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The Newsletter of the
RIVER KING NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB



Sep – Oct 2020

President's Message

I pretty much think we can all agree that 2020 can't end fast enough. I know I am looking forward to the end of political ads and I am hoping that 2021 leaves 2020 in the dust and we can all celebrate with positive thoughts and kindness toward each other.

Our 2020 Draft Test is scheduled for November 7 & 8 in Litchfield, IL, Nan Edwards and Karrie Cook are scheduled to judge. We are planning a bare bones event much like the Water Test was with no fund raising and limited hospitality. The last I heard we have a full entry of 15. How exciting, I don't think I can remember the last time RKNC had a full draft test entry. We will also be needing some stewards, if you are interested in a little exercise and social distancing with Newf people, contact me and let me know you can steward.

We have our next General Meeting scheduled for November 22, 2020 at Rowens Kennels. I will be sending out more information as it becomes available.

RKNC is also participating in two Christmas Tree Pulls, one at Mills Tree Farm in Marine, IL on Saturday, November 28 and the other on Saturday, December 5 at Eckerts in Belleville, if you would like to participate, please contact Jennifer Jones, eagles4me@charter.net.



I received a call from Debbie Fitton last night (10/15/20) we are anticipating 4 Newfs coming into Rescue. The current plan is for them to be boarded at Rowens Kennels until such time as they can be placed. They are going to need to be brought up to date on their shots, checked for parasites and spayed/neutered. This will be a costly endeavor. We are going to be asking for help from the NCA as well as monetary donations from club members and benefactors. Additionally, we are hoping that we will be able to place them in foster homes, if you are interested in fostering or would like to make a donation, please contact myself or Debbie Fitton.

Hope everyone is staying safe, enjoying the beautiful Fall weather and preparing for the nearing Holidays.

Cassie Iken
RKNC President

RKNC Officers

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Vice-President: Sue Zientara

Treasurer: Sylvia Steiling

Corresponding Sec'y: Mark Iken

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Manley

Fundraising: Jennifer Jones

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Molinarolo

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Steiling, Sue Zientara, Pat Owens

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Regional: Jean McAdams, Janice
Henderson, Rita Jacobs, Mark &
Kimi Wankel, Tom Brant, Lonnie
Specht,, Sue Zientara

Rescue: Debbie Fitton (chair), Lisa
Noel, Deb Berg, Marilee Hejna

Sunshine: Cassie Iken

Water Test: Mark Iken, Sue
Zientara, and Tom Brandt

Website: Chris Jones

Officer & Committee Reports

Awards Committee:

Just a reminder, make copies of your certificates that you receive so you be ready to fill your award requests for 2020.

Water Test Committee:

See general meeting notes

Parade Committee:

See Meeting Notes.

Draft Test Chairman

See Meeting Minutes for update.

Obedience Trials:

See Meeting Minutes for update.

Education Committee:

See Meeting Minutes for update.

Conformation Committee:

See Meeting Minutes for update.

Holiday Party:

NOV

7-8

Draft Test at Lake Kou Yeager Park near Fireman's Building

[NOV](#)

[22](#)

[Sun](#)

General Meeting #4

Nov 22 @ 1:00 pm – 1:30 pm

Holiday Party @ Rowens Kennels Training Center

Nov 22 @ 1:00 pm – 7:00 pm

[NOV](#)

[26](#)

[Thu](#)

Thanksgiving Day Parade @ Downtown St. Louis

Nov 26 @ 8:00 am – 12:00 pm

[DEC](#)

[6](#)

[Sun](#)

Board Meeting and Annual Planning

Dec 6 @ 1:00 pm – 7:00 pm

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River King Newfoundland Club

Rescue Report - October 2020

by Debbie Fitton

Fall is such a beautiful time of year. Pretty colors and cooler temps but beware of what lies beneath the fallen leaves! You know it's there--You just can't see it! I hope all of you are staying healthy and taking time to enjoy your fur babies.



Figure 1 Picture of Milo formerly known as Triton

Triton was adopted on September 5 to a nice family in Wisconsin. His name has been changed to Milo per the request of Milo's new eleven-year-old owner. Milo adores his new mistress and is learning how to adjust to living in town. Please see the two pictures of Milo in this newsletter. They are adorable!



Figure 2 Picture of Milo with his best friend Abby

Rescue Report - October 2020 Cont'd

We are currently fostering Onyx, the older female from South Central Newf rescue. Onyx arrived to us needing veterinarian care desperately. Her ears were badly infected and there was an ulcer in the canal

of one ear which caused her to be in a lot of pain. She had a skin infection with patches of baldness and eye infections. Since coming into rescue, she has had several treatments and is slowly getting better. She is becoming playful and seems to enjoy becoming a house pet. She loves my new cat; Augie and they play with each other until they are exhausted. There is a picture in this newsletter of the two of them napping after a long play period.



Figure 3 Picture of Onyx and the new cat named Augie

Cougar is still doing quite well. He continues to live with my friend until winter. At that time, Cougar plans to return to our home for a few months.



Figure 4 Picture of Cougar taken earlier in the year.

Rescue Report - October 2020 Cont'd

I was contacted recently about an owner in Southern Illinois who wants to relinquish her four Newfoundlands to rescue. I will keep the club updated as this event happens.

Thank you to *Friends of Newfs*, Dee Adrian and Julie Jacobs, who sent a donation in honor of Cassie Iken for reviewing AKC Trick Dog videos for Dee's Newfoundlands and Julie's shelties. Dee writes that Cassie unselfishly reviewed but would not accept compensation for her time.

Surely, saving one dog will not change the world but for that one dog, the world has changed forever!

RKNC Annual Dues are due, Form is on this sheet for submission with dues:

2021 RKNC Membership

**Renewal Application Individual/Associate Dues: \$15.00 Family
Dues: \$25.00**

Due Date: October 1, 2020

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip Code _____

Email Address _____

Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Please mail renewal application and check made payable to River King
Newfoundland Club to:

RKNC Membership Chair Mark Iken
8822 Rosewood Hills Edwardsville, IL 62025

*In order to be included in the 2021 RKNC Roster dues must be paid by December 1,
2020

RKNC Slate of Officers for 2021:

After the information received from the email etc. regarding nominations, the nominating committee presents the 2021 slate of officers:

President:	Cassie Iken
Vice President:	Sue Zientara
Treasurer:	Sylvia Steiling
Corresponding Secretary:	Mark Iken
Recording Secretary:	Jenny Molinarolo
Member-At-Large:	Chris Jones
Member-At-Large:	Carin Hicks

This will also be posted in the next newsletter, on our site, and will be voted upon.

Thank you to all who put in all the time to do this. If there are any further nominations from the floor, please send them to me for inclusion.

Chris Jones @ cjones473@gmail.com

2020 Fall Draft Test Nov 7,8, 2020 at Litchfield Lou Yeager Lake in area by Litchfield Fire Fighter Bldg.

Attached hereto please find the premium for the RKNC Draft Test Premium to be held on November 7 & 9, 2020 @ Lake Lou Yeager in Litchfield, IL

Judges are Karrie Cook and Nan Edwards

Please feel free to pass this on to any interested parties.

Stay safe and have a wonderful day!

**Mark Iken
Draft Test Chairman**

NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB OF AMERICA

Two Days!!
DRAFT TESTS
BDD/DD/TDD
and
DDX/TDDX
Hosted by:
RIVER KING NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB



November 7 & 8, 2020
Lake Lou Yaeger Fireman's Pavilion
Litchfield, Illinois

Entries will be limited to 15 Single or Team entries.
An alternate list will be kept.
Minimum of 5 entries each day to hold tests.
Entries for requalification will be accepted only if the entry limit is not filled.
Entries close October 21, 2020 at 5:00 PM.

