

**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**

**VICTORY LANE CLASSIC**

**3 CONCURRENT SPECIALTIES  
(with 2 PUPPY/2 VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES)  
4-6 mo. PUPPY, NOHS, STUD DOG/BROOD BITCH**

**July 11-15, 2025  
Cabarrus Arena and Event Center  
Concord, North Carolina**

**ANNUAL MEETING & AWARDS  
(Victory Lane Classic; details to be announced)**

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE  
[www.qcnews.org](http://www.qcnews.org)**

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## GREETINGS TO THE QUEEN CITY MEMBERSHIP

Happy New Year!!! Queen City has started off the new year with many events planned. If you are looking for something to do, we have been working hard to put together several possibilities for you and your Newf!!

Our team of volunteers have been working hard to organize our upcoming AKC specialty shows in July at the Cabarrus Arena and Event Center in Concord, NC. The venue is a fantastic place to have a dog show with plenty of air conditioning, plenty of grooming space and RV space plus we offer super hospitality. The trophies will be another show of wonderful display for entrants to win. The raffle table already has exceeded expectations for awesome items to win. Trophy and raffle items should have every Queen City Newfoundland Member ready for anticipation!!

We need volunteers for our July shows:

- \* to run the raffle table
- \* to help run the hospitality table
- \* Donate raffle items

We look forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming specialty shows in July!! Through our QCNC volunteers, good things are going to happen to make our club stronger and keep our breed strong.

# Laura Rader

Laura Rader  
QCNC President



# 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!**





**QCNC  
TRIPLE  
CROWN  
CLASSIC**  
Newfoundland  
SPECIALTIES

**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](http://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

to hold

## ANNUAL AWARDS PRESENTATION

Everyone has been working super hard this past year with their Newfoundlands...traveling, showing, working and having fun! It's time for you to be honored! We are planning on having an "AWARDS" presentation following our Annual Meeting in Concord, NC (our specialties weekend) to honor new titleists! More info will be coming closer to the event, but the following form needs to be filled out by **MARCH 31st, 2025**, and sent to CONNIE SOVIE!

**ATTENTION NEW MEMBERS!** If your dog received a title in 2024 (before you were a member) please fill out the form for your awards!

### QUEEN CITY NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB

Awards Form - 2024

(Please use a separate form for each dog and forward to the Awards Chairperson)  
AWARD INFORMATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY **MARCH 31st, 2025**

**PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE**

Registered Name \_\_\_\_\_

AKC# \_\_\_\_\_

Copy of title certificate(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Has your dog received any SPECIAL AWARDS (non-titles) this year? \_\_\_\_\_

(for example: Living Legend Status, longevity with a Therapy Group, special awards, etc).

If yes, please explain the award! \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

List of Existing Title(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Breeder(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Owner(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE PRINT AND SIGN THIS FORM. THEN MAIL COMPLETED FORM TO:**

Connie Sovie, 297 Stonebrook Drive, Maggie Valley, NC 28751 954-999-7143 [conniesovie@gmail.com](mailto:conniesovie@gmail.com)

## 2nd ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE PULL

Nestled in the Great Smokey Mtns is a wonderland called Boyd Christmas tree farm in Waynesville, NC. Despite the damage to Western North Carolina by hurricane Helene, Boyd Mountain Christmas Tree Farm was open as scheduled for the 2024 tree-cutting season. Queen City Newfoundland Club was there November 23rd, 2024 to open the day with our dogs ready to meet and greet all the people. The lasting impact our dogs have on all the people that stopped by to hug and kiss was extraordinary. Connie Sovie took Maverick to some of the nearby schools that were hit by the storm and these same kids were there shopping for a Christmas tree. We had one kid who stayed for several hours just sleeping with the dogs. Thank you to everyone who brought their newbies this year because it truly meant so much to all those people. Just one day our Newfoundland Dogs offered so much comfort, love and smiles while people shopped for their perfect tree. Thank you to Boyd Mountain Christmas Tree Farm for having us again so that our newfoundland dogs can do this great service!!









