



## The first AKC Newfoundland Specialty Club.

The Queen City Newfoundland Club is located in the greater Charlotte, NC area. We have completed and been granted our license and have become an AKC Specialty Club.

The purpose of our Club is to provide choices, education and specialties, which enable Newfoundland faciers more opportunities to earn titles and ACK points/championships.



**President:** Laura Rader  
**1st Vice President:** Julie Fitser  
**2nd Vice President:** Carol Czerw  
**Secretary:** Matt Townsend  
**Treasurer:** Janette Phillips

### Director/Membership

**Chair:** Susan Egan  
**Director:** Cathy Rubens  
**Director:** Connie Sovie

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**FEBRUARY 3rd, 2024**  
**QCNC 2nd Annual Draft Workshop**  
**Home of Mark & Jessica Gise**

**JULY 12th - 16th, 2024**  
**Victory Lane Classic**  
**Concord, NC**

**JULY 18th - 21st, 2024**  
**Speedway Classic**  
**Concord, NC**

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**[www.queencitynewfoundlandclub.org](http://www.queencitynewfoundlandclub.org)**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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### Queen City Newfoundland Club President Message

Merry Christmas and Happy New year as the holidays are for being thankful and all of us have so much to be thankful for. I would like to personally thank each of our Newfoundland members for all of your contributions to our club. We are grateful to each member whether it was exhibiting your beautiful Newfies in the show ring, judging, obedience, therapy or volunteering at our club events. It is because our club members have remarkable commitment and dedication to their Newfoundland dogs that has helped our club grow into the wonderful Club that we have!!

2023 was a milestone for QCNC as we achieved our very first AKC Specialty show in Concord, North Carolina. This event was mentored by AKC, huge amounts of paperwork that was filled out, trophies to decide and volunteers to coordinate in order to reach a successful height, it was a monumental task. I would like to extend a special Thank You to Cathy Rubens, Board member and show chair for seeing us through our first specialty!! When we got word from Mary Dukes, AKC show representative, that QCNC passed the test, it was a time of celebration and reflection on all the work that was put into this one show. I can say with such honesty how proud I was of all our volunteers, Newfoundland fanciers and Newfoundland entrants that participated in our show and gave us so much support.

We also had our first annual Christmas tree pull at Boyd Christmas tree farm and my first time ever doing such an event. I can say it was a truly magical experience and it was amazing to see the lives that our Newfoundland dogs touched that day. We also had our first annual Christmas tree parade in Spruce Pines, NC. Thank you to Connie Sovie and Carol Czerw for all your hard work putting together these events.

As we move into 2024 our New Year has so much to look forward to. I am so excited to have Connie Sovie leading our working events again this year. We have a wonderful draft workshop scheduled for February and thank you to Jessica Gise for allowing us to have the workshop at her place. Connie had started water training sessions at Lake Junaluska, NC and will continue that when warmer weather starts.

Our Main Event is our 3-Day AKC Specialty Event shows which will be held on July 13-15, 2024 with (2) Puppy & Veteran Sweepstakes and (3) NOHS in sunny Concord, North Carolina. This 3-Day Event will take every volunteer possible to make this show happen.

QCNC is always looking for volunteers! We have several positions open such as Fundraiser and Historian, please inquire to one of our Board members and we look forward to all of you volunteering for our upcoming specialty shows.

I wanted to thank the entire QCNC Membership for a wonderful 2023 year, your success are to be celebrated!! Hope your holidays were restful and much needed time was spent with your Newfoundlands. Cheers to our New Year 2024!

*Laura Rader*

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QCNC President



# QUEEN CITY NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB DRAFT WORKSHOP

**Saturday, February 3rd, 2024**

**11:00 am - 3:00 pm**

**(bring your lunch...drinks  
and snacks will be provided)**

- No Frills Draft Workshop
- Greater Charlotte Area...  
6099 Settlers Trail, Stanfield, NC 28163
- Limited to 20 participants
- If you'd like to volunteer to help at the event or to sign up as a participant, fill out the form on page 2 and email/mail to **Connie Sovie**.



Are you training for  
a Draft Test?

Want to practice  
before a test?

We've got  
something for you!

Training tips for  
all levels of  
experience.

### Topics covered:

- Cart knowledge -  
supplies always to  
have handy
- Harness knowledge
- Description of  
Newfoundland Test-  
Pass/Fail, course  
descriptions
- Demo & "ideas" to  
teach Newfoundland  
Draft Test course  
sections
- Practice, practice,  
PRACTICE
- Review on the NCA  
website the draft  
regulations
- Plenty of time for  
questions and  
discussion!



