



Creating a safe and healthy future for every Newfoundland.

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THEIR FUTURE



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One day a man was walking along the beach, when he noticed a boy hurriedly picking up and gently throwing things into the ocean. Approaching the boy, he asked, "Young man, what are you doing?" The boy replied, "Throwing starfish back into the ocean. The surf is up and the tide is going out. If I don't throw them back, they'll die." The man laughed to himself and said, "Don't you realize there are miles and miles of beach and hundreds of starfish? You can't make any difference!"

After listening politely, the boy bent down, picked up another starfish, and threw it into the surf. Then, smiling at the man, he said, "I made a difference to that one."

- adapted from "Star Thrower" by Loren Eiseley

The Newfoundland Club of America Charitable Trust is committed to making a difference.

Your Gift, Their Future

Mission

The mission of the Newfoundland Club of America Charitable Trust is to secure donations, to manage and distribute research grants to study health issues affecting Newfoundlands, to provide necessary monetary aid for Newfoundland rescue assistance, to award educational scholarships to junior Newfoundland fanciers, and to provide general education involving the care, raising, health, nutrition, training, disease, research, breeding, judging and exhibiting the Newfoundland breed.

Vision

The Vision for the NCA Trust was formed many years ago when the Newfoundland Club of America saw a need to support the health of Newfoundlands and in 1981 formed the Health and Longevity Committee (H & L), the Newfoundland Rescue Committee in 1983, and NCA Donations Committee in 1984. As the funds in the Donations Committee and Rescue continued to grow, the need to support health related research and a growing Rescue network increased, the need for an organized entity was identified.

The Newfoundland Health Challenge was created in 1992 to address health issues in the Newfoundland breed and generate funds to support research and programs addressing health concerns in Newfoundlands. The NCA Board of Directors originally managed the committees and as the committee work grew so did the amount of time required to manage the charitable work.

The work being done by these committees was all charitable in nature so the idea to form a Charitable Trust was born. The NCA Charitable Trust was created in 1997 and was originally managed by the NCA Board of Directors serving as the Trustee. The NCA Charitable Trust is a 501c3 Charitable Trust that is recognized by the IRS and donations can be income tax deductible. In 2000 the NCA Board of Directors created an ad hoc Committee consisting of Mary L. Price, Mary Jane Spackman, Dave Helming and Clyde Dunphy to develop an organizational structure to manage the daily activities of the NCA Trust. In November, 2001 the Charitable Trust Management Board (CTMB) was formally created and approved by the Trustee.

Currently, The NCA Board of Directors serves as the Trustee of the NCA Charitable Trust and sets policy for the management of the Trust that is carried out by a nine member Charitable Trust Management Board.

Values

“The NCA Charitable Trust puts the resources of devoted Newfoundland fanciers right where they can do the most good, rescuing Newfoundlands in need, supporting research for healthier Newfoundlands now and in the future, and sponsoring scholarships for young breed fanciers who will one day be the guardians of our gentle giants. As part of the only organization in the United States devoted solely to the well being of these magnificent dogs, the Newfoundland Club of America fully supports the work of the Charitable Trust, and hopes that every NCA member and Newfoundland owner will do the same.”

- Roger Frey, past-president, Newfoundland Club of America

Chairman's Letter

"It's harder to stay on top than to make the climb, continue to seek new goals."

Each year as I write the annual report for the NCA Charitable Trust, I am challenged to write an article that informs our donors what the Trust accomplished this past year. Last year we reviewed the history and accomplishments of the first 25 years of the NCA Charitable Trust. This year I am compelled to ask the questions, "where will the future take us and will the Trust be prepared to face the challenges ahead?"

"It's harder to stay on top than to make the climb, continue to seek new goals." A quote by Pat Summit, Winningest Women's NCAA Basketball coach reminds me of the journey of the Trust. We must continue to look forward and explore our opportunities in Newfoundland Health Research, Rescue, Education and Scholarship.

"When you have a goal, you have to do the work, no excuses", that statement sums up the work of our dedicated Rescue volunteers.