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## BASKET RAFFLE

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**For our Specialties in  
Concord, NC in July...  
don't forget your raffle baskets  
and to volunteer  
to man the raffle table,  
sell tickets and help set up  
and tear down the trophy tables!**

## QCNC makes DONATION to the MULE PACKERS

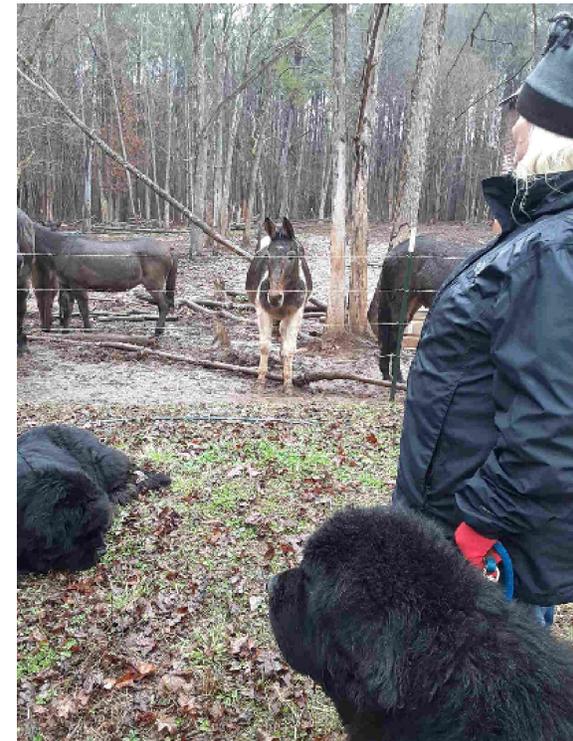
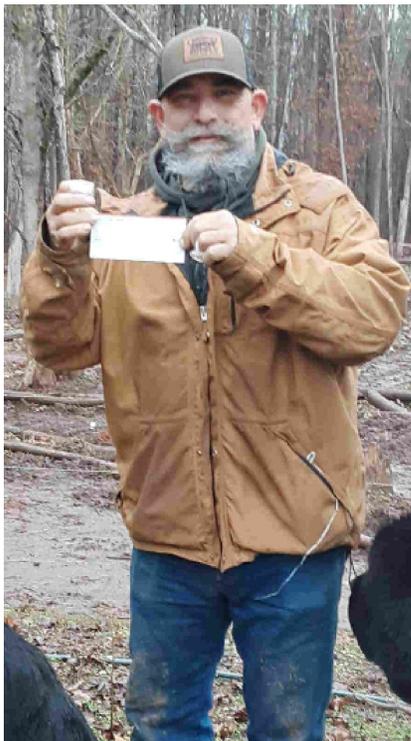
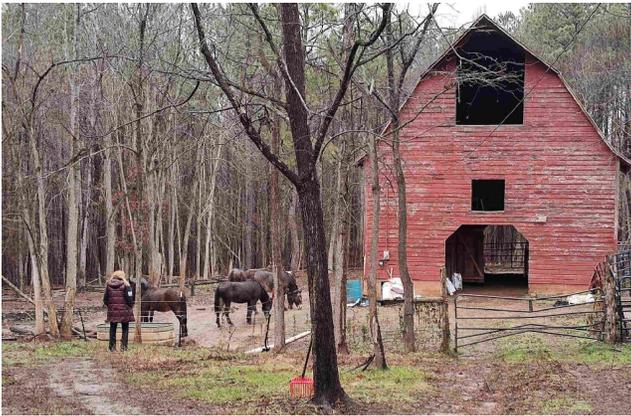
December 28th was a wonderful day for Queen City Newfoundland Club! Connie Sovie (treasurer), Laura Rader (president) and myself went to visit Mountain Mule Packers in Mt. Ulla, NC to make our club's "in person" donation to Mike and the mules! The QCNC Board of Directors voted to make the donation from a portion of the monies raised at our Boyd Mountain Christmas Tree Pull in November.

The Mule Packers have been doing great things in Western North Carolina and Eastern Tennessee helping with the recovery efforts, going into places where ATV's and other vehicles have been unable to reach, delivering medicine and supplies to folks unable to get out of their current locations due to the hurricane.

The mules are wonderful...we had fun petting them and introducing them to newfoundlands Maverick and Streeter, that traveled for the visit with us. The mules are at home for a bit, resting for their next trip! Mike told us of some of their adventures, and the still ever present need for assistance in many areas that will forever be changed. Relief efforts are far from over...it was a humbling experience...and we all should be proud that our club is contributing to make a difference with the relief efforts!

If you would like to donate to them, here is their website: [MountainMulePackers.com](http://MountainMulePackers.com)

Julie Fitser



# DRAFT WORKSHOP

THANKS, CONNIE!!!







## BRAGS

submitted by Kelly Roberts



We ended 2024 at #19 in GCH standings with limited showing.



Cartier became a new mommy.

*Bama Bears*  
NEWFOUNDLANDS

Providing Show Clothing  
Reasonably

Owner: *Kelly Roberts*  
256-303-7009  
Contact through Facebook

Our family has started selling show clothing to handlers.

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## Tackling Obesity in Dogs

By Sharon Albright, DVM, CCRT  
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As a new year begins, many people make – and break – New Year’s resolutions regarding their weight and health. Setting aside any judgments on this practice, maintaining your dog at a healthy weight is always a worthy commitment. According to a 2022 survey by the Association for Pet Obesity Prevention, 59% of U.S. dogs are estimated to be overweight or obese.