PREMIUM LIST

Newfoundland Club of America Draft Tests

Saturday November 7, 2020 and Sunday November 8, 2020

DRAFT TEST JUDGES

BDD/DD/TDD

DDX/TDDX

Karrie Cook

16392 Duchess Ln

Huntington Beach, CA 92647

Nan Edwards

PO Box 6

Watervliet, MI 49098

Observer Judge (Saturday)

Cassie Iken

8822 Rosewood Hills

Edwardsville, IL 62025

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS EACH DAY

7:00 a.m. Hospitality table open at the Draft Test Pavilion.
7:00 a.m. – 7:50 a.m. ALL entrants check in with Draft Test Secretary
7:50 a.m. Alternates will be assigned, if necessary
8:00 am DDX/TDDX – up to 30 minute familiarization period
To follow Judges meet with entrants (max of 15 minutes)
To follow. Judges meet with stewards (max of 15 minutes)
To follow DDX/TDDX TEST BEGINS
To follow BDD – up to 30 familiarization period
To follow: Judges meet with entrants (max of 15 mins)
To follow: Judges meet with stewards (max of 15 mins)
To follow: BDD TEST BEGINS
Individual exercises
BDD Freight haul
To follow - . DD/TDD – up to 30 familiarization period
To follow: Judges meet with entrants (max of 15 mins)
To follow: Judges meet with stewards (max of 15 mins)
To follow: DD/TDD TEST BEGINS
Individual Exercises
To follow - DD/TDD Distance Freight Haul
To follow - AWARDS

Lunch Break at Judges' Discretion

NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB OF AMERICA

OFFICERS

	President	John Cornell
	1 st Vice President	Mary Lou Cuddy
2 nd Vice President	Donna Thibault	
	Recording Secretary	Steve Britton
	Corresponding Secretary	Pam Rubio
	Treasurer	Mary L. Price

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	Stacy Roderick	Katie Sidesinger
	Roger Frey	Pat Randall
Sue Marino	Lynne Anderson	

AKC DELEGATE: David Helming

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Sue Zientara Chris Jones

DRAFT TEST COMMITTEE

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2708 Casner Road
Oakley, IL 62501
Phone: 217-855-8749
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3rd Committee Member: Sylvia Steiling
Email: scuts@aol.com

Chief Steward: Vince Molinarolo
Email: jennyharrison187@gmail.com
Phone: 502-216-4730
Safety Officer: Chris Jones
Email: cjones473@gmail.com
Phone: 618-972-8633

CERTIFICATION

The River King Newfoundland Club has been granted permission to hold these NCA Draft Tests by the Working Dog Committee of the Newfoundland Club of America.

CLOSE OF ENTRIES

Entries close at 5:00 PM on October 21, 2020. After that time entries cannot be accepted, canceled, altered or changed. Entries will be accepted by mail only. Entries postmarked prior to September 23, 2020 for NCA members or October 3, 2020 for non-NCA members will be returned.

Checks should be made payable to RKNC and mailed with the entry form and a copy of AKC registration papers to Sue Zientara, 2708 Casner Road, Oakley, IL 62501. Please do not send entries "signature required" – they will be returned!!

ENTRY FEES

Entry fee is \$45 for a single or team entry each test. Entries are limited to 5 Single or Team entries in DDX/TDDX and 15 DD/TDD each day. Post entries will not be allowed for this test.

ENTRY INFORMATION

Entries will only be accepted from NCA members postmarked September 23, 2020 or later; entries will only be accepted from non-NCA members postmarked October 3, 2020 or later. Entries will be accepted by mail only. The slots available will be filled in the following manner. If the number of entries with the same date exceeds the number of available slots, a drawing will take place to fill the vacancies and determine the alternates for each test. All entries received after the entry limit is filled will be placed on an alternate list by order of those without titles in order of postmark, followed by requalifiers in order of postmark. If absentees or withdrawals occur prior to the start of the test, the test secretary will substitute entries from the alternate list. On October 22, 2020 all entries that have been received by that time with a September 23, 2020 postmark will be assigned to the available slots in each test. If the number of entries with September 23, 2020 postmark exceeds available space, a drawing will take place to determine who gets spaces and who is placed on the alternate list. If the number of entries with September 23, 2020 does not exceed the entry limits, the entries with September 24, 2020 postmark will be assigned to the available spots. If the number of entries with September 24, 2020 postmark exceeds the entry limits a drawing will be held to fill the remaining vacancies and determine the alternates. The process will continue until the test is filled. All additional entries received after the entries fill will be placed on an alternate list by order of postmarks. If an opening should occur after entries fill a drawing will take place from the entries with the earliest postmark to fill the vacancy and an alternate will be notified. All entrants will be sent notification of their position in the test by October 25, 2020. Entered dogs must be 18 months of age.

DOGS IN DESIGNATED TEST AREAS

Unentered dogs, and those that are not being tested at the time are not permitted in the official Draft Test areas. As specified in the Draft Test Regulations, handlers and dogs (except bitches in season) are allowed a 30 minute period to familiarize themselves with the test areas. They may not walk the Maneuvering or Distance Freight Haul courses after this period.

Bitches in Season

Bitches in season or with ovarian sparing spay will be allowed to compete after all other entries. They must be crated away from the other entries in an area designated by the test committee. Their handlers should notify a member of the test committee upon arrival, or earlier, if possible.

WAIVER OF RIGHTS – Animals in Distress

The Newfoundland Club of America, Inc, and the regional club hosting this event reserve the right to remove any animal in distress from a parked vehicle or crate, and all persons attending this dog event

hereby waives any claim for damages against the Club for such removal. The NCA regards the health, safety and life of any dog on the event grounds to be paramount to other property or privacy rights. If the owner cannot be found in a timely manner, we will take whatever action is necessary for the safety of the dog, which may include breaking windows to enter a vehicle. Dogs found in an unsafe environment, distress, or in harm's way (for example, left in a vehicle without proper ventilation) will be removed to safety. Exposing a dog to an unsafe environment, distress or harm's way is considered mistreatment and subject to appropriate discipline.

NCA AGGRESSION POLICY

The WDC and the NCA have adopted the AKC official policy concerning dog attacks that lead to an injury, either to a person or to another dog. Also, Advanced Draft Test judges may excuse, and even ask to have removed from a test site, if necessary, any dog that appears dangerous to other dogs or persons

AKC Rules Applying to Dog Shows: Chapter 11, Section 15- Any dog, that in the opinion of the Event Committee, attacks a person or dog at an AKC event, resulting in an injury, and is believed by that Event Committee to present a hazard to persons or other dogs, shall be disqualified by the Event Committee pursuant to this section, a report shall be filed with the Executive Secretary of The American Kennel Club. The disqualified dog may not again compete at any AKC event nor be on the grounds of an AKC event unless and until, following application for reinstatement by the owner to the 11 American Kennel Club, the owner receives official notification in writing from the AKC that the dog's eligibility has been reinstated.

OBTAINING REGULATIONS

This test will be judged under the rules of NCA Draft Test Regulations, copyrighted 1999, revised April 2019, effective July 1, 2019. It is the responsibility of the handler to obtain and know these rules. Copies of these regulations may be obtained at www.ncanews.org.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Each exhibitor is responsible for his or her own draft equipment and freight haul load.

The DDX Freight exchange will be logs, approximately 30" in length. Each log is marked with its weight. The logs will be loose - not bundled, or boxed, or tied together in any manner.

DDX Weight Exchange

Each exhibitor is responsible for his or her own draft equipment and freight haul load.

The DDX Freight exchange will be logs, approximately 30" in length. Each log is marked with its weight. The logs will be loose - not bundled, or boxed, or tied together in any manner.



TROPHIES

Each exhibitor will receive a memento for their participation in the test. Each qualifier will receive a custom-made Newfoundland trophy. All trophies are offered by River King Newfoundland Club.

Directions to the Site

Lake Lou Yaeger is located off Route 16 east of Litchfield, IL. Take interstate 55 to Litchfield exit #52. Take Route 16 east through Litchfield. On the east side of town, turn left at the Lake Lou Yaeger sign (there is a cemetery to your right). We will be at the Fireman's Park. Park signs will direct you to the site.

PLEASE NOTE: THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES WILL BE IN EFFECT DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS:

1. Illinois is in Stage 4 of reopening which means that when social distancing is not possible, masks are required. Groups are limited to 50.
2. Meals – everyone is on their own. There will be no group meals.
3. There will be an “entrance only” – “exit only” doors of building.
4. During the test, entrants are asked to wear a mask during harnessing and hitching. You may choose to remove your mask during the maneuvering course. While performing any group/multi dog exercise you will need to wear a mask. However, on the freight haul, you may remove your face mask as long as you are able to maintain a 6 foot distance from the other participants, as well as the general public.
5. Check in will be a “self check in”. Paperwork will be set up on tables with exhibitor numbers. All tables/paperwork 6 feet apart. The secretary will be there to assist.
6. Please wear a mask when social distancing is not possible.
7. There will be hand sanitizer at the site in multiple places and at the secretary table.
8. There will be no on-site fundraising if social distancing is not possible.
9. Awards will be done individually, there will be no group awards if social distancing is not possible.
10. There will be no entrant bags.
11. Please stay at home if you are not feeling well. We will be taking temps upon arrival.
12. Enter at your own risk.
13. We want to limit spectators so that we may stay under the 50 person per group limit – please do not invite friends or family members to come watch (SORRY!!!)



