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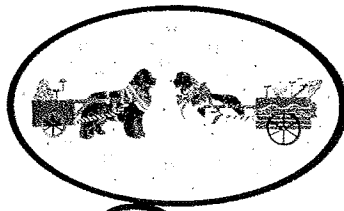
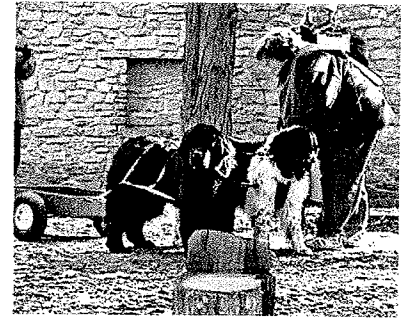
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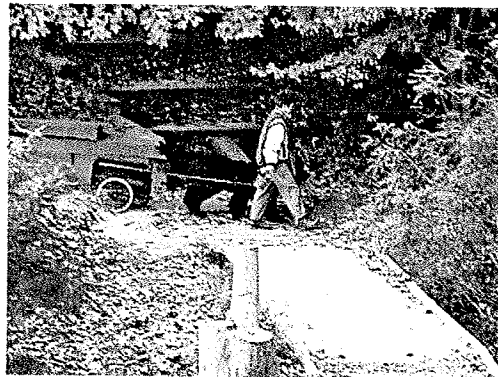


Highlights from our Annual NCA Draft Test

October 8, 2000



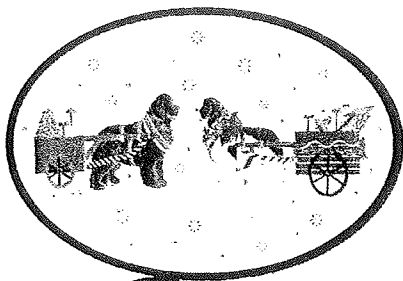
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Photos by Russell Milliron

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**South Central Newfoundland Club * Draft
Test* October 8, 2000
Draft Dogs With Big Dreams**
By Susan Wagner
Draft Test Chair

Christmas came early for the eight Newfoundlands and their handlers who qualified this year at SCNC's 8th annual Draft Test. If you were among the many exhibitors, club members or spectators in attendance, Christmas in October is exactly what you experienced. This year's test theme, Dreaming of a White Christmas, set the stage for many memorable moments. The weather forecast even called for an unseasonable snowfall that weekend. Much to the dogs chagrin, the snow and rain held off until after the test was complete.

A total of eleven entries, including two teams and four re-qualifiers came to the test from Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Ohio and Wisconsin. One of the teams was unable to make the trip south to the test but we wished them luck in the future. Our esteemed judging panel included Betty McDonnell from New Jersey, Donna Nelson from Wisconsin and SCNC's own Ken Dunaway served as Observer Judge.

The test site was decorated in its holiday finest. Giant candy canes were used for the low narrows, holiday wreaths adorned the high narrows and snowmen marked the trail of Maneuvering Course. Many thanks go to Daryl and Gidget Hayworth who provided the equipment and decorations. Daryl designed, built and installed the new and improved high narrows and the backing chute. Santa's elves (Virginia and Kelly Davis) were hard at work in Santa's workshop but proved no distraction as the exhibitors passed during the Freight Haul. A gourmet Christmas dinner of turkey, cranberries and an awesome Yule log was served to more than 75 people by chefs Jeff and Tracy Owens and Jennifer Thompson. Santa and Mrs. Claus (Mike and Cindy Wingfield) were on hand to have holiday photos taken with the Newfs.

At the end of the day, Santa had brought four new Draft Dog titles, a Team Draft Dog title and two requalifying

Draft Dogs. Notable among the exhibitors, was soon-to-be 9 year old Black Paw's Amana Sioux, DD,WD,CGC and her handler, club member Shirley Mittendorf. Amana just missed re-qualifying but proved that a Newf's desire to work with its owner can be the good medicine necessary for a speedy recovery from a serious health issue.