This staggering statistic has significant implications for canine health. In dogs, as in humans, obesity is an inflammatory condition that affects the heart, joints, kidneys, and skin, and even contributes to the development of cancer. Addressing obesity first reduces fatty tissue levels and the associated inflammation, which can lead to the improvement or resolution of other health issues.

Obesity can even impact a dog’s lifespan. A laboratory study<sup>1</sup> by Nestle Purina Petcare showed that Labrador Retrievers fed 25% less than their free-fed littermates developed chronic diseases such as arthritis at a later age and lived up to two years longer. A more recent study<sup>2</sup> of North American pet dogs also found that healthy-weight dogs outlived their overweight peers by up to two and a half years. Since we all want to spend more quality time with our beloved dogs, prioritizing a healthy weight is essential to ensuring a longer, happier life together.

If your dog is already overweight, decreased calorie intake and increased exercise are the mainstay of an effective treatment plan. Since this approach takes time and dedication from the owner and the veterinary team, scientists are looking for additional tools to help dogs achieve a healthy weight faster.

One promising avenue is being studied at The Ohio State University where AKC Canine Health Foundation (CHF)-funded researchers are investigating

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### Calendar of Events

#### Where to Find Us

#### January 25-26

AKC Meet the Breeds  
 New York, NY

#### February 10-11

Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show  
 New York, NY

#### March 21-23

SAVMA Symposium  
 Davis, CA

#### April 7-10

Joint Symposium for Working Canines  
 Peachtree City, GA

#### Upcoming Webinars

Stay tuned for our 2025 webinar schedule at [akcchf.org/webinars](https://akcchf.org/webinars).

## Tackling Obesity in Dogs *continued*

fecal microbiota transplantation (FMT) (*CHF Grant O2723: Scientific and Clinical Assessment of Fecal Microbiota Transplant in Obese Dogs: SLIM Study*). The intestinal microbiota—a community of bacteria, fungi, and other microscopic organisms in the digestive tract—plays a significant role in metabolism and weight management. Studies in humans and rodents suggest that the intestinal microbiota contributes to obesity and weight management. FMT aims to transfer microbes that promote a lean body weight into overweight dogs, offering a novel approach to treating obesity.

“Obesity is a disease. We need to treat it as such and give it the appropriate level of attention,” says Principal Investigator Dr. Janessa Winston.

The SLIM Study is just one example of CHF-funded research working to develop more effective treatment and prevention strategies for canine diseases like obesity. Learn more about this important work at [akcchf.org/research](https://akcchf.org/research).

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## 30 Years Advancing Canine Health

In 2025, the AKC Canine Health Foundation (CHF) celebrates 30 years of advancing canine health! Since its founding in 1995, CHF has invested more than \$75 million in canine health research, educational grants, and canine health projects – all to help dogs live longer, healthier lives.

CHF-funded researchers have explored the mechanisms of canine disease, providing more accurate diagnostic tests, new treatments, and genetic tests to help manage heritable diseases. Significant breakthroughs have been made in areas such as stationary night blindness, cancer, degenerative myelopathy, the health of search rescue dogs, and much more. This work has been fueled by generous donor support and the dedication of participating dogs, dog owners, and veterinary professionals.

Educational grants have encouraged scientists to pursue careers in canine health research and trained specialized veterinarians in reproductive or sports medicine. These programs ensure that skilled professionals are available to meet the evolving health needs of current and future generations of dogs.

Looking ahead, we are excited to unveil a refreshed image for CHF and a renewed commitment to sharing health information. The Foundation and its staff, in collaboration with the scientific community, are dedicated to improving the health of all dogs through knowledge and discovery. With compassion, connection, and scientific rigor, we will continue to find and fund scientific studies with the most potential to help dogs. Thank you to everyone who has inspired and supported us, both in the past and moving forward!



## 2024 AKC Canine Health Foundation Awards

The AKC Canine Health Foundation (CHF) presents the President's Award annually to a person or organization that has made an exceptional contribution to advancing canine health. This year's recipients are **Dr. J. Charles and Lynn Garvin**. The Garvins have demonstrated a lifelong dedication to advancing canine health, the Dalmatian breed, and community service. Dr. Garvin has been a CHF Board Member since 2007 and was chairman from 2016-2023. He is also a current member of the AKC Board of Directors and works diligently with the AKC Purebred Preservation Bank. Dr. Garvin and Lynn Garvin have bred over 90 champion Dalmatians. Mrs. Garvin currently serves as an AKC Delegate for the Marion Ohio Kennel Club and is a longtime supporter of CHF.