NCA National Newfoundland Rescue is a large volunteer network that supports rescue efforts throughout the United States. These dedicated volunteers work with regional Newfoundland clubs to assist Newfoundlands in need and to work independently with the support of the Trust in areas where regional club rescue is not available. Your donations continue to make this important work possible. Costs continue to rise for rescue services and the Trust provides grants to regional clubs when needed. Please read the full Rescue Report.

The health of our Newfoundlands today and in the future is a priority for the NCA Charitable Trust. We are investing in the future health with our research funds. As Mahatma Gandhi said, "Good Health is the Ultimate Wealth." Thanks to all of the respondents that completed the recent Newfoundland Health Survey. A summary of the survey results are included in this report.

"Don't sit down and wait for the opportunities to come. Get up and make them." A statement by Madam C.J. Walker, an African American entrepreneur, philanthropist, and political and social activist speaks to the heart of the research activities of the Trust.

The Research efforts of the Trust and the Research Advisory Committee are definitely prepared for the future as we have teamed up with the Morris Animal Foundation to fund Donor Inspired Studies. Currently, we are funding Research projects on Newfoundland Forelimb Anomaly (Congenital Radial Head Luxation) and Cranial Cruciate Ligament Disease in the



Newfoundland. We recently funded a study on a new novel treatment for canine otitis externa. The Trust also funded a study on Musculoskeletal Conditions and Diseases with the AKC Canine Health Foundation. See full report of the Research Advisory Committee.

What's new for the Trust in 2023? An online store for NCA Trust, NCA National Rescue and NCA Health Challenge logo items just opened so please feel free to shop for your favorite logos. The proceeds from the sales goes to the Trust. Look for an online auction of Newfie collectibles and memorabilia in the near future as we are researching ways to present donated items for auction online. The Silent Auction at the National Specialty in 2023 will be changed to be combined with Rescue and Health Challenge items available daily and a few items may be bid over the three days, more details coming. Trust logo items will be available for sale online only.

The number of subscribers to the e-newsletter NewfCare: Research and Rescue continues to grow with over 1,000 subscribers. This newsletter is published quarterly and provides current information from the Trust with Research and Rescue updates.

The administrative expenses of the Trust are covered by an annual grant from NCA Inc., so that 100% of your donations can be used to support the mission of the Trust. The NCA Charitable Trust exists and continues to grow with the generous support of our donors. Many donors to the Trust have included the NCA Charitable Trust in their Will and Estate Planning. The generosity of time and resources to support the health and safety of future generations of Newfoundland dogs is an inspiration to us all. I am very proud and honored to have been a part of this journey and looking forward to what lies ahead. To learn more about the NCA Charitable Trust or to make a donation visit NCACharities.org or follow us on Facebook.