HOTEL INFORMATION

Host Hotel:

Baymont Inn & Suites, 1405 W. Hudson Dr., 217-718-5526
Hotel is just off Rte 16 as you enter Litchfield from I-55

Super 8, 211 Ohren Ln., 217-324-7788
Hotel entrance is just off Rte 16 as you enter Litchfield from I-55

Best Western, I-55 & Rte. 108, 217-324-2100
At Carlinville, Exit #60 off I-55 (8 miles north of Litchfield exit)

Hampton Inn, 11 Thunderbird Circle, 217-324-4441
\$100 deposit required for dogs
Hotel is just off Rte 55, north of Rte 16 as you enter Litchfield

Holiday Inn Express, 4 Thunderbird Circle, 217-324-4556
Hotel is just off Rte 55, north of rte 16 as you enter Litchfield

VETERINARIAN ON CALL

Animal Medical Center, 321 West Columbian Blvd., Litchfield, IL 62056
Phone: 217-324-3311. Saturday morning office hours.

After hours: (Emergency Clinics)

Hawthorne Animal Hospital, #5 Cougar Dr., Glen Carbon, IL 62034. Phone: 618-288-3971

Springfield Animal Emergency Clinic, 1333 Wabash Ave, #A, Springfield, IL 62704.
Phone: 217-698-0870

ABOUT THE TEST SITE

Lake Lou Yeager is a 1400 acre lake surrounded by both wooded areas and cleared areas. It has campsites both primitive and full hook up sites and also has cabins available for rental. Entrants to the test may encounter wildlife, joggers, adults and children visiting the park and dog walkers. The Basic Control will be located on a flat grassy area near the Fireman's Pavilion, the heated center for the test. The maneuvering course will be on gravel and grass using existing trees and paths. The freight haul will begin and end at the Frieman's Pavilion with surfaces of asphalt, gravel, and grassy areas that traverse gentle slopes and moderate hilly areas.

DRAFT TEST CATALOG ADS

Submit camera-ready ads to Sue Zientara, 2708 Casner Road, Oakley, IL 62501 or suezien3@gmail.com. Full page - \$25; Half page - \$15. Ad deadline: October 21, 2020.

NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB OF AMERICA WORKING TEST ENTRY

Test Location: Lake Lou Yeager, Litchfield, IL
Test Giving Club: River King Newfoundland Club

CLASS	Requal	SATURDAY	SUNDAY

ENTER WD, WRD, WRDX, BDD, DD, TDD, DDX OR TDDX UNDER CLASS

Entries close at: 5:00 pm on: October 21, 2020. Entries postmarked before Sept 23, 2020 (NCA Members) or Oct 3, 2020 (non NCA-Members) will be returned. Entries must be received by the test secretary, by mail, by the closing date and time. Entries not received by the closing date and time will not be accepted even if postmarked before this date!

Send entries with \$ 45 Entry fee payable to: RKNC
Return entries to the Test Secretary: Sue Zientara, 2708 Casner Road, Oakley, IL 62501

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY:

**Information on this form will be used for record keeping and to generate a certificate of qualification should the dog and handler pass. (Only AKC, NCA & CKC titles are allowed) Attach a current copy of this dog's AKC Registration

Owner's Name(s):

Address:

City: State: Zip:

Full Name of Dog:

AKC/ CKC/ ILP/PAL# Date of Birth: Sex: __

Sire: _____

Dam: _____

Breeder (s): _____ Call Name: _____

Handler's Name: _____

**Entry Form Must Be Signed To Be A Valid Entry

** I understand that I enter my dog in this NCA Working Test at my own risk.

I have read the Test Regulations and understand them. I agree to abide by the Test Regulations, the NCA Constitution and By-Laws and further agree to be bound by the Entry Agreement included in the premium for this test.

Signature: Date:

(Signature of Owner/ Agent duly authorized make this entry)

Day Phone: () Home Phone: ()

E-Mail: NCA MEMBER: _____ YES _____ NO TE(6.15.19)

NCA WORKING EVENT AGREEMENT

I (we) acknowledge that the NCA test regulations have been made available to me (us) and that I am (we are) familiar with their contents. I (we) agree that the club holding this event has the right to refuse this entry for cause which the club shall deem to be sufficient. I (we) agree that I (we) will uphold the AKC Code of Sportsmanship, the NCA Code of Ethics, and (if applicable) the NCA Judges Code of Ethics. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry and of the holding of this event and of the opportunity to have the dog judged and to win ribbons or trophies, I (we) agree to hold this club, its members, directors, governors, officers, agents, superintendents, or test secretary and the owner or lessor of the premises or grounds and the employees of the aforementioned parties, harmless from any claim for loss or injury which may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person or thing by the act of this dog while in or upon the test premises or grounds or near any entrance thereto, and I (we) personally assume all responsibility and liability for such claim; and I (we) further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim or loss of the dog by disappearance, theft, damage or injury, be caused or alleged to be caused by the negligence of the club or any of the parties aforementioned, or by the negligence of any other person or any other causes. I (we) agree that any violation of the AKC Code of Sportsmanship, the NCA Code of Ethics and/or the Judges Code of Ethics will be handled pursuant to the Grievance policies listed on the NCA website.

I (we) hereby assume the sole responsibility for and agree to indemnify and save the aforementioned parties harmless from any and all loss and expense (including legal fees) by reason of the liability imposed by law upon any of the aforementioned parties for damage because of bodily injuries, including death at any time, resulting therefrom, sustained by any person or persons, including myself (ourselves) or on account of damage to property, or my vehicle arising out of or in consequence of my (our) participation in this test, howsoever such injuries, death or damage to property may be caused, and whether or not the same may have been caused or may be alleged to have been caused by negligence of the aforementioned parties or any of their employees or agents, or other persons.

I agree to grant to this club, and its authorized representatives' permission to record on photography film and/or video, pictures of my participation. I further agree that any or all of the material photographed may be used, in any form, as part of any future publications, brochure, or other printed materials used to promote NCA or the regional club, and further that such use shall be without payment of fees, royalties, special credit or other compensation.

The Newfoundland Club of America, this regional club, its members, directors, governors, officers, agents, superintendents, test committee, reserves the right to remove any animal in distress from a parked car or crate, and all persons attending this dog event hereby waive any claim for damages against

the club for such removal. I understand that exposing a dog to an unsafe environment, distress, or harm's way is considered mistreatment and subject to appropriate discipline.

Signature: _____

Water Training has ended for 2020, our weekend get togethers will be missed by all who made 2020 more palatable with all the 2020 issues that have been going on, a special thanks to Bob and Pat Owens who so graciously allowed us to train on their property. A few pictures of those who made it special. Not everyone is included special thanks to all who made summer special.



