

**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.

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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

**JUNE 14th, 2025**  
**WATER WORKSHOP**  
(see pages 3 & 4 for details)

**JULY 11th, 2025 (start date of cluster)**  
**CAROLINA WORKING GROUP ASSOCIATION**  
**WORKING DOG SHOWS**  
in conjunction with the  
**VICTORY LANE CLASSIC SHOWS**  
with  
**QUEEN CITY NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB SPECIALTIES**  
(see pages 3 & 4 for details)

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Sometimes you just have to toot your own horn and this is our year!

We started the year out with draft training events, and we had club members attend an NCA Regional Club draft test in April. Then we will have water training events this summer starting in June.

Our biggest event of the year is our AKC Specialty Shows held in July at the Cabarrus Arena and Event Center in Concord, NC. We have puppy and veteran sweepstakes for two days, stud dog and brood bitch classes all three days. And don't forget about our trophy table display, which is beyond impressive.

This year's annual meeting will be held face-to-face in July at the Specialty shows in Concord, North Carolina and we will present the 2024 Awards. I am pleased to inform all our members that we have spectacular awards this year to celebrate the accomplishments of our Newfoundlands and their owners. Congratulations to all of you!

While we are a small club, we are mighty in size! Each year our membership increases, which has allowed us to include a number of committees to carry out the work of preserving our Newfoundland breed. The current board of directors remains mindful of the commitment and dedication that so many members over the past several years have provided to help grow and prosper our club. I cannot thank everyone enough for their passionate volunteering and monetary sponsorships to help set a firm foundation for Queen City Newfoundland Club.

See you in July!

*Laura Rader*  
QCNC President





# WATER WORKSHOP JUNE 14th, 2025

ARE YOU READY FOR  
WATER WORK?

**JUNE 14th, 2025**  
**9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**  
**604 Swiss Pine Lake Drive**  
**Spruce Pine, NC 28777**

The Queen City Newfoundland Club is thrilled to announce an upcoming  
**WATER TRAINING EVENT!**

This is a fantastic opportunity for you and your gentle giants to dive into the world of water work, a discipline that showcases the natural abilities of the Newfoundland breed.

**Activities include:** one-on-one assistance with exercises, land exercises to work on at home, learning, splashing and camaraderie among fellow Newfie Lovers!

**COME JOIN US**

Fill out the form, and email to **CONNIE SOVIE**  
[conniesovie@gmail.com](mailto:conniesovie@gmail.com)

**WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU AND YOUR NEWFIE MAKE A SPLASH!**  
(human lifejackets will be required)



# UPCOMING EVENTS



## QUEEN CITY NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB

Is proud to present our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual

### WATER WORKSHOP

**JUNE 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

604 Swiss Pine Lake Drive

Spruce Pine, NC 28777

**9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**PARTICIPATION LIMITED TO 10 DOGS**

Name of owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Experience level: Novice \_\_\_\_\_ Intermediate \_\_\_\_\_ Excellent \_\_\_\_\_

Payment via: Check \_\_\_\_\_ PayPal \_\_\_\_\_

**Participation fee: \$50.00** (all proceeds to benefit the Queen City Newfoundland Club).

Pay via PayPal ([QueenCityNewfoundlandClub@gmail.com](mailto:QueenCityNewfoundlandClub@gmail.com)) or by check made out to QCNC to **Connie Sovie** with this form.

**Remember to bring:** bumpers, towels, water bowl, treats, drag line, crate, life jackets for humans, sunscreen and a lunch for yourself (should you choose).