Clyde E. Dunphy DVM, NCA Charitable Trust Board Chairman

Financial Highlights

Health Challenge

2022

Donations, Fundraising, Grants

\$ 79,744

Gains/Loss on Investments

-\$ 17,256

Grants Awarded

-\$ 100

Fundraising Costs/Administrative Expenses

-\$ 2,284

Rescue

Donations, Fundraising, Grants

\$ 104,859

Rescue Placement Fees

\$ 29,875

Gains/Loss on Investments

-\$ 43,722

Rescue Veterinary Care

-\$ 138,619

Fundraising Costs/Administrative Expenses

-\$ 9,062

Grants Awarded

-\$ 5,449

Education & Scholarship

Donations, Fundraising, Grants

\$ 8,032

Gains/Loss on Investments

-\$ 3,328

Fundraising Costs/Administrative Expenses

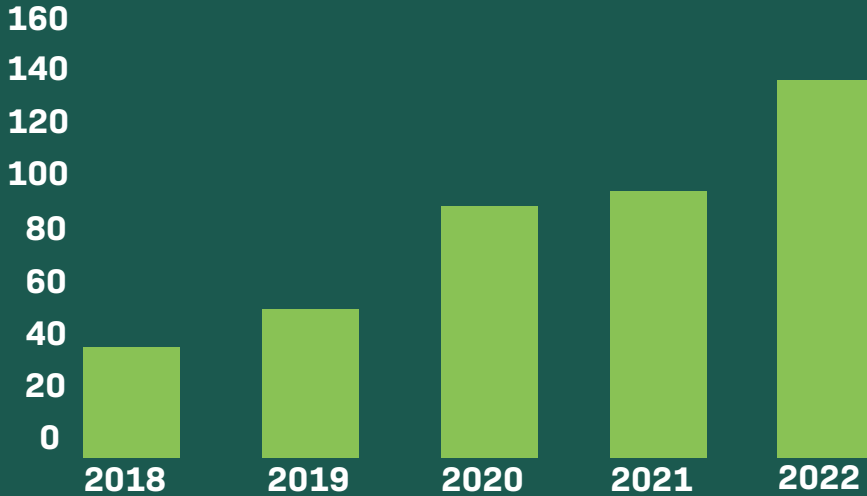
-\$ 278

Education Grants

-\$ 2,350

Scholarships

-\$ 4,731



The veterinary care industry was deeply impacted by the COVID pandemic, and costs to rescue are reflecting that trend. A five-year look at veterinary expenses for rescue show that costs have increased significantly. While some of these increases are due to more Newfoundlands surrendered to NCA Rescue in the last 2 years, we are also seeing the effects of increasing clinic staff costs, increasing medication costs and a trend in the industry toward more specialized care and the effects of increasing corporate consolidation, which often impacts an individual veterinarian's ability to offer discounted care for rescue groups. The chart at left shows yearly veterinary expenses in thousands of dollars.

Monthly Donors



26%

\$8590

Monthly donors are a mainstay of the Trust. Setting up a monthly donation is fast, easy and secure and you can change your donation at any time. In 2022 we welcomed five new monthly donors to our circle of supporters.

Facebook Birthday Fundraisers



Facebook's birthday fundraising tool allows all of our supporters to share their support of our mission, engage with like-minded friends and family, and provide much needed funding for our programs. In 2022 16 of our supporters held birthday fundraisers and raised \$4,339 from over 125 donors.

Endowment



An endowment serves as a permanent tribute to our donors, and extends our donors' values for future generations. In 10 years, our endowment has grown from \$15,200 at the start of 2012 to \$530,704 at the end of 2022. Our endowment is building a financial bedrock so that our Trust will have the same healthy future we are trying to build for our Newfoundlands.

Fundraising Update

We raise funds to meet the costs of health research and rescue needs, and to nurture and expand awareness of our mission.

In October 2022 the Trust updated its fundraising policy. This was done for several reasons, the main one being an increase in the volume of Newf Memorabilia donated to the Trust. Historically the Trust has sold any donations of Memorabilia at the NCA National Specialty, however the volume and selection of goods now exceeds the capacity of this single marketing channel. The Trust developed an updated policy, which will be used in 2023, with a goal of allowing people from all over the country interested in Newf Memorabilia to purchase items throughout the year. The Trust also was responding to feedback from the NCA Specialty Show Committee that potential vendors felt sales by the Trust decreased their potential sales at the National.

The policy calls for the Trust to engage in online sales and online auctions of items that have been donated to the Trust for the benefit of Newfoundland dogs. These donations come from NCA members, non-members and the estates of people who wish to support the mission of the Trust. The duty of the CTMB is to convert these gifts of goods into cash that can be used to further the mission of the Trust. As the Trust is neither a museum or a retailer, it has no ability to maintain a large inventory, but in recent years the volume of Newf Memorabilia and other gifts received by the Trust has far exceeded the demand available at the National Specialty.



For the Trust, the purpose of the silent auctions at the National Specialty has been both fundraising and an opportunity for public relations regarding the Trust: interacting with donors, NCA members and the public. For the 2023 National, we will shift our focus to presenting Trust information with fundraising as a secondary goal.

- The Trust will host a booth on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at the National focusing on the purpose and activities of the Trust. Small silent auctions with a total of 10 items (five from the Newfoundland Health Challenge and five from Newf Rescue) will be held each day.
- The Trust will not participate in the Fine Arts Auction at the 2023 National Specialty.
- The Trust will continue to support the Welcome Reception at the National in conjunction with the NCA, while highlighting the work and activities of the NCA Charitable Trust.
- The Trust is committed to supporting the Health and Rescue activities to benefit Newfoundland dogs and owners; for this reason we will once again offer DNA collection for OFA at the National Specialty; the Trust will hire vet-techs to collect samples.