Figure 5 Picture of Linda, Malachi and Chris



Figure 6 Picture of Cassie, Cami, Mark is rowing and Jenny Harrison

2020 Summer Water Training Cont'd



Figure 7 Picture of Cassie, Sue, and Jennifer Jones

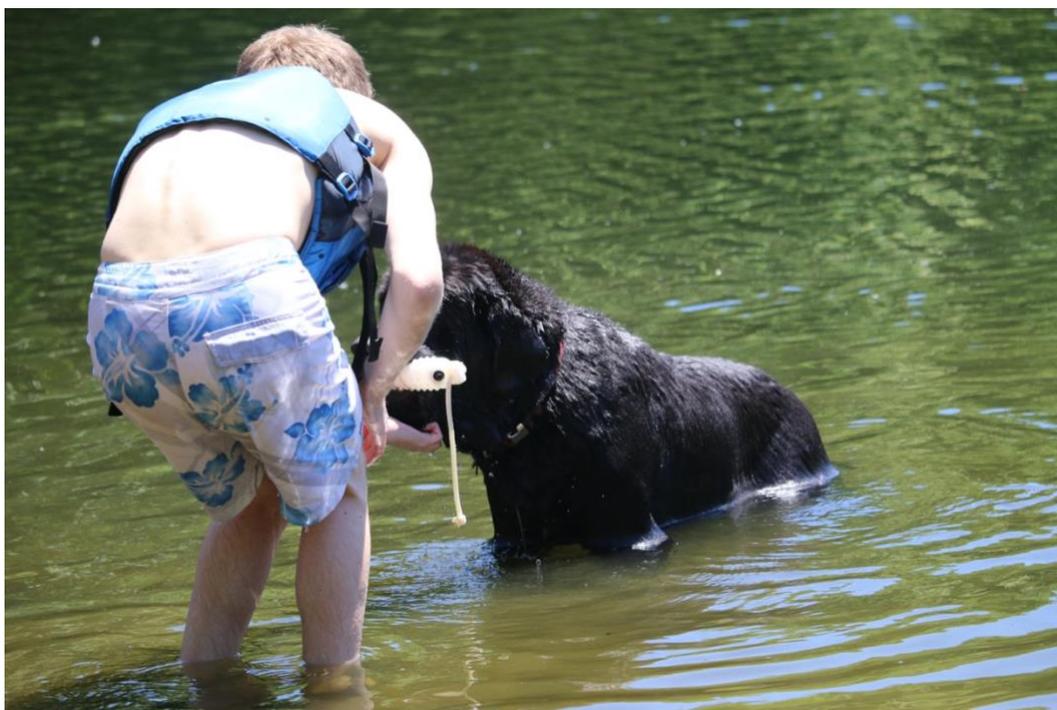


Figure 8 Picture of Nathan and Niles

2020 Summer Water Training Cont'd



Figure 9 Picture of Chris, Talos and Jenny Harrison



Figure 10 Picture of Jennifer Jones with Chip making the retrieve

2020 Summer Water Training Cont'd

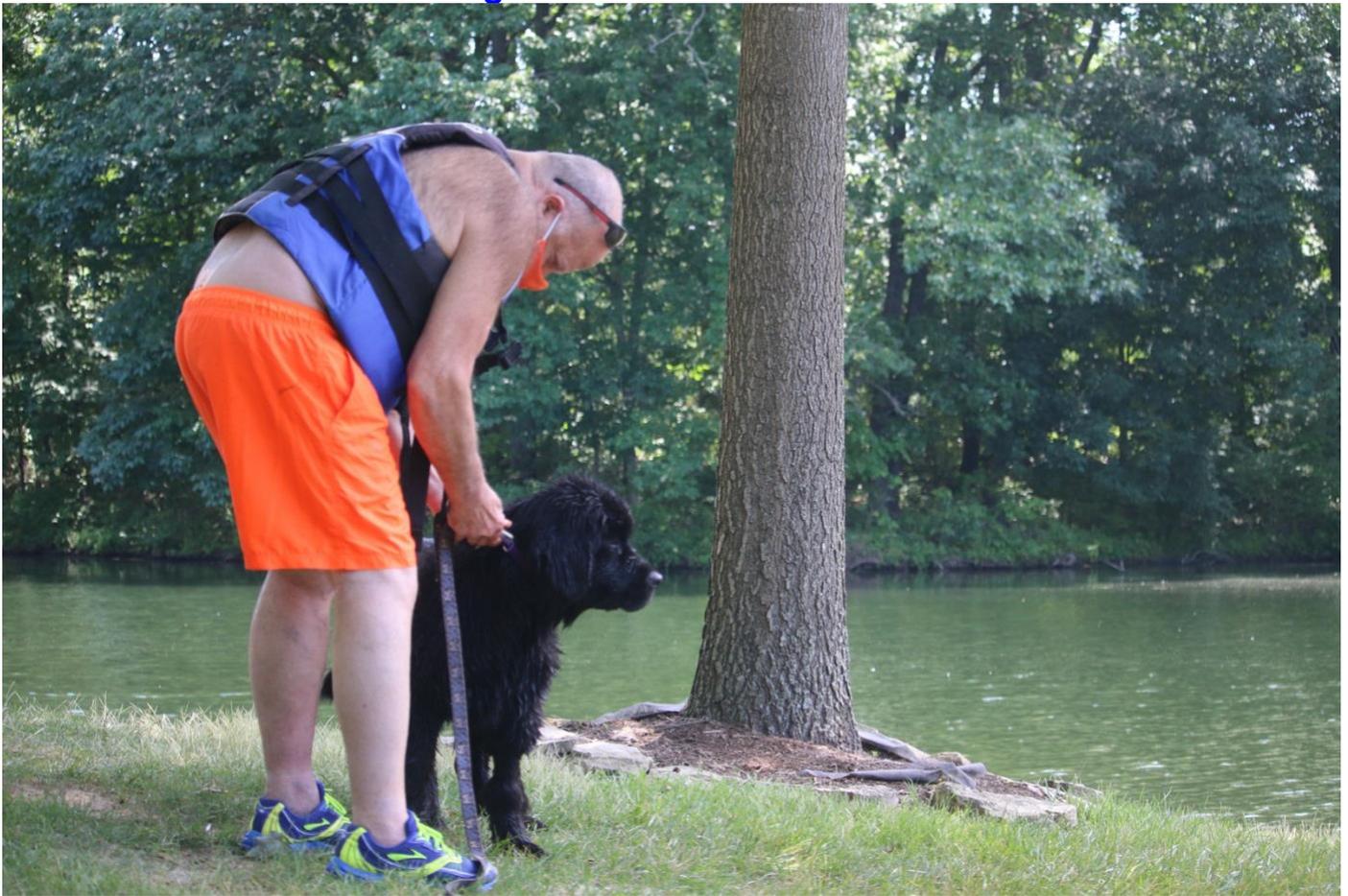


Figure 11 Picture of Mark and Breezy on shore.



Figure 12 Picture of Liz Pagel with Henry

Halloween is almost here please watch your pets so they don't get a sweet tooth and eat the candy.

What Do Dogs Really Think About Halloween?

By [Mary Kearl](#)
Oct 06, 2020 | 5 Minutes



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Humans in costumes. [Dogs in costumes](#). New decorations around the house. Doorbells ringing throughout the night. Going trick-or-treating. All the tempting smells of Halloween candy.

It's a lot for a dog to take in. But what do they think of all the rituals and routines of the holiday?

For humans, the spooky atmosphere is what makes this time of year special and fun. But the out-of-the-ordinary rituals of Halloween aren't always safe, inviting, or exciting for our pets.

Luckily, there are precautions you can take to make your pets feel more comfortable during the festivities and there are easy ways to keep your dog's safe and secure.

Our News and Halloween Cont'd:

Dressing Dogs in Halloween Costumes

Every year, millions of Americans dress their dogs and cats in costumes. That number is expected to reach 29 million in 2019, according to the [National Retail Federation](#). But families with pets at home should be careful when dressing up their dog.

Being paraded around in a costume may be fun for some dogs — but not all, says [Dr. Rachel Malamed](#), a veterinarian and board-certified veterinary behaviorist. “Avoid undue stress and don’t dress your pet unless you are absolutely sure that he/she will be ‘thrilled’ with this idea. Some dogs are fearful of being handled and may also be sensitive to having clothing put on them.”

“Pet costumes can be fun and cute for people, but they can present a danger to pets,” adds [Dr. Jerry Klein](#) of the American Kennel Club, who is an emergency and critical care veterinarian. Keep the following in mind if you’re planning on [dressing up your dog for Halloween](#):

- **Shop around for a safe outfit:** “Fastenings should only be made of Velcro, not buttons, drawstrings, or elastic,” says Dr. Klein. “There should not be any dangling parts that are easily chewed and swallowed by pets. Be sure your pet can breathe easily and move about freely when in its costume.”
- **Give your pet a chance to become familiar with their costume over time:** Put it on for short periods leading up to Halloween, says Dr. Klein, so that they are accustomed to and comfortable with it.
- **Don’t leave your pet unattended in a costume:** This is particularly true if costumes have parts that can be easily ingested by curious pets or obstruct your pet’s breathing and movements.



Our News and Halloween Cont'd:

Humans in Halloween Costumes

Getting ourselves dressed up in [scary costumes](#) is one of the most fun aspects of Halloween, but bear in mind that it may be scary for dogs to see us that way.

“Many strangers in costume can be extremely scary and stressful for dogs,” cautions Dr. Malamed. “It is best to avoid this type of exposure if you have a fearful animal.”

Even if your pup is usually quite calm, the crowds and unusual attire that they may encounter can still cause them alarm. Because dogs rely on [reading human faces and facial expressions](#) to decode our body language, says Dr. Klein, costumes with masks may be the most problematic for pets.

Should You Take Your Dog Trick or Treating?

Owners who want to involve their dogs in their Halloween festivities may wonder whether it's better to take them out trick-or-treating or stay at home and welcome trick-or-treaters at the door.

“It's best to keep pets indoors during trick-or-treating hours to prevent them from getting spooked,” says Dr. Klein. “If you do venture out with your dog on Halloween, always keep them on a leash under the control of a responsible adult.”

It's not unusual for cats and dogs to feel frightened by the doorbell ringing and strangers streaming in and out. And because those people are dressed in costumes, even pets that are not normally fearful of unknown humans visiting may react differently, says Dr. Malamed.

Remember the following to keep your pup calm and safe:

- **Make sure your dog is secure to prevent scared pets from running away:** Keep them on a leash or away from the door when trick-or-treaters come by, says Dr. Klein.
- **Create a structured environment for your pets to celebrate:** “If your pet seems comfortable and visitors are willing, you can ask your dog to sit and the visitor can offer a dog treat,” says Dr. Malamed. “A more structured interaction, such as a command-response-reward format, can make the situation more predictable and positive, as opposed to having people randomly interact by approaching, reaching, or touching your dog. Exposures should be controlled so that they are fun and not forced.”
- **Don't allow neighbors to give your dog human treats:** As we'll go into more detail below, human candy should be off-limits for pets.
- **Keep frightened pets in a separate room for their comfort and safety:** When dogs are scared, threatened, or territorial, they may be more likely to bite, says Dr. Malamed.

