



Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the Newfoundland Club of America, Inc. (NCA). Our club is a member of the American Kennel Club (AKC) with members throughout the United States, Canada, and 21 foreign countries. We are united in our dedication to the Newfoundland dog, and our goals include preserving, protecting, and providing for the welfare of this magnificent and historic breed. With the help of 24 regional clubs located throughout the country, we hold a national specialty dog show and obedience trial and regional shows and trials; support local dog shows; sponsor water and draft tests, where dogs exhibit their working heritage; provide educational programs for members, breeders, and judges; maintain a website, [ncanews.org](http://ncanews.org); publish *Newf Tide*, a quarterly magazine, and an *Annual of Titlists*; engage in an extensive rescue program; promote research and health studies; and conduct other activities that promote and protect the Newfoundland.

Our *Constitution and By-Laws*, *Code of Ethics*, a list of regional clubs, and the necessary application forms for you and your sponsors are enclosed with this package. To become a member of the NCA, you will need two sponsors who are NCA members. It is recommended that sponsors have been NCA members for a minimum of three years and that they each live in different households. Regional clubs are excellent resources for meeting NCA members and taking part in activities with Newfoundlands.

Annual dues are \$75 for a single membership, \$80 for a double membership, and \$10 for a junior (ages 10 to 17) membership. There is also a one-time \$45 application fee. *Newf Tide* is included in the membership fee, except for junior memberships. Juniors may subscribe to *Newf Tide* for an additional \$20 per year. International members must pay an additional postage fee.

If you desire to join the NCA, complete the application form and provide your two sponsors with blank sponsor forms for them to complete and return separately from your application. Mail your application and appropriate fees to the NCA Membership Chairperson, Mary Lou Cuddy. An acknowledgement will be sent to you within a few days after receipt of your completed application and the two sponsor forms. The process will take approximately six months, because your application will be reviewed by the NCA Board of Directors, published in the subsequent issue of *Newf Tide*, and subjected to a 30-day member comment period. Assuming there are no negative comments from the membership, you then will be notified of your acceptance with a welcome packet.

If you determine that you are not ready for NCA membership at this time, but want to learn more about the breed by subscribing to *Newf Tide*, please contact Sue Mendleson at P.O. Box 335, Washington, ME 04574, [newftide@hotmail.com](mailto:newftide@hotmail.com).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mary Lou Cuddy  
1155 Raymond Road  
Ballston Spa, NY 12020  
518-885-5030  
[membership@newfdogclub.org](mailto:membership@newfdogclub.org)

# NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB of AMERICA, INC.

## Application for Membership



Return to Mary Lou Cuddy, Membership Chairperson  
1155 Raymond Road • Ballston Spa, NY 12020-3719

Please type or print legibly with black ink:

Name (s) of Applicant(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
(optional)

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ +4 \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
(primary number) (primary email)

I/we hereby apply for membership in the Newfoundland Club of America, Inc. I/we certify (1) this application is being made under my/our legal name(s) and (2) I/we are over 18 years of age unless this is an application for a junior membership. I/we agree to abide by the Newfoundland Club of America *Constitution and By-Laws* and the *Ethics Guide*. I/we certify that the information on this application is correct.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature(s) of Applicant(s) Date

<input type="checkbox"/> Single: <b>\$75</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Double: <b>\$80</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Junior (under 18 years of age): <b>\$10</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Junior with <i>Newf Tide</i> : <b>\$30</b>	
*International Postage Canada: \$36 Mexico: \$36 Other: \$69	Amount Enclosed: Membership Dues _____ International Postage * _____ Application Fee <b>\$45</b> _____ <b>TOTAL (U.S. Funds)</b> _____
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<b>(U.S. Funds)</b>	
This application for membership in the Newfoundland Club of America, Inc., must be accompanied by a \$45.00 non-refundable application fee to cover processing costs, plus a deposit for the appropriate membership category. If, for any reason, the application is rejected, the deposit for dues will be refunded.	

List Two Sponsors \_\_\_\_\_  
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These sponsors must be the same sponsors who will be sending in the appropriate forms in support of this application. This application cannot be processed until their forms have been received. Sponsors must be NCA members. It is recommended that sponsors have been NCA members for a minimum of three years and that they each live in different households. Note that sponsorships may be withdrawn at any time prior to final acceptance of this application.

1. Do you currently own a Newfoundland(s)? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please provide the following information:

Name of Dog	Registry, if Applicable	Date of Birth	Sex	Neutered or Spayed?
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

2. If applicable, when did you acquire your first Newfoundland? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Do you participate in any dog related activities? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please specify (conformation, obedience, therapy work, tracking, agility, judging, rally, rescue, draft work, water work, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

4. Do you belong to other dog clubs or an NCA Regional club? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please specify. \_\_\_\_\_

5. Have you ever been disciplined, denied membership, suspended, or expelled from any dog club or the AKC? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please explain. \_\_\_\_\_

6. List any other breeds you now own or have owned in the past. \_\_\_\_\_

7. Have you ever bred a Newfoundland litter or provided stud service? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, how many litters have you bred and/or provided stud service for? \_\_\_\_\_

8. Have you ever bred or provided stud service for other breeds? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please give specific information. \_\_\_\_\_

9. Have you ever bought or sold litters or individual dogs for resale? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please explain. \_\_\_\_\_

10. Have you ever attended any NCA or NCA regional club functions? (specialties, meetings, parades, etc.)? If yes, please describe. \_\_\_\_\_

The NCA occasionally allows businesses and other organizations to use its mailing list for Board-approved purposes.