“Who is the market for Newf Memorabilia?”

It includes the approximately 400 attendees at the National Specialty, many of whom are not collectors, it also includes over 1600 subscribers to NewfCare newsletter and other NCA e-newsletters, most of whom do not attend the National Specialty. This audience includes many more Newfie owners than those that attend the National, and a majority of this group are not NCA Members, but they are both potential donors and buyers of Newf Memorabilia. Approximately half of the donors to the Trust each year are not NCA members.

We have begun researching online auction services. Online auctions will end 30 days before the National Specialty and resume after the conclusion of the Specialty.

There will also be an online store for the Newfoundland Health Challenge and Newf Rescue selling various logo items. While the store will always be open (as is the standard for internet) online sales will not be emphasized during the 30 days prior to the National Specialty.

Newfoundland Health Challenge



Stolen Heartbeats: Support SAS Research

A question that may have been ignored, but certainly needs an answer, “Why does the Health Challenge have fundraising campaigns for approved studies that are fully funded?” The purpose of the Health Challenge is to raise funds for research grants presented to the Charitable Trust for funding. When Grants are approved by Morris Animal Foundation, AKC Canine Health Foundation or submitted directly to the Charitable Trust Management Board (CTMB), if the CTMB agrees to support the grant, funds must be available at that time.

Currently there are 2 funded studies by the CTMB, the first, to identify a genetic marker for SAS with Morris Animal Foundation and the CCL (ACL) cruciate study at the University of Wisconsin which will, if successful, identify which Newfoundlands are predisposed to have a cruciate rupture by a simple DNA test for all dogs.

Please donate NOW to improve the health of our breed and ensure a healthy future for the dogs!



Their Future is in your Hands: Cruciate Research

Both of these studies required full funding from the Newfoundland Health Challenge. The cruciate study requiring payment of \$48,600 at the time of agreement beginning January 2023 and the Morris SAS study for \$50,000 resulting from a request from the CTMB for a proposal on SAS, called Donor Inspired again requires full payment due in early 2023. Both studies together require \$98,600.00 from Health Challenge reserves.

These campaigns are vitally important to replenish funds for future studies. We must have funds available when a study is presented for funding. That is why these campaigns are necessary to fund future studies and keep moving forward with research that will benefit the Newfoundland dog. After all the health of our breed is at stake.

Research Advisory

The Research Advisory Committee (RAC) consists of Bill Cuddy, Sharon Gwaltney-Brandt, chair Lori Littleford, Sharron Oviatt, Roger Powell and Tamzin Rosenwasser. RAC reviews research proposals from AKC Canine Health Foundation (CHF) and Morris Animal Foundation (MAF) as well as independent research contacts. RAC serves the vital purpose of advising the Charitable Trust Management Board which studies may have the greatest impact on Newfoundlands, are likely to be adopted into clinical practice and should be considered for funding.



The committee had a busy year adding two new members in June, giving input on the University of Wisconsin-Madison Genetic Marker for Cruciate Rupture Project in July through November and reviewing the 2023 MAF grants in December. We are pleased to note that the CTMB decided to fund grants based on our recommendations.

The CTMB approved \$5000.00 of funding from the Newfoundland Health Challenge Fund for MAF study DA23CA-801 - Fosmidomycin for treatment of canine otitis externa. This is a pilot study using a new antibiotic that has been used to successfully treat bladder infections in humans. Due to the current low balance in the CHF Donor Advised Fund, no additional CHF grants were funded for 2022. Additionally in December, the CTMB approved the funding direct research support in the amount of \$48,718 to investigator Dr. Peter Muir at University of Wisconsin-Madison for Polygenic risk score prediction of cruciate ligament rupture risk in the Newfoundland.