Our News and Halloween Cont'd:

Read the Warning Signs

While the scary side of the holiday may be fun for humans, there's no reason to produce real fear in our pets. Dr. Malamed suggests families with dog at home be on the lookout for body postures that might indicate fear, including:

- Tail tucking
- The retraction of the ears
- Pacing and restlessness
- Shaking, cowering
- Withdrawal
- Moving in slow motion
- Refusing treats
- Hyper-vigilance
- Yawning
- Lip licking
- Panting

In a moment of fear, dogs may try to escape, so make sure your dog has an ID tag and is microchipped and that the contact information is up to date.



Our News and Halloween Cont'd:

Can Dogs Eat Halloween Candy and Other Treats?

Humans can have a sweet tooth, but what about our pets? Science shows that while dogs may [not be big fans of salty foods](#), they do like sweets. But while we may want to indulge our pets with our favorite candy, [not all human foods are safe for dogs to eat](#). Here are some of the biggest no-nos for pets to avoid:

Chocolate

“Chocolate is probably the most common danger pets encounter on Halloween, so it’s especially important to keep bags of [chocolate out of the reach of pets](#),” says Dr. Klein.

He recommends staying mindful of the following:

- The darker the chocolate, the greater its toxicity level.
- The smaller the dog, the greater the chance for concern.
- If you suspect your pet has consumed chocolate, reach out to your veterinarian, a veterinary emergency center, or a poison control hotline immediately. The sooner you take action, the better the outcomes and the lower the treatment costs. If left untreated, a secondary concern could be severe gastroenteritis or even pancreatitis days later.
- You can help your dog by inducing vomiting to help get the chocolate out of your pet’s system. This can be helpful for up to six hours after the chocolate has been consumed.
- Signs of chocolate poisoning include:
 - Hyperactivity (although some dogs may act depressed)
 - Drooling
 - Nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea
 - Tremors and possibly seizures (which can lead to death)

Candy

When families leave candy out in accessible locations, pets may be tempted to help themselves. They may, inadvertently, may consume candy wrappers or the artificial sweetener xylitol, both of which may require you to take your dog to the veterinarian immediately, says Dr. Klein.

Canned pumpkin pie filling

[Canned pumpkin](#) can be a healthy source of fiber for dogs. But canned pumpkin pie filling, may contain the above-mentioned artificial sweetener xylitol, which is highly toxic to dogs and can be fatal.

Our Newfs and Halloween Cont'd:

Too many treats

Keeping dog treats on hand is a good idea, but remember these special foods should only make up to [10% of a dog's diet per day](#).

Holiday Decorations Are Dangerous Temptations

For curious pups, Halloween decorations can prove to be irresistible, but they are often harmful, so be mindful of what your dog might have access to. Be especially aware of corncobs and pumpkins, which can fragment and block airways or digestive tracts if dogs ingest them. Candles can also cause serious burns to dogs who get too close to them.

The main thing to remember is that Halloween can be more stressful and dangerous for your dog than fun, so keep this in mind when you're planning your festivities.

Our News and Thanksgiving:

Safe & Healthy Foods To Share With Your Dog This Thanksgiving, Plus Foods To Avoid

By [Mary Kearl](#)

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- Thanksgiving tends to coincide with an uptick in vet visits, due to dogs being fed unsafe human food.
- Turkey meat, sweet potatoes, and pumpkin are all safe, healthy foods to share with your dog.
- Bones, sweets, alcohol, and fatty foods are all things that should be avoided by dogs.

It's not just humans that overeat at the holidays. Some of us may also be a bit indulgent with our dogs. But it doesn't have to be the turkey bones or other not-so-great items from the Thanksgiving or Christmas menu. There are healthier choices to share with your dog. From green beans to sweet potatoes, plenty of fall favorites can be tasty (and safe) options for your dog to share in small portions during holiday festivities.

It may be tempting to offer up the turkey bones to include your dog in your family's celebratory feast. But, because they can potentially cause damage to your pet's digestive tract, the [American Veterinary Medical Association \(AVMA\)](#) recommends keeping them out of reach. However, though turkey bones are off the table, there's no need for your pet to feel left out.

Safe & Healthy Foods To Feed Your Dogs at Thanksgiving

Below, safe and satisfying [foods that you can share with your dog](#) this holiday season are discussed by Gary Richter, MS, DVM author of *The Ultimate Pet Health Guide: Breakthrough Nutrition and Integrative Care for Dogs and Cats* and Veterinary Health Expert with Rover, Sara Ochoa, DVM and small animal and exotic veterinarian in Texas, and the American Kennel Club's Jerry Klein, CVO and emergency and critical care veterinarian who has been a valued member of the Chicago veterinary community for over 35 years.

“**Sweet potatoes** are a great source of dietary fiber, vitamin B6, vitamin C, and beta-carotene,” says Dr. Richter. “[Sweet potato](#) treats can be as simple as a dehydrated sweet potato chew.” Just remember not to give your pet sweet potatoes containing any added ingredients.

Potatoes. You get to enjoy both kinds of potatoes, and your dog can have that option, too.

However, give only boiled or baked potatoes with no butter, sour cream, salt, or pepper, and serve in moderation.

Our News and Thanksgiving Cont'd:



“**Apples** are full of vitamins A and C and contain lots of great fiber, making them a healthy Thanksgiving treat for your pet,” says Dr. Richter. “However, if you’re sharing an apple with your pooch, be sure to cut around the core, as large amounts of apple seeds can be toxic.”

Turkey meat (no bones, no skin). For those that wonder if [dogs can eat turkey](#) at Thanksgiving, the answer is yes. The main dish is okay to offer up “as long as it has not been prepared with any seasoning,” says Dr. Ochoa. In addition to avoiding bones as discussed above, Dr. Klein advises owners to skip out on feeding the skin as well. The outer layer of the poultry is likely to have been prepared with butter, spices, or other fatty ingredients that may cause pancreatitis or other issues for your dog.

Green beans. “With ample amounts of plant fiber, manganese, and vitamins C and K, plain green beans are great for dogs,” says Dr. Richter. The key here, as with turkey, sweet potatoes and other options mentioned in this list, is the bean dish should be plain — without any added ingredients like butter or spices.

Plain peas are a fine choice, but creamed peas should be avoided. Fattier food items like this that may upset your dog’s stomach.

Pumpkin itself is a very healthy snack,” explains Dr. Richter. “[Pumpkin](#) helps with digestive health and it’s great for a dog’s skin and coat. Also, if feeding canned pumpkin, make sure it’s just pumpkin and not the pre-spiced pie mix.”

Dessert is an option, but not just any kind. Go ahead and satisfy your pet’s sweet tooth with something healthy like frozen yogurt, suggests Dr. Richter. Calcium, protein, and live bacteria that can act as probiotics will give your dog a tasty dose of nutrients, and a sweet post-meal treat.

Unsafe & Unhealthy Foods To Avoid at Thanksgiving
You may notice this list is longer than the one above filled with healthy options, and with good reason.

Our News and Thanksgiving Cont'd:

Thanksgiving coincides with an uptick in emergency vet visits across the U.S., [writes Dr. Klein](#), because of the extra, often unsafe “human” food that dogs end up consuming at this time of year. That doesn't have to be the case for your loved one, if you prepare your dog's menu taking these proper precautions NOT to serve something potentially unhealthy, or worse, toxic.



Below are the items Dr. Richter, Dr. Ochoa, Dr. Klein, and the AVMA caution should NOT be served to dogs at this year's Thanksgiving feast, due to unsafe or unhealthy ingredients:

- Turkey bones, skin, and gravy
- Stuffing
- Casseroles
- Mashed potatoes
- Creamed peas
- [Chocolate](#), cookies, pies, and sweets (especially anything containing [xylitol](#))
- [Alcoholic beverages](#)
- Raisins and grapes
- Onions, scallions, and garlic
- Ham
- Yeast dough
- Fatty foods
- Foods containing spices

And for good measure, don't forget to keep the tempting scent of the trash of the special day's meal out of reach, since we all know our dogs are [super smellers](#).

If your pet gets into something they shouldn't, seek help right away. In the event of an emergency, contact the [Pet Poison Helpline](#) or your local vet that offers weekend and after-hours services.

Holiday Safety For Dogs

By *Dr. Marty Greer*

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- [winter](#)
- [holidays](#)
- [safety](#)

There are many things that change in your home during the holidays. Packages and visitors come through the door, decorations adorn the house, big meals are made with special foods, and wrapped gifts surround a new tree in the main part of your home. As much fun as this can be, it can also pose some [stress](#) and risks to your dogs. Learn some important holiday safety rules, tricks, and tips that can help keep you and your pets happy during this season.

Deliveries

When hosting visitors, keep a leash and collar or harness securely on your pets, with tags showing your cell phone number. Be sure your pets are [microchipped](#). Dogs can slip out the door in a heartbeat and be gone. Alternately, keep an exercise pen set up at the door so you can open the door, but your pets can't escape.