The Distinguished Research Partner Award is given annually to clubs or organizations for their ongoing and outstanding commitment to supporting canine health research. This year's recipients are the **Golden Retriever Foundation®** and **MB-F, Inc.**



- The Golden Retriever Foundation has had a longstanding partnership with CHF, supporting decades of research with wide-reaching significance. Most recently, their advocacy prompted the investigation of an emerging respiratory disease in dogs. Their support also helped to launch, and quickly expand, funding for a canine sports medicine and rehabilitation residency program which will benefit both current and future generations of dogs.



- MB-F, Inc. has consistently supported CHF and its mission. Tom Crowe, the founder of MB-F and a member of the inaugural CHF board, created the MB-F Star Dogs Program through which 301 clubs and thousands of club members have donated to CHF.

Awards were presented at the Canines & Cocktails gala in Orlando, FL on December 12, 2024.

## Thank you to our 2024 Canines & Cocktails Sponsors!

Thank you to everyone who helped us celebrate achievements in canine health research at the Canines & Cocktails gala in Orlando, Florida. Your enthusiasm and dedication to the AKC Canine Health Foundation's mission help ensure a healthier future for all dogs.

Special thanks to our many generous sponsors listed below. We also thank our dedicated event committee chairs, Dr. and Mrs. William Truesdale, whose ongoing philanthropic commitment to the AKC Canine Health Foundation makes this event a success year after year.

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**MISSION:** The AKC Canine Health Foundation's mission is to improve the health of all dogs through knowledge and discovery.

## 2025 Clinician-Scientist Fellow

Established in 2013, the AKC Canine Health Foundation's Clinician-Scientist Fellowship Program encourages and supports the next generation of canine health researchers to sustain future advancements in canine health. Visit [akcchf.org/clinsci](http://akcchf.org/clinsci) for more information.



The 2025 Fellow is:

**Selvi Jegatheeson, BSc (Hon), DVM, MVS, MVSc (Clinical), MANZCVS (Small Animal Medicine), FANZCVS (Veterinary Oncology) (CHF Grant 03398-E)**

*Mentors: Paul Neeson, PhD, FFSc (RCPA); University of Melbourne and Nicola Mason, BVetMed, PhD; Penn Vet*

Dr. Jegatheeson earned her veterinary degree and completed a veterinary medical oncology internship and residency at the University of Melbourne. She is currently a doctoral candidate at the University of Melbourne's Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre.

Under the mentorship of Drs. Neeson and Mason, Dr. Jegatheeson will study a type of immunotherapy, known as Chimeric Antigen Receptor (CAR)-T cell therapy, for the treatment of solid cancers in people and dogs. Her work will build upon our knowledge of cancer immunotherapy and hopefully improve treatment options for tumors such as bone cancer.

*This fellowship is generously sponsored by owners Carolyn and Gary Koch along with breeders Kristy and Kevin Ratliff in honor of "Rumble," GCHP Hill Country's Let's Get Ready To Rumble ([akcchf.org/rumble](http://akcchf.org/rumble)).*

## Recent CHF Grant Highlights

### **Grant 03321-A: Ehrlichiosis and Hemostasis: Uncovering the Molecular Pathophysiology of Perioperative Bleeding in Ehrlichia canis-positive Dogs through Comparative Transcriptomics**

*Principal Investigator: Amanda Duarte Barbosa, BVetMed, PhD; Murdoch University*

Seeks to determine why dogs infected with the tick-borne disease *Ehrlichia canis* sometimes have severe, or even fatal, bleeding during routine surgery.

### **Grant 03300: Probiotic Prevention of GI Hyperpermeability and Metabolome Disturbances in Dogs with Multicentric Lymphoma Undergoing Multi-drug Chemotherapy**

*Principal Investigator: Maria C Jagan, DVM, MS, DACVIM; Kansas State University*

Evaluates the impact of a probiotic on preventing and treating gastrointestinal toxicity secondary to chemotherapy in dogs with lymphoma.

### **Grant 03274: Multimodal Quantification of Mitral Regurgitation in Dogs with Myxomatous Mitral Valve Disease**

*Principal Investigator: Ryan Fries, DVM, DACVIM (Cardiology), DECVIM-CA (Cardiology); University of Illinois*

Compares different imaging methods to assess mitral valve disease severity, which will help clinicians decide when more advanced treatments like surgery are needed.

See our full research grants portfolio at [akcchf.org/research](http://akcchf.org/research).

## How You Can Help

Support the AKC Canine Health Foundation to help find better treatments, more accurate diagnoses, and an improved understanding of the mechanisms that cause disease in dogs. Whatever your capacity to give, there is a way for you to help. Learn more at [akcchf.org/how-to-help](http://akcchf.org/how-to-help).



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