Finally, Morris Animal Foundation has recently approved a successful response to our Donor Inspired Request for Proposals on Sub Aortic Stenosis. We started this search more than two years ago and it's nice to finally see some progress. Led by Dr. Vilma Yuzbasiyan-Gurkan, Professor, Microbiology and Molecular Genetics and Small Animal Clinical Sciences at Michigan State University and the project's Principal Investigator, the study will employ advanced tools to discover genetic determinants of SAS in Newfoundland dogs. If successful, findings could be used to genetically screen dogs for this disease and inform breeding decisions.

"SAS is a devastating and puzzling disease – devastating for the dogs and their families and puzzling for the geneticists," said Dr. Yuzbasiyan-Gurkan. "We hope our cutting-edge genetics and genomics approaches will provide some clear and useful answers and reveal the genetic basis of this disorder. We appreciate partnering with Newfoundland Club of America Charitable Trust and Morris Animal Foundation to achieve this goal."

Lori Littleford, chair, Research Advisory Committee

Studies Approved

AKC Canine Health Foundation Studies

The spread of antimicrobial resistance is a major threat to modern medicine. Staphylococcus pseudintermedius is an important cause of infections, especially pyoderma. There is a need to explore alternative treatments to antibiotics with one approach being to use phage therapy. This therapy uses naturally-occurring viruses, called bacteriophages (phages) which infect and kill bacteria to treat bacterial infections. Phage therapy has a long history of safe and effective use in humans and has the advantages that it can target drug resistance bacteria with few side effects. This project has a team of veterinarians and scientists working together to isolate and characterize phages that kill S. pseudintermedius which may contribute to the development of new, exciting treatments to benefit dog health and wellbeing.

\$10,000 - Investigating the Potential of Phage Therapy to Tackle Staphylococcus Pseudintermedius Infections in Dogs

\$5,000 - Development of Regional Anesthesia Techniques to Treat Chronic Painful Conditions of the Stifle and Elbow in Dogs

Knee and elbow osteoarthritis (OA) is a common cause of chronic pain in dogs, significantly impacting quality of life. Traditional management mainly involves the use of oral medications such as non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs). Interventional pain medicine is a medical subspecialty employing advanced techniques, such as nerve blocks, to improve the quality of life of patients suffering chronic pain. Nerve blocks apply local anesthesia close to nerves responsible for the transmission of pain sensation in different parts of the body (i.e., elbow). Some nerves are difficult to localize, especially when instruments to guide the needles are not used (i.e., blind technique). The use of ultrasound guidance allows practitioners to direct needles to precise locations where the target nerves are located. No studies are currently available describing how to selectively approach sensory nerves participating in the transmission of pain from knee and elbow in dogs. The present study aims to identify and develop a reliable technique to approach the sensory nerves of the knee and elbow using both blind and ultrasound-guided techniques.

Cancer is a common problem affecting an estimated 1 in 3 dogs in their lifetime and represents the leading cause of death in older dogs. The skin and subcutaneous tissues are common sites may represent 25.5-43% of all biopsy submissions,1-6 with 15% of these resulting from canine soft tissue sarcoma. Mammary tumors are the most common tumors overall in intact bitches. The long-term goal of our research is to optimize the accuracy and effectiveness of surgical treatment of canine and feline tumors. The purpose of this study is to determine if providing polarization-sensitive optical coherence tomography (PS-OCT) images and metrics, with conventional OCT images, improves the diagnostic accuracy of surgical margin assessment of canine soft tissue sarcoma (STS) and mammary tumors compared to conventional OCT.

\$2500 - Enhanced Surgical Margin Imaging with Polarization-sensitive Optical Coherence Tomography in Canine Soft Tissue Sarcoma and Mammary Tumors

\$413,500 - total
AKC Canine Health Foundation
funding for Newfoundlands

Rescue Report: Sweet Harvey

Harvey arrived at his NCA Rescue foster home in Michigan when he was no longer useful as a puppy farm stud dog. All that was known about him was that he was SUPER sweet and “needy” (to the point that the rescue veterinarian that performed his neuter surgery would have adopted him if his wife would have approved). The puppy mill operator that surrendered Harvey said he was “seven or eight” years old. His first transitional foster confirmed that he was indeed super sweet -- gentle with kids and other pets. During transport to his longer-term foster care two days after rescue, Harvey vomited in the van, possibly due to car sickness of a dog that had never been in a car. But he ate his dinner enthusiastically and was happy to explore his new surroundings and foster family. The next day Harvey seemed to have normal appetite and energy throughout the day, happy to have a pack walk around the neighborhood.