Our News and Christmas Cont'd:

Electric Cords

The skinny cords on Christmas tree lights are not well insulated and easy for a puppy to chew into. Electrocution can result, so safety is paramount. Keep the cords covered so pets stay safe. Also, consider keeping the lower branches of the tree free from lights. If you catch your dog chewing on a cord, unplug the cord immediately and move it out of their reach.



Christmas Trees & Decorations

You can easily add a safety measure by tethering your tree to the ceiling with a plant hook and a thin wire. Curious climbing pups or those with enthusiastically wagging tails will appreciate not having the tree fall over on them. Also, monitor and prevent pine needle and tree water ingestion.

Hang bells on the lower branches to help alert you to your pet's exploration of the tree. Either keep your special, breakable ornaments at the tops of the tree or in storage the years you have young dogs romping around. Another option is to surround the tree with an exercise pen to remove any temptation to much on ornaments.

Tinsel, yarn, strings, and other items with long strands can be fascinating to pets. Avoid using these products in areas where pets can get into them. Strings of popcorn and cranberries may be especially enticing, so keep these out of reach.

Our News and Christmas Cont'd

Plants

Traditional holiday plants like mistletoe and holly are **toxic** to dogs. Yew, the evergreen many people have in their landscaping is extremely toxic. As a safety measure, avoid bringing clippings into your home to use as garland unless you can identify the variety. Poinsettias are not toxic, but any plant ingestions can lead to oral irritation, vomiting and/or **diarrhea**.

Toxic Foods

Several common holiday foods that humans can safely eat are **unsafe for dogs**. These include chocolate, raisins and grapes, Macadamia nuts, and sugarless products containing xylitol. Avoid putting food-containing gifts under the tree, wrapped or unwrapped, when your dogs will be in the room unsupervised. **Alcohol** innocently set on a low table or the floor can be quickly raided by a pet, leading to serious consequences.

Gifts under the tree occasionally include meats and cheeses. Too much fat from these can be dangerous. **Bones** and fats from ham, turkey, and other meats can cause pancreatitis or intestinal blockages. Mesh wrappers and leg holders on meats can also smell tempting but cause bowel obstructions. If you've got a dog who gets into trash cans, be sure to empty them when they're full of food.

Sidewalk Salt

Avoid using regular sidewalk salt and instead, use cat litter or pet-safe sidewalk salt products. Wash your pet's **paws** if they do track through salt that isn't pet-friendly.

Antifreeze

Ethylene glycol, **antifreeze**, is highly toxic to pets. It has a sweet taste and remains liquid when other water sources are frozen. Ingestion initially will mimic alcohol consumption, but quickly leads to irreversible and fatal kidney failure. Keep antifreeze wiped up and stored in covered containers. Suspected ingestion should require a trip to the veterinarian immediately.

Make sure pets have an unfrozen water supply available to them when they are outside. Heated water bowls are available, with a wire coil surrounding the cords to keep pets safe from chewing through a cord.



Our News and Christmas Cont'd

Candles & Oils

Dogs can easily tip candles over or venture too close to the flames. Even potpourri oils are dangerous when licked from the source or off their coats. Place these high or avoid altogether. Consider using plug-in room scent products as an alternative.

Visitors

Identify which home-made treats are for your pets and which are for your family and friends. You don't want to be the one who bites into a deliciously decorated dog biscuit.

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**Articles submitted by Pat Owens:
(Retyped by me due to not being able to copy the article that was scanned)**

Dogs are an endangered Species

By: Nancy Kearney

Vice President American Dog Owners Association

Therapy Dogs International Evaluator

We have been sticking our heads in the dog show rings and ignoring the very real fact that our hobby is under fire from several directions. Cities are limiting our right to own dogs, outlawing many breeds altogether. Busy bodies pass laws forcing us to spay and neuter our animals or pay excessive fees. Even if your home is in the country, somebody builds across the street from you and then claims you have to many dogs to suit them. Even if you win in courts, the large legal fees will break you. If we don't fight back hard and quickly, there will be no dog shows, no obedience trials, no dog fancy period. This is not an exaggeration; it is real life.

One positive effort is the work being done by the American Dog owners Association. They battle laws that stifle our freedom to enjoy our dogs, They should be actively supported by every dog owner in the country.

Another important step is the work of Therapy Dogs International. We must let the public see how very important dogs are to the health and overall well-being of humans We need to participate in visiting nursing homes, go into schools with Dog Bite Prevention Program, show our animals as valuable members of our families and society in general. Put up booths at fairs, march in parades.

Make sure the dogs all have excellent dispositions and are thoroughly trained. Put a Therapy Dog International title on the dog to prove it will behave in an acceptable manner. Then show off the dog as the excellent friends they are.

If we don't show the many wonderful attributes of our dogs and protect our right to own them, we'll be leaving the world a sadder place, a place without dogs.

Contact these two organizations is important

**American Dog Owners Association
1654 Columbia Turnpike
Castleton, NY 12033
518-477-8469**

OR

**Therapy Dogs International
88 Bartley Road
Flanders, NJ 07836
973-252-9800**

Articles submitted by Pat Owens Cont'd:

Top Signs of Chronic Pain in Dogs

- **Reduced interaction with their families**
- **Reluctance to move**
- **Biting or nipping when bumped or jostled**
- **Growling if a body part is touched or manipulated**
- **Whimpering or whining for no apparent reason**
- **Loss of appetite**
- **Appearance of anxiety and restlessness**
- **Inability to get comfortable**
- **Continuous moving, circling, or pacing**
- **Abnormal postures, statue-like or hunched up**
- **Abnormal gait with an obvious lameness or stiff appearance**
- **Repeated licking or chewing at the site of the pain**

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Newfoundland Neighbor 1850

In 1850, Nicholas Hume built a cupola topped mansion on property located at Main and Brown, in Brighton, IL (a short distance from us). He came from the island of Guernsey, was a world traveler and importer of fine art. Behind his home he had a replica of his home built as a large doghouse for his Newfoundland. The nearby stables housed his imported Percheron Horses. Around 1900 the large Newfoundland breeding kennels were first seen in Canada and here.

Dogs in history

Three dogs survived the sinking of the Titanic on April 15, 1912. A Pomeranian and a Pekingese got into lifeboats with their owners. The third was the first officer's Newfoundland, "Rigel" who was found swimming in the icy waters in search of his owner. He became a hero when his barking was heard by the captain of the S.S. Carpathia, which was on a collision course with a lifeboat. Rigel was taken aboard the Carpathia with the lifeboat survivors.

Source: 90 memorable Moments in dogs. Dog World Oct. 2005

Canine Health: Heat Stroke in Canines; Do you know what to look for? When is it Too Cold & Too Hot for your Fur baby. Do you know?



Canine Health: The Ten Human Medications most dangerous to Dogs:

The 10 Human Medications Most Dangerous to Dogs

By [Dr. Kevin Fitzgerald](#) Sep 07, 2016 | 2 Minutes



- [teeth](#)

One of the most dangerous rooms of the house with regard to [accidental poisonings](#) is the bedroom, on account of the nightstand next to the bed. Many adult dogs and [teething puppies](#) sleep in the [bed with their humans](#), and thus have easy access to the drugs on that nightstand. Medications left on counters in kitchens and bathrooms find their way into the stomachs of [bored dogs](#), too.

If your dog ever does happen to ingest human medication, bring the original container to the veterinarian. The original bottle or package can tell you which drug is involved, what strength, how many pills or tablets were in the container, and possibly the manufacturer's

recommendations concerning poisoning.

Dangerous Drugs

The most common human medications to cause poisoning in dogs include:

10 Most Common Human Medications Harmful to Dogs

1. Aspirin
2. Ibuprofen
3. Naproxen
4. Indomethacin
5. Acetaminophen
6. Xanax
7. Ambien
8. ACE inhibitors
9. Beta Blockers
10. Adderall

Pet Poison Hotline

Keep this number on your fridge should your pet ingest a poison or medication*:

855-764-7661

24/7 Animal Poison Control Center

*fee applies

The **nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs)** are widely used and readily available — many of these can be purchased over the counter. These drugs are used to treat pain, inflammation, and fever in people. Examples of NSAIDs include **aspirin, ibuprofen, naproxen, and indomethacin**. In dogs, orally ingested NSAIDs are rapidly absorbed. Most achieve peak concentrations in the blood within three hours. The most commonly seen side effects of these medications are gastrointestinal irritation and damage to the GI tract.

At recommended dosages, NSAIDs have little effect on the kidneys, but in cases of overdose (and also with chronic usage) renal damage has occurred. The simultaneous use of two NSAIDs can lead to kidney dysfunction. Additionally, NSAID overdose has caused clotting problems and [liver disease](#). These drugs can also react with other drugs.

