after discussing it in a board meeting. It was suggested that just AKC and NCA titles should get awards.

Agenda Item: Trophies

Presenter: Chris LaMuraglia

Agenda Item: Bench Show

Presenter: Chris LaMuraglia

There will be a fan day at York.

We have been asked to join the Triple Crown. We would be splitting it with Colonial and New England. It would be one of the last weekends in October. At the present time we are not doing sweeps. Ana suggested one of the three clubs do sweeps.

An informal vote was taken as to who would want sweepstakes. This will be discussed at the next meeting. Chris will talk to the chair of the whole event.

Agenda Item: Rescue

Presenter: Chris LaMuraglia

See president’s report

Agenda Item: Bear Facts

Presenter: Ana Peraza Kroeger

Ana is hoping to get it out by next weekend.

Agenda Item: Ways N’ Means

Presenter: Kat Lynn

The Fun Fest went well.

Kat pointed out that Ways’n’Means is not sustainable in it’s present form. This year alone they produced 76 brown bags.

Kat is willing to keep the on line store open but event specific accountability is necessary.

No other clubs have this committee.

Amy suggested the we run a trial with the draft test to see if we are strong enough to do it without Ways'n'Means being completely responsible.

Kat would deal with the soft goods. Event chair would be responsible for raffle and brown bags. Amy suggested a bare bones brown bag with fewer items and minimal packaging.

We have to be better with budget and event planning. Accountability should be shared.

As a club we need to make ourselves more sustainable.

Ana suggested that we do the raffle on line- not at the event. Announce the winner at the event.

Ana suggested we do a raffle in off months.

Chris made the point that perhaps all fundraising go to one pot- not split.

Agenda Item: Digital Committee

Presenter: Ana Peraza

Agenda Item: Membership

Presenter: Amy Kroeger-

No new members We will table the honorary membership action until January meeting.

Agenda Item: Education Committee

Presenter: Kat Lynn

Agenda Item: Property

Presenter: Gary Ottey

Agenda Item: Steering Committee

Presenter: Kat Lynn

Kat asked all of us to review the report and the NCA steering committee reports and get back to her.

NPD Steering Committee Report 10/2022

Goals:

- Maintain direction of the Club per NPD By-Laws
- Maintain sync with goals of parent Club
- Increase compliance with communication within event teams
- Maintain culture of inclusion (newbie vs experienced)
- Possible mentorship program for new members
- Identify areas for improvement as a Club and as breed stewards

- Improve volunteerism
- Improve membership retention
- Improve financial performance with more strategic planning moving forward

Define strategies for meeting these goals:

- Increase Board accessibility - put our email addresses back on WA
- Encourage members in Bear Facts to reach out to the Board & Chairs

Membership engagement and retention:

- Today's volunteers are tomorrow's leaders

- Improving pet owners' involvement and education improves the quality of life of their dogs

Introduce brief member surveys to connect with membership and help identify their needs.

Eg: Name 1 thing NPD can work on to ensure the future success of the Club, name 1 educational seminar you would like to attend, what 1 thing would you like to improve in NPD, etc.

Identify and work on one or two problems at a time to maintain focus

Back to grassroots - membership satisfaction and retention

- Smaller, local "fun" or simple free social events

- Informal training or practice days

- Ice cream socials

- Park "meet-ups" for walks

- Local wine tastings, pumpkin-apple-orchard picking

- Participation in local events like holiday parades or town

- Fun days (Allaire Park walking trails, Hasbrouck Heights

- Christmas parade, New Hope Halloween walk, Belmar's St Pat's

- parade, after season boardwalk strolls or Sandy Hook beach walks are just a few examples)

Increase educational opportunities

- Grooming workshop

- Online structural seminars and form following function discussions

- Eg: Leonberger on-line conformation series

- On-line demos/discussions by members

- Eg: How do dog shows work?

- Eg: Puppy evaluation and temperament testing

- Eg: Best practices in selecting Breeders

Consider combined events with neighboring Regional Clubs

Eg: Colonial’s Mall walk, New England’s Mystic Seaport Day, Bear Mountain’s walk across the Hudson, Northland’s Schenectady Holiday Parade, etc.