**Please send this form and your payment/method to:**

**Connie Sovie**

297 Stonebrook Drive

Maggie Valley, NC 28751

# A Southern All-American Tradition Save the Dates!!!

Back to back weekends of All-Breed Shows  
AT THE SAME LOCATION

**Victory Lane  
Classic**



North Carolina  
JULY 11-15, 2025



Speedway Classic of the Carolinas  
JULY 17-20, 2025



**CABARRUS ARENA AND EVENTS CENTER**  
4751 HIGHWAY 49 NORTH CONCORD, N.C. 28025



The two Classics are teaming up for a week  
shows and events

**MANY SPECIALTIES AND SUPPORTED ENTRIES**

**Watch for Updates!**



# UPCOMING EVENTS



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

**9 shows - 5 days**

**July 11-15, 2025**

Cabarrus Arena & Event Center - Concord, NC

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



**2  
WORKING  
DOG  
SHOWS**

**FRIDAY  
July 11, 2025**

Judges  
to be assigned



**4  
ALL BREED  
SHOWS**

**SATURDAY  
July 12, 2025  
Salisbury NC Kennel Club  
Judge to be assigned**

**SUNDAY  
July 13, 2025  
Salisbury NC Kennel Club  
Judge to be assigned**

**MONDAY  
July 14, 2025  
Lake Norman Kennel Club  
Judge to be assigned**

**TUESDAY  
July 15, 2025  
Lake Norman Kennel Club  
Judge to be assigned**



**3 AKC CONCURRENT  
NEWFOUNDLAND  
SPECIALTIES**  
**2 SWEEPSTAKES  
with Puppy & Veteran**  
**3 STUD DOG &  
BROOD BITCH**  
**3 NOHS**

**SATURDAY  
July 12, 2025  
Dean Burwell - Sweepstakes  
Lynne Hamilton - Breed**

**SUNDAY  
July 13, 2025  
Shira Barkon - Sweepstakes  
Milan Lint - Breed**

**MONDAY  
July 14, 2025  
(no sweepstakes)  
Linda Robey - Breed**

(separate additional entries for these shows)

**QUEEN CITY NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB  
BASKET RAFFLE**

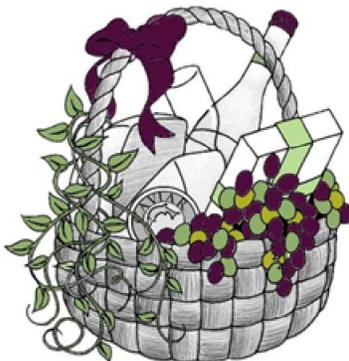
**Don't forget the QUEEN CITY BASKET RAFFLE at the  
upcoming Concord Shows!**

**Bring your baskets/items to the Queen City Grooming Area  
Raffle Tables**

**JULY 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**CONTACT LAURA RADER, [catsquarerader@aol.com](mailto:catsquarerader@aol.com)**

**SEE EVERYONE THERE!!!**

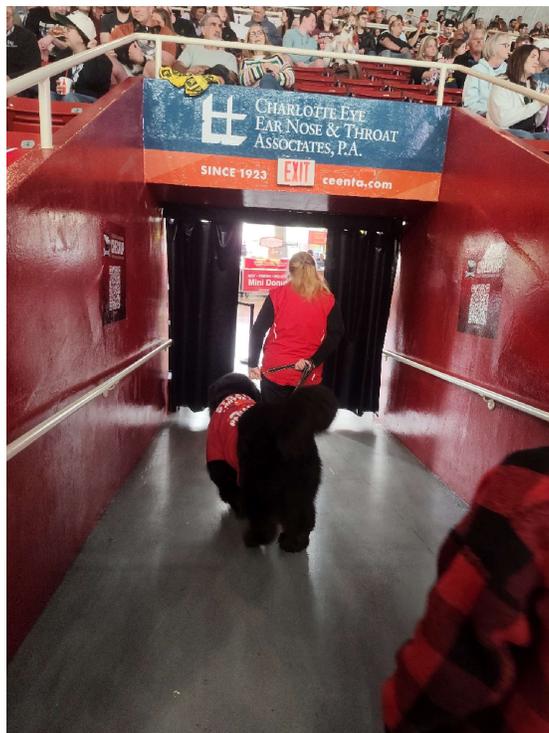


# POOCH PARTY

On March 29th, 2025, Queen City Newfoundland Club attended the “POOCH PARTY” at the BoJangles Coliseum in Charlotte, NC to watch the Charlotte Checkers play! We had front row seats in our section, giving the newfs plenty of space, and lots of attention from passers by, including a special visit from the Checkers team mascot! Everyone attending the game received Auto Bell Car Drying Towels (great for our slobber) and there were dog related vendors set up around the concourse with goodies for all. Many thanks to Cathy Hoffman for coordinating this event for us! We can't wait to go again next year!