Canine Health cont'd:

The 10 Human Medications Most Dangerous to Dogs cont'd

Another readily available human medication often used to treat pain and inflammation in dogs is **acetaminophen**. This drug, sold as **Tylenol** and other brand names, can be obtained both over the counter and in some prescription preparations. Exposure to dogs usually occurs through administration of acetaminophen by uninformed but well-meaning

owners intending to treat [fever](#), [pain](#), or inflammation in their animal. Poisoning can occur from a single exposure to a large dose or from chronic exposure to a low dose.

Acetaminophen poisoning in dogs causes injury to the liver and, in high enough dosages, even liver failure. Clinical signs can include lethargy, loss of appetite, belly pain, and jaundice. Swelling of the face and paws is also commonly seen. Cats are even more sensitive than dogs to acetaminophen — clinical signs can result from ingesting a single tablet.

Medications used for attention-deficit disorder and hyperactivity contain **amphetamine**, a potent stimulant. Ingestion of these medications by dogs can lead to life-threatening tremors, [seizures](#), elevated body temperature, and even cardiac and respiratory arrest.

Blood pressure medications, like ACE inhibitors and beta blockers, can cause weakness, stumbling, and dangerously low blood pressure.

Medications designed to aid with sleep, like Xanax, Ambien, and Valium, can cause dogs to become lethargic, seem intoxicated and, in some cases, have dangerously slowed breathing rates. Some dogs become severely agitated after ingesting these drugs.

Treatment

The vast majority of these accidental intoxications can be successfully managed with early treatment. For [poisonings](#), the best outcomes involve seeking immediate advice from your veterinarian followed by aggressive, proactive treatment, if necessary. Your vet may suggest making the animal vomit if ingestion just occurred, but your pet may also need intravenous fluid support or treatment with specific medications and antidotes to combat the toxin. Always check with your veterinarian before starting any treatments to neutralize the poison.

AKC › Dog Health › Nutrition (*Fruits & Vegetables Dogs Can and Can't Eat*)

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As dog owners, it's not uncommon to want to spoil your four-legged family members by sharing table scraps or your favorite snack with them. After all, if it is safe for you to eat, it must be OK for them as well, right? Not necessarily. While many human foods, especially fruits and vegetables, are perfectly safe, some are very unhealthy and downright dangerous to dogs. Dogs digest differently than humans and eating the wrong foods can lead to long-term health problems and, in extreme cases, even death. As carnivores, they have no need for fruits and vegetables as part of their diet, but an occasional fruit or veggie as a treat is OK.

But that doesn't mean all [human food is off limits for dogs](#). Read below to find out which fruits and vegetables are OK for sharing in moderation and which should be kept on your plate

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Read below to find out which fruits and vegetables are OK for sharing in moderation and which should be avoided.

Fruits & Vegetables



Apples Yes, dogs can eat apples. Apples are an excellent source of vitamins A and C, as well as fiber for your dog. They are low in protein and fat, making them the perfect snack for senior dogs. Just be sure to remove the seeds and core first. Try them frozen for an icy warm weather snack. [Read More](#)



Asparagus No, dogs shouldn't eat asparagus. While asparagus isn't necessarily unsafe for dogs, there's really no point in giving it to them. It's too tough to be eaten raw, and by the time you cook it down so it's soft enough for dogs to eat, asparagus loses the nutrients it contains. If you really want to share a veggie, something more beneficial is probably best. [Read More](#)



Avocado No, dogs should not eat avocado. While avocado may be a healthy snack for dog owners, it should not be given to dogs at all. The pit, skin, and leaves of avocados contain persin, a toxin that often causes vomiting and diarrhea in dogs. The fleshy inside of the fruit doesn't have as much persin as the rest of the plant, but it is still too much for dogs to handle. [Read More](#)

Canine Health cont'd:



Bananas Yes, dogs can eat bananas. In moderation, bananas are a great low-calorie treat for dogs. They're high in potassium, vitamins, biotin, fiber, and copper. They are low in cholesterol and sodium, but because of their high sugar content, bananas should be given as a treat, not part of your dog's regular diet. [Read More](#)



Blueberries Yes, dogs can eat blueberries. Blueberries are a superfood rich in antioxidants, which prevent cell damage in humans and canines alike. They're packed with fiber and phytochemicals as well. Teaching your dog to catch treats in the air? Try blueberries as an alternative to store-bought treats. [Read More](#)



Broccoli Yes, broccoli is safe for dogs to eat in very small quantities and is best served as an occasional treat. It is high in fiber and vitamin C and low in fat. However, Broccoli florets contain isothiocyanates, which can cause mild-to-potentially-severe gastric irritation in some dogs. Furthermore, broccoli stalks have been known to cause obstruction in the esophagus. [Read More](#)



Brussel Sprouts Yes, dogs can eat Brussels sprouts. Brussels sprouts are loaded with nutrients and antioxidants that are great for humans and dogs, alike. Don't overfeed them to your dog, however, because they can cause lots of gas. [Read More](#)



Cantaloupe Yes, cantaloupe is OK for dogs. Cantaloupe is packed with nutrients, low in calories, and a great source of water and fiber. It is, however, high in sugar, so should be shared in moderation, especially for dogs that are overweight or have diabetes. [Read More](#)



Carrots Yes, dogs can eat carrots. Carrots are an excellent low-calorie snack that is high in fiber and beta-carotene, which produces vitamin A. plus, crunching on this orange veggie is great for your dog's teeth. [Read More](#)

Canine Health Cont'd



Celery Yes, celery is OK for dogs to eat. In addition to vitamins A, B, and C, this crunchy green snack contains the nutrients needed to promote a healthy heart and even fight cancer. As if that wasn't enough, celery is also known to freshen doggy breath. [Read More](#)



Cherries No, dogs shouldn't eat cherries. With the exception of the fleshy part around the seed, cherry plants contain cyanide and are toxic to dogs. Cyanide disrupts cellular oxygen transport, which means that your dog's blood cells can't get enough oxygen. If your dog eats cherries, be on the lookout for dilated pupils, difficulty breathing, and red gums, as these may be signs of cyanide poisoning. [Read More](#)



Cranberries Yes, cranberries are OK for dogs to eat. Both cranberries and dried cranberries are safe to feed to dogs in small quantities. Whether your dog will like this tart treat is another question. Either way, moderation is important when feeding cranberries to dogs, as with any treat, as too many cranberries can lead to an upset stomach. [Read More](#)



Cucumbers Yes, dogs can eat cucumbers. Cucumbers are especially good for overweight dogs, as they hold little to no carbohydrates, fats, or oils and they can even boost energy levels. They're loaded with vitamins K, C, and B1, as well as potassium, copper, magnesium, and biotin. [Read More](#)



Grapes No, dogs should not eat grapes. Grapes and raisins have both proved to be very toxic for dogs no matter the dog's breed, sex, or age. In fact, grapes are so toxic that they can lead to acute sudden kidney failure. Definitely skip this dangerous treat. [Read More](#)



Green beans Yes, dogs can eat green beans. Chopped, steamed, raw, or canned — all types of green beans are safe for dogs to eat, as long as they are plain. Green beans are full of important vitamins and minerals and they're also full of fiber and low in calories. [Read More](#)

Canine Health cont'd:



Mango Yes, dogs can eat mangoes. This sweet summer treat is packed with four, yes four different vitamins: vitamins A, B6, C, and E. They also have potassium and both beta-carotene and alpha-carotene. Just remember, as with most fruits, remove the hard pit first, as it contains small amounts of cyanide and can become a choking hazard. [Read More](#)



Mushrooms No, dogs should avoid mushrooms. Wild mushrooms can be toxic for dogs. While only 50 to 100 of the 50,000 mushroom species worldwide are known to be toxic, the ones that are can really hurt your dog or even lead to death. Washed mushrooms from the supermarket could be OK, but it's better to be safe than sorry; skip out on the fungi all together. [Read More](#)



Onions No, dogs should not eat onions. Onions, leeks, and chives are part of a family of plants called Allium that is poisonous to most pets, especially cats. Eating onions can cause your dog's red blood cells to rupture, and can also cause vomiting, diarrhea, stomach pain, and nausea. Poisoning from onions is more serious in Japanese breeds of dogs such as Akitas and Shiba Inus, but all dogs are very susceptible to it. [Read More](#)



Oranges Yes, dogs can eat oranges. Oranges are fine for dogs to eat, according to veterinarians. They are also an excellent source of vitamin C, potassium, and fiber, and in small quantities can serve as tasty treats for your dog. Vets do, however, recommend tossing the peel and just giving your dog the inside of the orange, minus the seeds, as the peel is much rougher on their digestive systems. [Read](#)