No test can be accomplished without the hard work of its members. This years test was the result of many people giving generously of their time and talents. I would like to thank the following people for their contributions:

Test Secretary	Karen Dunaway
Head Stewards	Debbie Land, Jeff Maid
Stewards	Dee Adrian, Paul Adrian, Mary Broihier, David Feuling, Barbara Hearn
Intriguing Distraction	Kelly and Virginia Davis
Grounds Setup	Daryl and Gidget Hayworth, Kelly Davis, John Land
Fundraising	Gidget Hayworth
Hospitality	Jeff and Tracy Owens, Jennifer Thompson
Judges Gifts	Susan Kerby
Santa & the Mrs. Claus	Mike and Cindy Wingfield
Photographer	Tammy Hensley
Scoreboard	Tammy Taskey
Decorations	Gidget Hayworth, Mary Broihier, Jennifer Thompson
Education	Joe and Mandy Young

South Central offers it's sincere congratulations to all qualifiers and thank you to all exhibitors. May your days be merry and bright and all your Christmas's be white!



The Results

New Draft Dogs

- ◆ Maricia's Golden Bravo, UD,DD owned and handled by Anna Lorenz
- ◆ Ch. Holokais Catch The Wind, CD,WD,DD owned by John and Denita Jackman, handled by Denita
- ◆ Nottingham's Hercules, DD owned by Steven and Jessica Gullberg, handled by Jessica
- ◆ Waidin's La Diva Nuvo, CD,WRD,DD owned and handled by Susan Wagner

New Team Draft Dogs

- ◆ Moonfleet's Distant Thunder, CD,TDD,WRD owned by Gerald and Judith Heinz
- ◆ Ch. Nani's Lil Kahuna, TDD owned by Teresa Gedritis and Johanna Davis and handled by Teresa

Re-qualifying Draft Dogs

- ◆ The Good Shepherd's Rock 'n Roll, WD,DD,CGC owned and handled by Cindy White
- ◆ Waidin's Drakkar Nuvo, DD,CGC owned and handled by Susan Wagner

RESCUE COMMITTEE

By Jeffrey Maid
SCNC Rescue Chair

On behalf of SCNC Rescue, Happy Holidays to all.

SCNC Rescue wishes to acknowledge with our sincerest gratitude for the generous donations:

Beth Zwicky for her donation of \$50.00.
Ray and Jeanne Wisbrook for their donation of \$15.00
Fran Donbrowsky for her donation of \$50.00
Ken and Karen Scheidler for their donation of \$30.00 in
memoriam of Teddy their Great Pyrenese.
Robert Tuner and Robert Gonzales for their donation of
\$25.00 in honor of their Newfoundland Lily
Fred and Sandy Hilton for their Christmas donation of
\$50.00 on behalf of Kelly and Virginia Davis.

Angus, the approximately 2 year old male that was acquired
from the Huntington County Humane Society in July, 2000
has been adopted.

Molly, the Newfoundland puppy that was picked up at the
Clay County Humane Society in October, 2000 was
adopted.

Jeffrey Maid
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Michael and Cheryl Flynn
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water tests and handling
Rescue: Angus
Sponsored by: Nan Edwards and Jeff Maid

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Interests: obedience, fun matches, history,
grooming, water tests, draft
tests and backpacking.
Sponsored by: Annie and Russell Milliron

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the members of SCNC through contributions of supplies,
resources, and funding.

If you can spare anything to help with the continuing efforts
of SCNC, please indicate your desire.

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I would like to volunteer to help SCNC Rescue.

Name: _____

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (_____) _____

Email: _____



I would like to make a contribution in the amount of
\$ _____ to SCNC Rescue, please accept this donation on
behalf of:

In Memoriam (a person, a Newfy):

In Honor of (a person, Newfy):

Friends of (you!!):

A Tribute (Vet):

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Please make checks payable to SCNC Newf Rescue and
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SCNC Rescue.

What happens to the "other" puppies?

By Anne Wharton

All dogs are born perfect, right? Wrong. Unfortunately, many puppies come into this world with health problems, which makes them less desirable to prospective owners.

Everyone wants a healthy puppy. Some prospective puppy owners spend months searching for a specific breed from a particular breeder, researching the genetics and health of a sire and dam--these issues are crucial to the health and longevity of the offspring. Other people may simply go to the local animal shelter and pick out a puppy. Either way, prospective owners usually pick out a healthy pup to bring home.