To increase member ownership - create a New Member “Welcome package” - distribute to all initially, then new members only.

Welcome packet will start with a mission statement by defining our purpose as a Regional Club of the NCA. Include explanation of members being stewards of the breed, identify what breed standards are as well as a history of both the breed and Club. Include a brief discussion of our responsibility in breed preservation - how our dogs are indeed living history and that we are caretakers for the next generation. We are indeed keepers of the standard, fanciers and protectors of the breed.

Reinforce that we are also a social club that relies on its membership for volunteers, growth and financial solvency.

Encourage/expand member initiative to host informal group activities.

On a Board level we must improve accountability with shared responsibility
Implement event budgeting and planning. Report on actual profit and loss for events as compared to budget.

Design simple budget templates for users to complete in advance of events.

Design new, universal event profit/loss statements to maintain consistency

By-Laws and job descriptions need updating and modernizing with automatic revision deadlines in place.

Ways & Means requires re-organization. It is unsustainable in its present form. Other Clubs have done away with this position.

New Business

Ana organized a small walk at Sandy Hook. There were 15 dogs taking a mile walk on a nice day. She recommends doing more of these events. It can be any number of people and very low key. Ana would like to open it up to club members. We don't need a certificate of insurance. We can call it a NPD event. Chris suggested joining a dog friendly parade. Ana can put the information out on our sites. It could also help recruit volunteers.

Old Business

None

Executive Session

None

Meeting Adjourned

Agenda Item: Motion to Adjourn

Presenter: Chris LaMuraglia

Discussion: *Next Meeting* – Kat asked about a face to face meeting in January. Jody suggested we have one in warmer weather. Meeting will be virtual. January 19 at 7 pm.

Motion to Approve: Kat Lynn Second: Ana Peraza

Motion Carried Yes unanimous

Valentines

TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. HOW MANY VALENTINES CARDS ARE SWAPPED IN THE US EACH YEAR?
A. 500,000 B. 1 MILLION C. 25 MILLION **D. 190 MILLION**
2. WHO FIRST DECLARED FEBRUARY 14TH AS VALENTINE'S DAY?
A. JULIUS CEASAR **B. POPE GELASIVS** C. ST. VALENTINE D. MILLARD FILMORE
3. WHAT YEAR DID THE FIRST WRITTEN VALENTINE APPEAR?
A. 100 B. 1913 **C. 1415** D. 1647
4. HOW WERE THE FIRST COMMERCIAL VALENTINES CARDS DECORATED?
A. ORIGINAL PHOTOS B. INK **C. WOODCUTS** D. CHARCOAL
5. HOW MUCH DO AMERICANS SPEND ON THEIR PETS FOR VALENTINE'S DAY?
A. \$1 MILLION B. \$1.3 MILLION **C. \$1.7 BILLION** D. \$3.4 BILLION
6. ACCORDING TO ROVER.COM, WHAT PERCENTAGE OF PET PARENTS WOULD END A RELATIONSHIP FOR THEIR PETS?
A. 15% B. 25% C. 50% **D. 60%**
7. ACCORDING TO ROVER.COM, WHEN ASKED WHO WOULD YOU RATHER SMOOCH, YOUR PET OR YOUR SIGNIFICANT OTHER, WHAT PERCENTAGE SAID THEIR PET?
A. **34%** B. 41%
C. 58% D. 79%
8. WHAT IS THE MOST POPULAR VALENTINE'S DAY GIFT
A. **CANDY** B. STUFFED ANIMALS
C. FLOWERS D. CARDS
9. WHAT IS THE TOP CANDY PURCHASED FOR VALENTINE'S DAY?
A. CHOCOLATE **B. CONVERSATION HEARTS**
D. SKITTLES C. RING POPS
10. ACCORDING TO ROVER.COM, THE PREFERRED VALENTINE'S DAY DATE WITH OUR PETS INCLUDE:
A. **DOG FRIENDLY DINNER & MOVIE** B. DOG SPA DAY
B. **TRIP TO THE PARK (TIE)** C. OTHER