By the next morning, though, it was clear that something was really wrong. Harvey had vomited more overnight and was not interested in eating. He also appeared to be urinating blood. His foster caregiver took him to the emergency veterinary clinic where he had a workup and it was determined that he had a urinary tract infection and needed an antibiotic but could go home. Within an hour at home, though, it was clear that all was not well. He was very lethargic and wouldn't take the antibiotic, even when offered wrapped in chicken or cheese or peanut butter. Most alarming, his energy was so low that he wouldn't even lift his head. His foster caregiver followed her instincts and took him back to the emergency veterinary clinic where he was hospitalized for observation. His condition deteriorated overnight and early the next morning the emergency veterinarian called gravely concerned. He'd tested negative for Parvo, and though nothing obvious showed in the images of his abdomen, his inappetence, lethargy, and vomiting were all suggestive of a bowel obstruction. The veterinarian suggested exploratory surgery in hopes of finding a hidden foreign object. NCA Rescue approved the surgery and all waited anxiously for news, hoping against hope that it would be found that he'd eaten a toy or a sock -- something that could be fixed.

After surgery, Dr. Brown, emergency veterinarian, called with an unexpected update and a tentative prognosis -- Harvey did not have a foreign object causing his troubles; he had a gastric ulcer so severe that it had almost perforated his stomach which would have been lethal, and this ulcer had destroyed some of the tissue lining the stomach which was causing him to be near septic. The vet's best guess is that Harvey had a bad reaction to the routine NSAID meds administered after his neuter surgery, as some dogs react poorly. Though Harvey had survived the exploratory surgery, his prognosis was, she said, “50/50” as they were working hard to keep his system from shutting down from sepsis, or his stomach from perforating if the ulcer grew. The next 12-24 hours would be critical and Harvey needed another night of hospitalization.

Harvey's foster caregiver and NCA Rescue coordinators were in constant contact and agreed that they would continue to support whatever would give sweet Harvey the best chance to recover. But if Harvey's condition took a turn for the worse, they would follow the vet's guidance and would make a hard choice rather than put him through invasive procedures that were unlikely to be successful.





After a restless, worried night, a hopeful call came from the veterinarian the next morning -- Harvey had made some hopeful progress overnight and if it continued, he'd be able to go home that afternoon to continue his recovery.

That afternoon, Harvey returned home with a shaved tummy full of staples from his intensive surgery. In spite of what he'd been through in the last seven days -- removal from the farm on which he'd spent his early years, neuter surgery, two overnight stops at different rescue foster homes on his journey to his foster home, a new foster home, illness, hospitalization, and surgery -- Harvey's tail was wagging and he sought snuggles as soon as he got home.

Though his foster caregivers were overjoyed to have him alive and returned to their care, Harvey's road to recovery was far from over. Harvey was on a whole regimen of anti-nausea, antacid, probiotic, and other stomach supportive medications to protect him from further ulcer damage, and he was supposed to be on a bland diet of simple protein (chicken or beef) and either white rice, plain pasta, or sweet potato. In the first days however, he wanted nothing to do with food, not even the home-cooked meals made for him. No chicken and rice; no beef tips and pasta...he simply turned his head. Since she couldn't hide his meds in food, she regretfully put the first few doses of medications down his throat with her own hand, apologizing to Harvey for choking him and thanking him for being so sweet and forgiving that he just wagged his tail and licked her hand no matter how miserable he felt. After several false starts, he would eat a few nibbles of just chicken or just beef. He would eat only a few bites of any one thing, though, -- maybe just a few bites every hour -- a few bites of chicken, a couple of bites of beef...this routine went on for almost a week until Harvey eventually showed interest in other kinds of food and was gradually re-introduced to a normal diet.