# POOCH PARTY



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## CANINE CONDITIONING

Canine conditioning is the process of physically and mentally preparing a dog for specific tasks or activities. It is especially important for giant breed dogs, as these breeds tend to have unique physical and health needs that require specialized conditioning in order to thrive. Some advantages for Newfoundlands are:

**Improved physical health:** Giant breed dogs are prone to joint problems, such as hip dysplasia, due to their size and weight. Canine conditioning can help these dogs maintain a healthy weight, which can alleviate stress on their joints and reduce the risk of developing these problems. In addition, conditioning can help giant breed dogs build muscle strength, which can improve their overall physical health and reduce the risk of injury.

**Enhanced mental health:** Canine conditioning can also have a positive impact on a giant breed dog's mental health. It can provide a sense of purpose and structure, as well as a way to burn off excess energy and reduce stress. This can help prevent behaviors such as destructive chewing or excessive barking, which can be common problems in giant breed dogs that do not receive enough mental and physical stimulation.

**Increased lifespan:** Giant breed dogs have a shorter lifespan compared to smaller breeds, with an average lifespan of 6-10 years. Canine conditioning can help improve a giant breed dog's overall health and well-being, which can lead to a longer and healthier life.

**Improved behavior:** Canine conditioning can also help improve a giant breed dog's behavior, as it provides a way for them to channel their energy and focus their attention. This can be especially beneficial for giant breed dogs that may have a high prey drive or are prone to chasing smaller animals.

**Enhanced bonding:** Finally, canine conditioning can be a great way for owners of giant breed dogs to bond with their pets. It allows owners to spend quality time with their dogs and work together towards a common goal. This can strengthen the bond between owner and dog and create a stronger sense of trust and loyalty.

In conclusion, canine conditioning is an important aspect of care for giant breed dogs. It can help improve their physical and mental health, increase their lifespan, improve their behavior, and enhance the bond between owner and pet. By incorporating canine conditioning into their care routine, owners of giant breed dogs can help ensure that their pets live long and healthy lives.

## SLEEPING OUTSIDE THE CRATE

It's one of the big questions for most new puppy owners: "when can my puppy sleep outside the crate?"

It's a moment to look forward to, for it means your dog is housetrained and you no longer have to get up at all hours of the night to take her outside nor do you have to worry about cleaning up those cratetraining "accidents."

So, exactly when can your puppy sleep outside her crate? Simple: when she's ready. All humor aside, there are multiple factors to consider. Your dog's breed is one. Larger breeds tend to mature more slowly than smaller breeds, and so while the general rule of thumb for dogs - a puppy can "hold it" for one hour per month of age, meaning a 6-month-old puppy should be able to go 6 hours before needing a bathroom break - is a good starting point, this is only a general rule of thumb. Some Newf puppies might indeed be able to make it all night by the time they're 6 months; others may not be able to do so until they're 9 or 10 months.

And while breed makes a difference, size variations may also play a role, so each individual dog will be different. Keep a close eye on how regularly your puppy needs to go out, slowly lengthening the time between bathroom breaks as she gets older, and if she's not having accidents in her crate or the house, you'll know you're on the right track.

Don't rush the process, though; many trainers recommend waiting a month or more after a puppy has started going all night with no in-the-crate accidents before actually allowing the dog to sleep outside the crate, just to avoid setbacks.

There's something else to consider here besides the bathroom-break issue, and that's chewing. Your puppy may be perfectly housetrained and able to go 7 or 8 hours without needing to go outside, but if she is still engaging in inappropriate chewing, the crate is the safest place for her to be at night. Even when it appears your dog is a candidate for "free sleeping," some dog owners and trainers recommend that a puppy's first few nights outside the crate be in a limited space (a puppyproofed bathroom, or your bedroom) until the puppy has fully demonstrated her ability to avoid getting into any trouble.