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of dog: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: Female/Male Spay/Neuter

Dog breed: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you interested in volunteering at the Draft Workshop? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you entered in or planning to enter a Draft Test in the future? \_\_\_\_\_

Level of draft experience/knowledge \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail registration/information form to:** Connie Sovie, 297 Stonebrook Drive,  
Maggie Valley, NC 28751

OR email completed registration/information form to: [conniesovie@gmail.com](mailto:conniesovie@gmail.com)

**\$25.00 donation is requested. Please make checks payable to Queen City  
Newfoundland Club (include with your registration), or you can make your  
donation via PayPal [Queencitynewfoundlandclub@gmail.com](mailto:Queencitynewfoundlandclub@gmail.com)**

**Entry must be received by January 25th, 2024 (late entries will only be  
accepted if workshop is not full).**





**QUEEN CITY  
NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB**  
proudly presents our  
**AKC CONCURRENT  
SPECIALTIES**  
at the  
**VICTORY LANE  
CLASSIC DOG SHOW  
EXTRAVAGANZA**

**9 shows - 5 days**

**July 12-16, 2024**

Cabarrus Arena & Event Center - Concord, NC

Superintendent - MB-F, Inc. (infodog.com)



**2  
WORKING  
DOG  
SHOWS**

**FRIDAY**  
July 12, 2024

Judges  
Mrs. Stephanie Hamblin Barnhill  
Mrs. Nancy J. Eilks



**4  
ALL BREED  
SHOWS**

**SATURDAY**  
July 13, 2024  
Greater Hickory Kennel Club  
Mrs. Sandra Pretari Hickson

**SUNDAY**  
July 14, 2024  
Salisbury NC Kennel Club  
Ms. Joyce Siddell

**MONDAY**  
July 15, 2024  
Salisbury NC Kennel Club  
Mr. Bradford Dunn

**TUESDAY**  
July 16, 2024  
Lake Norman Kennel Club  
Judge to be assigned



**3  
AKC CONCURRENT  
NEWFOUNDLAND  
SPECIALTIES**

**2 SWEEPSTAKES**  
with Puppy & Veteran

**3 NOHS**

**SATURDAY**  
July 13, 2024  
Donald Sharkey - Sweepstakes  
Larry Hansen - Breed (Breeder judge from AZ)

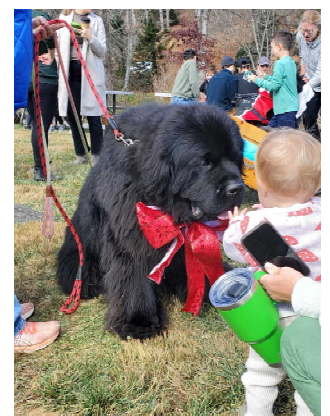
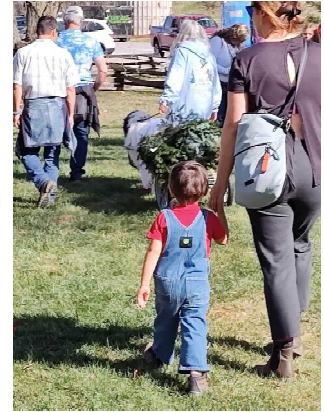
**SUNDAY**  
July 14, 2024  
Becky Reynnells - Sweepstakes  
Lou Ann Lenner - Breed (Breeder judge from PA)

**MONDAY**  
July 15, 2024  
(no sweepstakes)  
Anna Lorenz - Breed (Breeder judge from WI)  
(separate additional entries for these shows)



# QUEEN CITY'S 1st ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE PULL

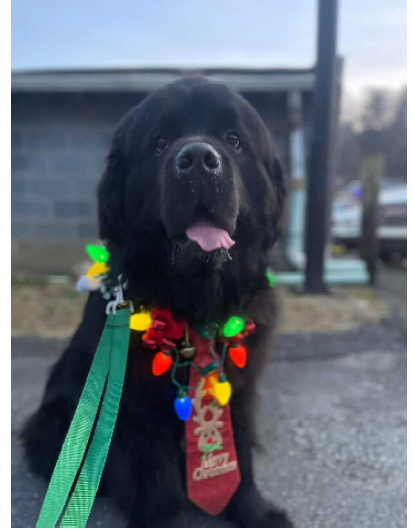
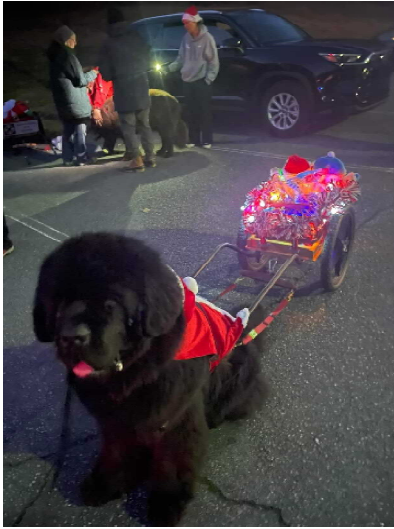
Queen City Newfoundland Club held their **FIRST ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE PULL** on November 18th, 2023 at Boyd Mountain Christmas Tree Farm in Waynesville, NC. What a great time we had! Thanks to Connie Sovie for organizing the event, and thanks to everyone that came to participate! The Newfoundlands and the Berners were in their glory!!!





## QUEEN CITY'S 1st ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE

Queen City Newfoundland Club participated in their **FIRST ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE** on November 25th, 2023 in Spruce Pine, NC. What a wonderful event that was held at NIGHT!!! Thanks to Carol Czerw for organizing the event...it was WONDERFUL!!!



## DRAFT PRACTICE ANYONE?

Connie Sovie holds a draft practice weekly! Interested in participating? Contact Connie at [conniesovie@gmail.com](mailto:conniesovie@gmail.com) for information.