Throughout it all, Harvey remained the sweetest, most-loving and snuggly Newf ever. He loved his foster home and quickly discovered that he loved sleeping in their bed with his head on a pillow. He loved his foster companions- Nelle the rescue Newf and Buggy the pit-mix -- and, always wanted to be laying near or on them. He loved every guest or visitor to his foster home -- often with his head in his new friend's lap -- and they loved him. Then the perfect adoption application came in -- a couple in northern Michigan who lived on many acres with horses, cats, and two other sweet dogs. Kevin and Mary were longtime Newf lovers who had been involved in Newf rescue before and were ready to open their homes to another Newfoundland. They had time, space, breed experience, and love to give this special needs Newf who might always need a little extra care to manage his tender stomach. When Kevin came to visit for a first meet and greet, Harvey hopped right up on the couch next to him and laid his head on his lap. Their love was instantaneous.

Photos and stories have since confirmed that Harvey is now living his very best life. His adoptive family report, "Harvey is doing wonderfully well. We picked him up on our 23rd wedding anniversary and boy did we get the best present ever. When getting a rescue pup you know they will need time to adjust, but Harvey fit in quickly. He is a friendly, happy-go-lucky fella who just loves being near his people. He'll jump up in our lap or lay his head on us. He has a favorite stuffed toy he carries around and sleeps with. He seems to prefer being inside, but still likes to go for walks in the woods. His coat is growing in, his belly issues have resolved and you'd never know how sick he was just five months ago. Thank you for saving this wonderful guy!"

NCA Rescue's generous donors and volunteers who provided foster care, transportation, and veterinary care totaling over \$6,400.00 gave Sweet Harvey his next best life.

Kimberli Cumming, NCA Rescue - Michigan and Ohio

Health Survey Results

Why is the Health survey important?

The purpose of the health survey is to identify areas of health concern and disease in a given population of Newfoundland dogs. If we see an area that is of great concern we can ask why? Then target this area to alert Newfoundland owners and breeders of a potential problem, use education about a disease or health concern to inform owners and use this information to target our research dollars towards the diseases and health concerns that are affecting our dogs.

Some of the highlights of the survey - 88% of respondents reported that the dog showed no signs of aggressive behavior being outgoing, friendly, confident and curious; 67% of owners reported their dog had no significant health problems. While these are good numbers some trends from the 2016 surveys are evident. The number of respondents indicating their dog as having excellent health dropped from 77% to 67%. Conversely the overall temperament assessment increased from 70% to 88% a significant improvement.



Cancer

Reports of cancer increased from 6.7% to 11% of dogs affected comparing reported cases from 2001-2022. Osteosarcoma, lymphoma and hemangiosarcoma being the most frequent.



Hypo-thyroidism

The incidence of hypothyroidism dropped from 7% in 2002 to 1.8% in 2022.



Orthopedics

Orthopedic problems continue to plague our breed, however hip dysplasia has decreased by 50%, while cruciate ligament disease has increased from 3.9% to 9.4% in the last 21 years.

Major Health Concerns Identified

- 29% (up from 24% in '16) affected by orthopedic problems with hip dysplasia, cruciate disease and elbow dysplasia most common, 6 dogs affected with Forelimb Anomaly (CLRHL)
- 25% (up from 18% in '16) suffered from allergies most often were atopy and food allergies
- 21% (up from 16% in '16) affected by skin disease with the top causes listed as atopy, food allergies and pyoderma.
- 11% (unchanged '16) were affected by some form of cancer or tumor with osteosarcoma, lymphoma and hemangiosarcoma cited most often.
- 13 % (up from 9% in '16) indicated an eye disorder with entropion, Cherry eye and dry eye being most common however, senile and juvenile cataracts were also listed.
- 11% (up from 8% in '16) listed chronic ear infection and otitis externa most often diagnosed.
- 10% (up from 6% in '16) had gastrointestinal disease including diarrhea, pancreatitis and bloat.
- 6% (up from 5 % in '16) had cardiac disease including SAS, dilated cardiomyopathy (DCM) and other misc. heart disease.
- 8% neuromuscular disease with epilepsy, cervical neck pain, disc disease, degenerative myelopathy and 5 dogs listed with myasthenia gravis disease.
- 6% reproductive problems with Pyometra most common.

