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GIVINGTUESDAY

Unleash the power of radical
generosity in our community.



December 2, 2025



Some rescue stories begin quietly. Fluffy's began with a thundering leap straight into the arms of the people who would change his life and, as it turns out, the lives of many others. When our volunteers first met him, they saw something glimmer beneath the worry and weariness in his eyes. What they didn't yet know was just how brightly that spark would shine once he was given the most powerful gift a dog like Fluffy can receive: a chance.

Today, Fluffy is more than a former puppy-mill dog. He is a source of comfort for children who need courage, for seniors who need companionship, and for anyone who simply needs the healing weight of a gentle head resting against their hand. His transformation from discarded to deeply loved, from overlooked to indispensable was made possible because people like you believed that every Newfoundland deserves a future.

This Giving Tuesday, we invite you to help write the next Fluffy story. The Newfoundland Club of America Charitable Trust stands ready to answer the call whenever a dog needs rescue, medical care, safety, or simply someone to see their potential. Your support ensures that when the phone rings, we never have to hesitate.

Because somewhere out there is another dog waiting to discover their purpose and you can be the one who turns the page for them.

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Fluffy's story in rescue began with a familiar phone call... a puppy mill owner was done with another dog. [With](#) a host of recent medical intakes, from multiple breeders in the area, our volunteers were holding their breath for what kind of dog would be presented [at pick up at the puppy mill](#). They heard a bit of commotion and suddenly from around the corner, coming straight at them was a relatively unhandled dog... dragging, his handler. As his handler held on for dear life, he crawled straight into the arms of our team. Met with a soft, unsure, but trusting gaze he offered his belly for some scratches,



and they offered him his freedom ride. It did not take long for our team to see there was a special dog under the uncertainty.

Longtime supporters of rescue and NCA members had been waiting patiently for the right dog to come along. They were committed to finding the perfect rescue to fill the void since the passing of their last Newfie and they could see the perfect, senior dog under the dirty, matted coat. There was an immediate bond and trust when they met. His family tried on a variety of options for a new name to enter his new life. Jokingly throwing out Fluffernutter and Fluffy for the giant dog, somewhere between the joke and his soft, mellow soul, his new name "Fluffy" stuck.



They quickly realized Fluffy was destined to shed his past. On one particular ice cream outing showed what would soon be Fluffy's new purpose. A young boy, in a wheelchair, wanted to pet Fluffy, and without hesitation Fluffy walked over and sat like a statue to receive the affection and spread joy. The boy's mom remarked that it was the best encounter with a dog the boy had ever had. The moment the young boy laid his

head on Fluffy's head, was the moment they knew Fluffy had the heart of a therapy dog.

Fluffy's family took him to obedience classes where the instructor, also involved with therapy dogs, started inviting him to therapy camps and community events. Quickly becoming a class standout and crowd favorite, it did not take long for Fluffy to go pro and become a registered therapy dog. He now works with seniors, special needs children and adults, and people for that one moment just need to pet a dog. Fluffy and his owner have joined the nationwide group "Newfie Therapy" as well as a local group "Therapaws". To say we are proud of this Fluffy and his adoptive family is an understatement.

The majority of Fluffy's life was spent in the confines of a puppy mill. He has no perfect pedigree nor a single title or ribbon to his name... but what he does have is the heart of a Newfie that brings a moment of joy to everyone he meets.

The rescue of Fluffy was made possible by your support for the Newfoundland Club of America Charitable Trust. - Darby Barker

What We've Been Up To...



Newfoundlands Rescued from Neglect outside Billings Montana

What Happened

On Sept. 25, Yellowstone County law enforcement seized **42 dogs** from a residence near Shepherd, Montana, after reports of neglect.

The dogs included **37 Newfoundland Dogs** and **5 Australian Shepherds**, both puppies and adults.

A veterinarian was present during the raid, and the dogs were assessed immediately;

many were malnourished.

Current Situation & Care

- Since the seizure, the dogs have been recovering, they've gained a total of **~300 pounds** collectively.
- As of now:
 - **20 dogs are being housed by county law enforcement.**
 - **15 puppies are staying at the Montana Women's Prison as part of the Prison Pet Partnership.**
 - **7 dogs have been reunited to their previous owners (not the defendants).**
- Veterinary and medical care is ongoing: the dogs are being treated for malnourishment, skin issues, lice, ear infections, and worms.
- Through **Newfoundland Club of America Rescue Network**, the dogs will be rehabilitated, spay/neutered and eventually placed in adoptive homes.

Community Response & Support

- The local community has rallied strongly. Volunteers are walking dogs, assisting with hands on care and providing support.
- Several local businesses are providing critical support:
 - **Clarity Animal Hospital, Best Friends Animal Hospital, and Montana Mobile Vet are offering vet services.**
 - **Shipton's Big R, Groomingdale's Salon and Pawtique, and Phillips Pet Food & Supplies are also contributing grooming and supplies.**
- The **NCA Charitable Trust** is funding the costs of grooming and veterinary care thanks to your donations.

Impact of Your Support

- **Health & Recovery:** Your support directly feeds, provide medical care, and rehabilitation for these severely neglected dogs.
- **Sustainable Impact:** Donations reduce the financial burden on county taxpayers by supporting community-based care.
- **Long-Term Outcomes:** Once healthy, these dogs will be spayed/neutered and placed into loving homes via the NCA National Rescue Network.
- **Community Momentum:** Local businesses and individuals have been stepping up — your donation magnifies this momentum and helps sustain it.

YOUR DONATION CAN SAVE THESE NEWFS

A Journey Through The History of the Dog and It's Genome

Join Elaine Ostrander, Ph D. and Heidi Parker, Ph D. on December 2, 2025 at 4:00 P.M. Pacific to explore the relationship between the dog genome and the diversity of traits and behaviors across breeds and how genetics can be used to understand and mitigate health risks.

Register for the Webinar



We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the owners and breeders of the 53 Newfoundlands who have received CHIC designations in 2025.

Remember that all of the Newfoundlands who have DNA stored with CHIC should update the health information on their dogs whenever they experience a major health change or new diagnosis. You can

email health information directly to the OFA, including your dog's registered name, breed and AKC or CHIC number. **Email The OFA**

Show Your Support



Ways To Help



Planned Giving



The NCA Charitable Trust has many planned giving opportunities, please have your financial advisor or attorney contact Mary L. Price (mlprice@mhtc.net, 1004 State Rd 78 Mount Horeb, WI 53572, 608-520-6929) to learn more.



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