Finally, remember that dogs are "den" animals, and the crate -which of course should never be used for punishment - is, for most dogs, a place of safety and security. Many owners simply leave crates freely accessible to dogs 24/7, and many dogs happily take advantage, for their entire lives, of that convenient and comfortingly secure "den."

## BRAGS

We've been hanging close to home, socializing the youngsters and building my dog show clothing business. Cartier's pups are about 4 1/2 months old and hope to get back in motion soon.



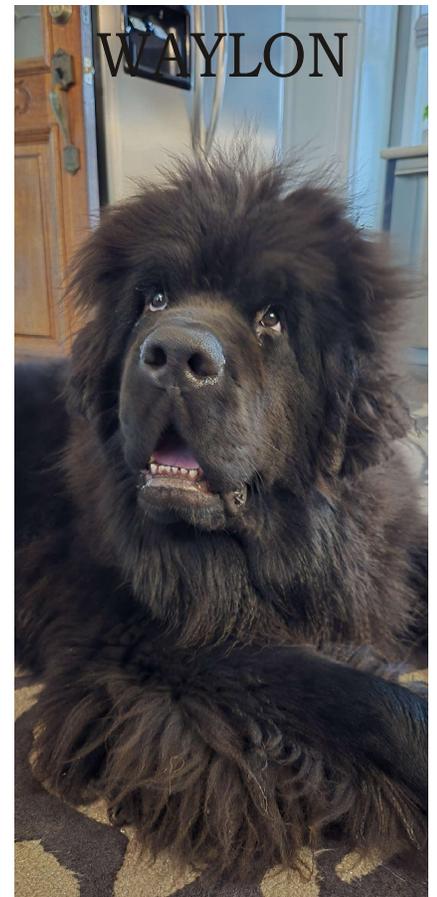
Submitted by Kelly Roberts



Nora turns the big "9" on May 29th, and Waylon's first birthday is June 7th!

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY to  
NORA and WAYLON!**

Submitted by Abby Rose



## BRAGS



Moses earned his Rally Advanced title. And his first Graduate Open leg. Earlier he earned his PCDX and GN titles.

Moses earning his first Graduate Open leg



Joshua earning his BN title

Joshua earned his Rally Intermediate title and his Beginner Novice and Preferred Novice titles.

# BRAGS



Shiphrah's recall in her Veteran's Class

Shiphrah earned her Rally choice title plus 5 extra Rally choice legs and competed in Veteran's Obedience twice. She also listens to first graders read to her.

Submitted by Pam Sauerman



**“STREETER”**  
GCH CH Avalon Bey's Count Dracula  
earns his  
CGC, CGCA and TKN!

Titles at both ends! Whoo Hoo!

# BRAGS

Submitted by Connie Sovie

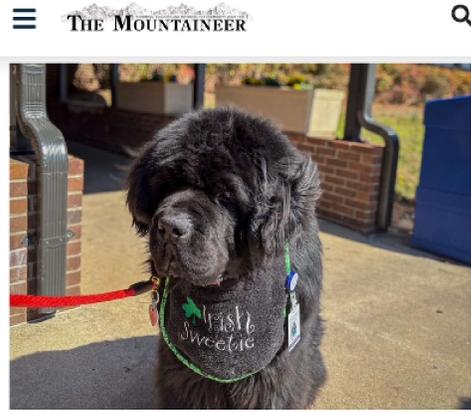
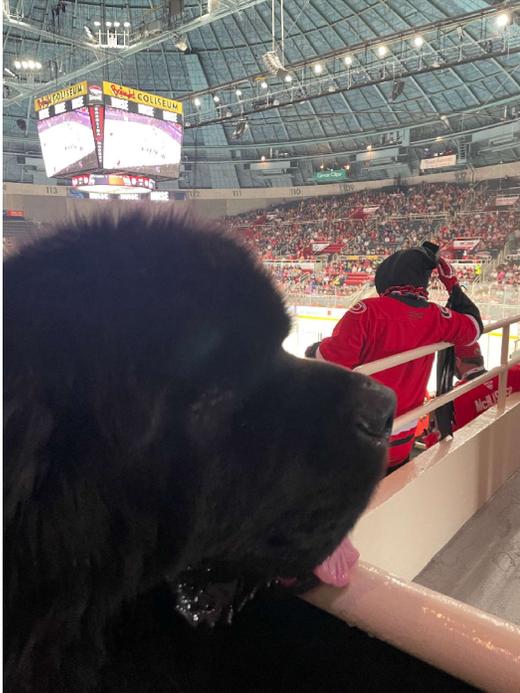
As normal, MAVERICK has started off the year with a very busy schedule.