But what happens to the puppies that are born with a health problem? Health problems can range from mild to severe, and may include:

- Missing, malformed or dysfunctional organs
- Mega esophagus
- Heart defects
- Epilepsy
- Deafness
- Blindness
- Progressive retinal atrophy

Such conditions can affect the overall quality and/or length of life, by reducing mobility, or ability to digest food. In some cases, breeders may choose to euthanize the puppy, (sometimes the most humane option) instead of dealing with the extensive medical care and financial issues that are involved with the everyday care of these puppies. Breeders may also not want to deal with the liability of finding a home for them.

Sometimes breeders keep these puppies for their own pets. Or, these puppies may be available for adoption to special homes, where they will have the extra attention and care they need to live a somewhat normal life.

There are many disadvantages to adopting a puppy with a known health problem. But there are also advantages. Some of the disadvantages include:

- ✓ Administration of meds on a daily basis
- ✓ Extra expense involved for surgeries or medications
- ✓ Emotional attachment and grief of losing the dog at a young age

However, the benefits may outweigh the difficulties in many cases. Special bonds develop, and watching these dogs enjoy life is very rewarding. Every day together with these dogs is a gift and knowing about the health problem puts that in a different "live in the moment" perspective. Dogs with special needs teach people patience and persistence.

For individuals who think they may want to adopt a puppies that was born with special needs, there are many questions to ask yourself:

- ✓ Will the puppy need to be on medications or on a special diet for this problem? How much will this cost?
- ✓ Will the puppy need surgery, or even multiple surgeries to correct the problem? Can you afford the expense of the surgery? Are you willing to help the puppy with post-op care?

- ✓ Will the pup need special training to help accommodate for this problem? (For example blind and deaf dogs) Do you have time to do this?
- ✓ Do you have the overall time to care for a sick or disabled dog? This can mean an additional 10-15 hours per week beyond routine care.
- ✓ Are you able to accept that this puppy may live a much shorter life than a normal healthy dog? It can be heartbreaking to lose a dog at a young age.
- ✓ Can you handle to uncertainty of the longevity of your dog?
- ✓ Will you be able to make the very difficult decision to euthanize the dog if they are suffering? This can be a really hard decision to make especially if the dog has not lived a full life.
- ✓ Can you handle the unexpected issues that may arise? Expense, sudden death, etc.

Adopting a special needs puppy is not for everyone. Prospective owners must be patient, educated, and willing to deal with the unexpected. They must also have the time, energy and finances to provide a proper home for a special needs puppy. When researching specific health issues, local vets, books, internet sites, as well as owners of dogs with such health problems can be great resources for knowledge.

Not everyone is able, or has the desire to provide the kind of care that is required for a less-than-healthy pup. No one should feel guilty for this, it is not the path for everyone, nor is it best for everyone, including the puppy.

Adopting a special needs puppy was a personal decision I made after much soul searching. I own a 3 yr old Newfoundland with a heart condition called Sub Aortic Stenosis, a narrowing of the aortic valve, causing the heart to work harder than normal. Dogs with this condition can die suddenly without warning. Lifestyle changes such as allowing her to choose her activity, meticulous weight monitoring, and keeping an eye open for every little cut or scratch, as she needs to be on preventative antibiotics for any open wound that could lead to infection of the heart. I have learned to help her make the most of her life by doing therapy visits in nursing homes and spending quality time with her. She has taught me to live one day at a time, appreciating every moment we share together. I have never regretted, not once, choosing this less than perfect dog to share my life.

For those who decide to open up their home and heart to a puppy with a health problem, the road can be long and rocky at times, but also quite rewarding. Even when dogs aren't born perfect in health, they can still be perfect pets.

Editor's Note: This column was submitted by Chris Rakyta and printed with the author's permission.



I Want a Rescue Dog?!

By Beverly Eichel, SENC
1st Vice President, NCA

We do not want to discourage our rescue adoptions. However, because there appears to be a misconception on the part of many prospective Newfoundland owners, we want to clarify what it really means to adopt a Rescue dog. We want to emphasize that individuals, who find themselves aching to own a Newfoundland, but find that the purchase price of either a puppy or an adolescent is cost prohibitive for them personally, should not always seek a rescue.