Peaches Yes, peaches are OK for dogs to eat. Small amounts of cut-up peaches are a great source of fiber and vitamin A, and can even help fight infections, but just like cherries, the pit contains cyanide. As long as you completely cut around the pit first, fresh peaches can be a great summer treat – just not canned peaches, as they usually contain high amounts of sugary syrups. [Read More](#)

Canine Health cont'd:



Pears Yes, dogs can eat pears. Pears are a great snack because they're high in copper, vitamins C and K, and fiber. It's been suggested that eating the fruit can reduce the risk of having a stroke by 50 percent. Just be sure to cut pears into bite-size chunks and remove the pit and seeds first, as the seeds contain traces of cyanide. [Read More](#)



Peas Yes, dogs can eat pears. Green peas, specifically: snow peas, sugar snap peas, and garden or English peas are all OK for dogs. Peas have several vitamins, minerals, and are rich in protein and high in fiber. You can feed your dog fresh, frozen, or thawed peas, but do not give him canned peas, which have a lot of added sodium. [Read More](#)



Pineapple Yes, pineapples are OK for dogs to eat. A few chunks of pineapple are a great sweet treat for dogs, as long as the prickly outside is removed first. The tropical fruit is full of vitamins, minerals, and fiber. It also contains bromelain, an enzyme that makes it easier for dogs to absorb proteins. [Read More](#)



Potatoes Yes, dogs can eat potatoes. It's fine to give your dog plain potatoes every once and a while, but only if they're cooked, as raw potatoes can be rough on the stomach. A washed, peeled, plain boiled, or baked potato contains lots of iron for your dog. Avoid mashed potatoes because they often contain butter, milk, or seasonings. [Read More](#)



Raspberries Yes, dogs can eat raspberries. Raspberries are fine in moderation. They contain antioxidants that are great for dogs. They're low in sugar and calories, but high in fiber, manganese, and vitamin C. Raspberries are especially good for senior dogs because they have anti-inflammatory properties, which can help take pain and pressure from joints. However, they do contain slight amounts of the toxin Xylitol, so limit your dog to less than a cup of raspberries at a time. [Read More](#)

Canine Health cont'd:



Strawberries Yes, it is OK for dogs to eat strawberries. Strawberries are full of fiber and vitamin C. Along with that, they also contain an enzyme that can help whiten your dog's teeth as he or she eats them. They are high in sugar though, so be sure to give them in moderation. [Read More](#)



Sweet potatoes Yes, dogs can eat sweet potatoes. Sweet potatoes are packed with nutrients, including fiber, beta carotene, and vitamins B-6 and C. Just like with regular potatoes, only give your dog washed, peeled, cooked, and unseasoned sweet potatoes that have cooled down, and definitely avoid sugary sweet potato pies and casseroles. [Read More](#)



Watermelon Yes, watermelon is OK for dogs to eat. It's important to remove the rind and seeds first, as they can cause intestinal blockage, but watermelon is otherwise safe for dogs. It's full of vitamin A, B-6, and C, as well as potassium. Watermelon is 92 percent water, so it's a great way to keep your dog hydrated on hot summer days. [Read More](#)



Spinach Yes, dogs can eat spinach, but it's not one of the top vegetables you'll want to be sharing with you pup. Spinach is very high in oxalic acid, which blocks the body's ability to absorb calcium and can lead to kidney damage. While your dog would probably have to eat a very large amount of spinach to have this problem, it might be best to go with another vegetable. [Read More](#)

Better Never Bitten

Tips for Keeping Your Family & Friends Safe ... Including Your Dog

Dogs are our best friends, and many families cannot imagine life without them. Yet bites from pet dogs are common and can ruin an otherwise loving relationship. Although we certainly see them as members of the family, it is important to remember that dogs are, in fact, dogs—whose native language is different from our own. What a child might do to show her love to a dog might be seen as a threat, and reaching to take something as meaningless as a paper towel from it might insult any dog's sense of ownership. We hear all kinds of advice and it can be confusing. What, then, can we do to ensure that our children, ourselves, and our beloved pets are content and safe?

What NOT to Do

- Don't leave infants, toddlers, or young children alone with any dog, no matter how friendly it is.
- Don't pet, touch, nudge, hug, or kiss a dog while it is resting, especially if it is on or beneath furniture.
- Don't hug or kiss a dog that is not your own, however friendly it may seem.
- Don't move a dog by pulling on its collar or scruff; instead, call the dog to you or toss a piece of food.
- Don't pet or touch a dog while it is eating food or chewing on a toy, bone, or any other object.
- Don't reach to remove food, toys, or any other objects from a dog. If it is necessary to remove an object, trade by offering it an irresistible piece of food.
- Don't pet or restrain any dog trying to get away from you.
- Don't corner a dog to clip on a leash, give it medicine, groom, or even pet it.
- Don't point at, hit, slap, or otherwise punish or scare the dog. Your dog does not purposely misbehave. Most important, physical punishment will frighten the dog, and frightened dogs are more likely to bite.

SHOULD YOU SEEK HELP?

Dogs are complicated animals and, like us, might need help for one problem or another. Many "issues" can be addressed with simple training or environmental or management changes. If, however, your dog is significantly fearful or has shown growling, snapping, or biting behavior, the situation will not resolve on its own. Talk to your veterinarian or a certified behavior specialist for help and recommendations.



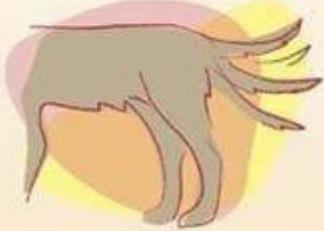
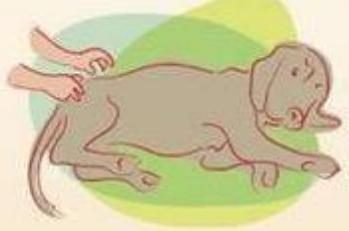
READING YOUR DOG

You might be surprised to learn about these signals of stress or fear. These reactions may be especially relevant when the dog is approached by someone or hesitates to do something that you have asked it to do:



- Yawning
- Rolling over on its back
- Lowering its head
- Backing up

- Wagging a stiff tail
- Licking its lips
- Lifting a front leg
- Sitting

This client handout from *Clinician's Brief* may be downloaded and printed for use in your clinic.

RKNC Brags and News:

A little brag for Mark Iken and Cruz.

I know we complain how bad 2020 has been, but Mark and Cruz have had an awesome year, it started out in January with Cruz earning his Championship, then in July he earned his Novice Trick Dog title, September brought his WRD title and then in October he earned his CD, finishing up the requirements for his VN!!! Cruz can now be known as VN CH Woodside's Somewhere On A Beach With Shadrack, RN, CD, WRD, DD, TKN.



Figure 13 Mark and Cruz at HANC Water Test

Congratulations Mark and Cruz on your new title, so well deserved from all of us.

Birthday Celebration of Newfoundlands that had Birthdays during March and April 2019:

Did not receive any notifications this time.

Our River King Newfoundland Club Facebook Page:

Send items or information to Cassie or Me.

My desire is to show everyone what a phenomenal Newfoundland Club that we are. ***If you have anything that can help promote how great our club is, please send it to me.***

This edition of Newf Tails

Thanks to everyone who sent me information. It sure helped me with getting this edition out the door to you. I am very appreciative of anything that you send me; please keep it up.

Help Make Your Newsletter Valuable

This newsletter is all about RKNC, of course, and RKNC is nothing if not for its members, so please help make this newsletter all it can be by sending in your news, updates, brags, notices, photos, and everything else Newf- related (short of classified ads.)

If you have a lot of photos from a recent RKNC event, please consider creating a slideshow on a free photo- sharing site (such as PhotoBucket). The newsletter will publish a photo or two from your collection along with a link to the entire set of images; this way, the size of the newsletter can be kept manageable for emailing. (Photos, even web-resolution JPGS, consume a lot of file space and computer memory, and 'compressing' the newsletter PDF file compromises the quality of the entire document.)

The newsletter is currently published bi-monthly, and as a helpful reminder here are the current schedule and submission deadlines:

Issue	Estimated Publication	Submission Deadline
Jan-Feb	Feb 28	Feb 18
Mar-Apr	Apr 30	Apr 20
May-Jun	Jun 30	Jun 20
Jul-Aug	Aug 30	Aug 20
Sep-Oct	Oct 30	Oct 20
Nov-Dec	Dec 30	Dec 20

This schedule will make the newsletter "summary" in nature, being published at the **end** of each two-month period; this will allow us to include draft test results in the March-April issue, water test results in the July-August issue, specialty results in the Sept-October issue, and obedience trial results in the January-February issue. But that can happen only if results and reports are submitted in a timely manner. And if you're writing something for this newsletter, please keep in mind the relationship between what you're writing about and when the newsletter will be published. THANK YOU for your support of the RKNC newsletter!