- ★ In February, Maverick earned his Rally Novice (RN) title in Atlanta, GA.
- ★ In March, we made a fun trip to CNC Draft Test in Ashland, VA. No love for Maverick on the course, but was very proud of his trial. We had a lot of fun and traveled with great friends.
- ★ Also in March, Maverick became a certified volunteer for Haywood Regional Medical Center. He received his own badge and had a large article published in the newspaper. Maverick is performing his job with love and compassion.
- ★ And to top the month of March off, we attended Pouch Night at the Charlotte Checkers hockey game. What a fun night with many QCNC members.
- ★ Maverick also had an article published in the Haywood Vocational Opportunities Newsletter...He loves visiting his friends.
- ★ Maverick has to date logged in over 800 therapy visits.



## Therapy Dog - Maverick





## Therapy dog Maverick joins HRMC volunteer program

Mar 22, 2025

Haywood Regional Medical Center welcomes Maverick, a four-year-old Newfoundland therapy dog, as its newest volunteer. Maverick, known for his gentle demeanor and love for people, will provide comfort and companionship to patients, visitors, and staff throughout the hospital.

## Colonial Newfoundland Draft Test Memories

Submitted by Julie Fitser

I participated in my first NCA draft test in Virginia, hosted by Colonial Newfoundland Club in March. The weather was cold for me, but the dogs LOVED IT! What a great experience it was...so different than the conformation ring that I had been used to. It was a great test, and I learned so much. Streeter and I tackled the course, and I am proud to say we DID pass some of the exercises with "flying colors" and others...well, it was great to practice!

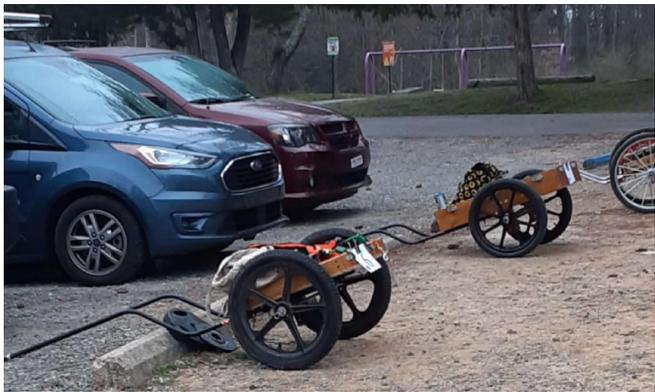
Three members of Queen City Newfoundland Club made to trek to participate...Michelle Bennet (with Tanner), Connie Sovie (with Maverick) and I had Streeter (all entered in BDD - Beginner Draft Dog). Thanks to Colonial and the judges, who would offer suggestions along the way, and were never too "rushed" to answer my million questions!

Michelle and Tanner are a new BDD team! It was exciting to watch them manuver the course. Congrats to them...and Tanner a "youngster" at 9.5 years old! What an inspiration...

Looking forward to my next draft test...hopefully SOON! Try draft work with your dog...you may LOVE it!



# BRAGS



## DID YOU KNOW...

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That Queen City Newfoundland Club has **TWO** Test Evaluators??? Many times they travel with their paperwork...have fun and TITLE YOUR DOG(s)!!!

**CAROL CZERW** can test your dog(s) for the following:

AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy  
Canine Good Citizen  
AKC Community Canine  
Urban CGC  
AKC FIT DOG  
AKC Trick Dog  
Virtual Home Manners

**CONNIE SOVIE** can test your dog(s) for the following:

AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy  
Canine Good Citizen  
AKC Community Canine  
Urban CGC  
AKC FIT DOG  
AKC Trick Dog  
Virtual Home Manners  
Temperment Testing  
Fetch Test

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