There are many, many advantages to owning a Rescue dog. The feeling of accomplishment in assisting a formerly abused, neglected or ill dog cannot be equaled even to the innocent love of a puppy! But, rehabilitation of most rescue dogs is not an easy one. The combined costs of adoption fees and vet bills (both immediate needs and future) may be more expensive in the long run than buying a healthy puppy.

Perhaps, the first thing we should do is explain what exactly is a rescue dog. No, it's not fire trucks of firemen nor blazing lights and sirens rescuing the proverbial damsels in distress. Sometimes a dog rescue doesn't even mean immediate action is necessary. Rescue take many forms and for many, many reasons.

The No Longer Wanted: The purchase of puppies is often done with little thought, much less research. Too often it is a purchase of emotion, snap judgements and lack of forethought. That cute, fluffy black fuzz-muffin starts to grow. Housebreaking becomes a chore and every destroyed shoe starts to eat away at the puppy purchaser. They soon realize they have bought more than they bargained for and want to take it back. Unfortunately, they may have purchased that puppy from a less than reputable breeder who responds: "I've got your money. Congratulations, you have a dog!" (Or they move and leave no forwarding address). What do they do now? They may try and sell the puppy but they get restless. It's hard to find someone quick who's willing to buy their problems. (They do nothing but complain to each prospective buyer). The problems mount and they simply give up, usually taking the pup to a shelter. And, if we are lucky, the shelter workers recognize that gangly black thing as a Newf adolescent and call Newf Rescue. That's almost a good scenario. There are others.

The Abused / Neglected: Their breeder won't take the puppy/now a dog back; they can't sell it and they're determined not to take a loss on their investment. They can't stand the dog anymore, so they tie it outside. No shelter, no love, no discipline.

The dog continues to grow and now he's barking so much the neighbors complain. (And, if we're lucky he hasn't been abused yet.) By now, perhaps people have told people who tell others - and Newfy Rescue finds out and goes in and offers to take this dog off their hands. At that point, they're usually glad to see us? (One of the first rescues I did was this scenario... we paid \$50 to the owner to untie the dog and give him up.) He was ecstatic! The dog was placed within days and died of old age in his rescue home.

Circumstances Change: Divorce occurs. And, often, the new living arrangements for the one who got custody of the black horse can't keep him anymore. (Their breeder is long gone, now what?) They are moving and are discarding the dog like an outdated piece of furniture. (Can you imagine moving and leaving your children behind?)

Same Scenarios as Above: Newfy Rescue becomes involved and placement is usually really quick.

Too Much Trouble: The above occurrences are not bad ones for Rescue. They do not depict unusual problems for the dog or new homes. The dogs just need attention (lots of it) and basic discipline, routine vetting, etc. (And, in many cases, intensive grooming!)

The bad cases are the ones that make Rescue volunteers bite their tongues, cringe (and cry at night). The old dog, neglected and matted, with eyes so weepy she couldn't see. Straight to the vet's office only to discover she has a tumor on her chest, the size of a grapefruit. If only her pervious owners had taken the time to give her a loving pat, they would have known. But, maybe they had and that's why they wanted to dump her. That case is a true one and she had been sold at the age of 7 by her breeder as a breedable bitch.

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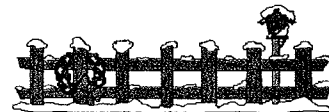


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January 25, 2001 for the issue dated January 25, 2001. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions you may have!

Happy Newf Year!

BRAGS & MORE BRAGS

Waidin's Hasta La Vista Nuvo, CD "Hasta"
Companion Dog
Huntington Kennel Club
November 26, 2000
Susan Wagner



Waidin's La Diva Nuvo, CD,DD,WRD "Diva"
Winner's Bitch/Best of Opposite
3 point Major
Huntington Kennel Club
November 25, 2000
Susan Wagner

SafeHarbors Eloquently Nuvo "Ellie"
1st Place
6 to 9 Sweeps and Regular class
Northstar Regional Specialty
December 8, 2000
Susan Wagner

Top Shelf Amity's Dark Warrior "Duncan"
WD, BOB, and NEW CHAMPION!
Forsyth Kennel Club, Winston-Salem NC
December 10, 2000
Owned by: Mary Broihier & Deb Wigal
Handled by: Mary Broihier