“Health is the Ultimate Wealth” Mahatma Gandhi

**Research and testing works!
Cystinuria affected 2.6% of dogs in the 2001 survey
researchers developed a DNA test in 2005**

in 2022 there were 0 reported dogs affected by cystinuria.

The 2022 Newfoundland Health Survey created by Newfoundland Club of America Charitable Trust Management Board (CTMB) and administered by the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA) has just closed with data collected on 1264 dogs. Before I attempt to answer the above questions, let me first thank each of you for taking the time to enter the health information on your dog(s) in the survey. 75% of the dogs entered were alive at the time of the survey and an even split of males and females.

The results of the 2022 health survey can be found on the OFA website www.OFA.org under Newfoundland dogs and then click surveys. The survey is closed with 1264 dogs entered. The % of dogs affected do not always equal 100% in the categories as not all people respond to all questions, so that needs to be taken into consideration when you are looking at the results. I would encourage each of you reading this article to go to the survey results and spend a few minutes looking at the health issues affecting our dogs.



Cardiac Disease

All cardiac disease is unchanged at 6%, however SAS has decreased from 3.8% in 2001 to 1.5% in 2022.



Bloat

Reported incidence of bloat has decreased from 3.8% to 1.6% in the last 21 years.



Allergies

Allergies and Allergic dermatitis have increased from affecting 11.5% in '01 to 25% of dogs in '22.

The health of our Newfoundlands is constantly changing and the Health Survey helps to guide the CTMB as to where we need to concentrate our research funds. See the Chairman's Report and the Research Advisory Committee Report in the Annual report to see our current research areas of interest. As we strive to improve the research in critical areas affecting Newfoundland dogs please consider a donation to the Newfoundland Health Challenge or one of our GoFundMe campaigns supporting current SAS and Cruciata Disease research.

*Clyde Dunphy DVM CTMB Chairman
Lori Littleford Research Advisory Committee*

How To Help



www.ncacharities.org/donatemonthly.html

Mainstay Support

NCA Charities monthly supporters are a group of dedicated friends like you who make monthly gifts that provide a consistent, reliable income stream, allowing us to focus more resources on our lifesaving programs, and less on raising the necessary funds. Members like it because it's easy to budget and it feels great to be making a difference for Newfs every month of the year.



nca-charities.myspreadshop.com

Logo Apparel and Gifts

Shop our new logo gear store and wear your support for Newfs on your sleeve (or your hoodie, your hat or your mug) and the proceeds from every sale go directly to fund all of our important programs.



tinyurl.com/4rx4mx2n

Quarterly Updates

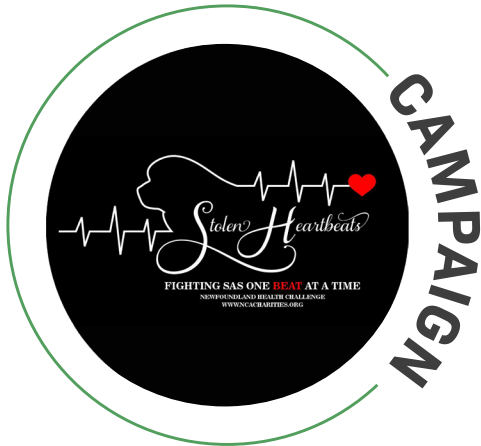
Stay current with the activities of NCA Charities, read heartwarming rescue tales, find out about cutting-edge research updates and learn about the progress of the Trust.



<https://gofund.me/a11485d9>

Cruciate Disease Research

You can help find a genetic marker to determine the risk of canine cruciate disease in Newfoundlands. This breed-specific DNA test could be a boon to breeders and owners alike.



www.gofundme.com/f/stolen-heartbeats
SAS Research Support

A new study will employ advanced genetic tools to discover genetic determinants of SAS in Newfoundland dogs. If successful, findings could be used to genetically screen dogs for this disease and inform breeding decisions.



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