Butler's Farm Midnite Fanfare
Danville Illinois Kennel Club, Inc.
November 19th, 2000
Category : Open Dog
Winners Dog, Best of Winners, Best of Breed
Owned by Marsha Medlock
Handled by Tracy Owens (second show for Tracy)

CH Top Shelf Haley of Spirit, DD
earned her CD on October 21st.
Owner: Cheryl Reed

Nakiska's Take It To The Limit, CGC
Winners Bitch
The Newfoundland Dog Club Of Canada
BC Region - November 11th, 2000 Regional
Owned by Eric & Jo Nussle and Ingrid Lyden
Handled by Jo Nussle

Seadog's Treasure Me Always, CGC,WRD,DD,
Can CD was High In Trial for Newfoundlands
Score: of 193 1/2
The Newfoundland Dog Club Of Canada
BC Region - November 11th, 2000 Regional
Owned by Jo Nussle and Cindy Wingfield
Handled by Jo Nussle

Keepsake Precious Heirloom "Samantha"
1st & 2nd Leg AKC CD
Dayton Dog Training Club
Montgomery County Fairgrounds, Dayton, Ohio
October 21st & 22nd, 2000
Owned by: Jeannie & Gary Grosch
Handled by: Jeannie Grosch

Keepsake Precious Heirloom "Samantha"
ASKA CD, 2nd Place
Gem City Dog Obedience Club
Dayton, Ohio
December 2, 2000
Owned by: Jeannie & Gary Grosch
Handled by: Jeannie Grosch



More Brags...

Keepsake Precious Heirloom
Traveling Trophy for high point UKC/AKC
Greenville Area Dog Club
December 1, 2000
Owned by: Jeannie & Gary Grosch

Spirit Heather of Top Shelf
owned and bred by Cheryl Reed
completed her CH
on November 25, 2000 with her 6 BOB and a group cut



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The dogs with health problems that owners can't afford to treat, the cripples that can barely walk, the discipline problems after years of neglect, these are the majority of the rescues. They are not cute, fluffy puppies.

Often these dogs have looks in their eyes of far away. They have shut themselves off emotionally from humans and other animals from too many years of no affection or the physical pain they are suffering.

Hopefully, their diseases are treatable, but they are usually not cheap to treat. Their diseases or disorders have progressed extensively, so that intensive care and treatment are required. Often they will require special medications for the rest of their lives.

All rescue dogs certainly require lots and lots of special tender loving care from their new homes. The adjustment period may not be short (or easy on either of you). They do not understand why suddenly they are in a new, strange place. They may not eat for days on end from being nervous. (They may forget basic training and housebreaking).

Worse, the dogs may have lost the ability to trust humans they have given love that has not been returned. They need to learn that people can love them and that love will not be taken away. They have fears that normal puppies do not have. They cannot tell us why they have fear and they cannot talk. It is up to us to try and interpret their reactions to various stimuli to determine what their fears are. Sometimes those fears cannot be assuaged and we must simply tolerate and deal with them forever. (The dogs that are forever afraid of brooms, because apparently someone has beaten them with a broom. The dog that is afraid of thunderstorms, because they have spent their lives tied outside with no shelter. Get the picture???)

Rescue volunteers are angels but sometimes they have to have hard-hearts. When a call comes in that a crossbred dog needs rescuing, we are unable to commit either time or monies for those poor pups. It's hard saying no to any dog in need of a loving home. But, the line must be drawn in order to save the resources for purebred Newfoundlands....
Our first commitment.

Our volunteers will ask lots and lots of questions from prospective homes. Placing a Rescue may even be more particular than puppy placement. Not only is a fence required, but your actual experience in dealing with discipline and health problems is important. We cannot recommend placement of a possible very ill Rescue with a family for example that may not exhibit sufficient patience or too high expectations.

We hope that some of the above information will assist you in making your mind up as to whether you really want to be a rescue home. After all of the cons (and pros) if you are still interested, God Bless You. And, if you have questions, feel free to ask! Our web-site will see that you receive a reply!

SENC's Webpage: <http://www.senewfs.com/rescue1.htm>