Check here if you prefer **not** to receive such mailings.

# NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.

## Sponsorship Form

Return to Mary Lou Cuddy, Membership Chairperson  
1155 Raymond Road • Ballston Spa, NY 12020-3719



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*Please type or print legibly with black ink; use reverse, if necessary.*

Name of Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of Applicant(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Applicant(s) \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ +4 \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

1. How long have you known the applicant(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

2. In what capacity have you known the applicant(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

3. In your opinion, is (are) the applicant(s) familiar with the Newfoundland breed standard? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Is (are) the applicant(s) a member(s) of a regional or all-breed club? If yes, please specify. \_\_\_\_\_

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5. Has (have) the applicant(s) ever been disciplined, suspended, or expelled from any dog club or the AKC? If yes, please explain \_\_\_\_\_

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7. Does (do) the applicant(s) have any special interests and/or talents that would benefit the NCA? Please be specific. \_\_\_\_\_

8. Provide additional comments you wish to make on behalf of the applicant. \_\_\_\_\_

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*I have answered these questions freely, fully, and to the best of my knowledge. I understand that if this application is not approved, the NCA is not obligated to make the reasons known.*

Signature of Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Member Since \_\_\_\_\_

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Date \_\_\_\_\_ Member Since \_\_\_\_\_

# Standard for the Newfoundland

## General Appearance

The Newfoundland is a sweet-dispositioned dog that acts neither dull nor ill-tempered. He is a devoted companion. A multipurpose dog, at home on land and in water, the Newfoundland is capable of draft work and possesses natural lifesaving abilities.

The Newfoundland is a large, heavily coated, well balanced dog that is deep-bodied, heavily boned, muscular, and strong. A good specimen of the breed has dignity and proud head carriage.

The following description is that of the ideal Newfoundland. Any deviation from this ideal is to be penalized to the extent of the deviation. Structural and movement faults common to all working dogs are as undesirable in the Newfoundland as in any other breed, even though they are not specifically mentioned herein.

## Size, Proportion, Substance

Average height for adult dogs is 28 inches, for adult bitches, 26 inches. Approximate weight of adult dogs ranges from 130 to 150 pounds, adult bitches from 100 to 120 pounds. The dog's appearance is more massive throughout than the bitch's. Large size is desirable, but never at the expense of balance, structure, and correct gait. The Newfoundland is slightly longer than tall when measured from the point of shoulder to point of buttocks and from withers to ground. He is a dog of considerable substance which is determined by spring of rib, strong muscle, and heavy bone.

## Head

The head is massive, with a broad skull, slightly arched crown, and strongly developed occipital bone. Cheeks are well developed. **Eyes** are dark brown. (Browns and Grays may have lighter eyes and should be penalized only to the extent that color affects expression.) They are relatively small, deep-set, and spaced wide apart. Eyelids fit closely with no inversion. Ears are relatively small and triangular with rounded tips. They are set on the skull level with, or slightly above, the brow and lie close to the head. When the ear is brought forward, it reaches to the inner corner of the eye on the same side. **Expression** is soft and reflects the characteristics of the breed: benevolence, intelligence, and dignity.

Forehead and face are smooth and free of wrinkles. Slope of the stop is moderate but, because of the well developed brow, it may appear abrupt in profile. The **muzzle** is clean-cut, broad throughout its length, and

deep. Depth and length are approximately equal, the length from tip of nose to stop being less than that from stop to occiput. The top of the muzzle is rounded, and the bridge, in profile, is straight or only slightly arched. Teeth meet in a scissors or level bite. Dropped lower incisors, in an otherwise normal bite, are not indicative of a skeletal malocclusion and should be considered only a minor deviation.

## Neck, Topline, Body

The **neck** is strong and well set on the shoulders and is long enough for proud head carriage. The **back** is strong, broad, and muscular and is level from just behind the withers to the croup. The chest is full and deep with the brisket reaching at least down to the elbows. Ribs are well sprung, with the anterior third of the rib cage tapered to allow elbow clearance. The flank is deep. The croup is broad and slopes slightly. Tail-Tail set follows the natural line of the croup. The **tail** is broad at the base and strong. It has no kinks, and the distal bone reaches to the hock. When the dog is standing relaxed, its tail hangs straight or with a slight curve at the end. When the dog is in motion or excited, the tail is carried out, but it does not curl over the back.

## Forequarters

Shoulders are muscular and well laid back. Elbows lie directly below the highest point of the withers. Forelegs are muscular, heavily boned, straight, and parallel to each other, and the elbows point directly to the rear. The distance from elbow to ground equals about half the dog's height. Pasterns are strong and slightly sloping. Feet are proportionate to the body in size, webbed, and cat foot in type. Dewclaws may be removed.

## Hindquarters

The rear assembly is powerful, muscular, and heavily boned. Viewed from the rear, the legs are straight and parallel. Viewed from the side, the thighs are broad and fairly long. Stifles and hocks are well bent and the line from hock to ground is perpendicular. Hocks are well let down. Hind feet are similar to the front feet. Dewclaws should be removed.

## Coat

The adult Newfoundland has a flat, water-resistant, double coat that tends to fall back into place when rubbed against the nap. The outer coat is coarse, moderately long, and full, either straight or with a wave. The undercoat is soft and dense, although it is often less dense during the summer months or in warmer climates. Hair on the face and

muzzle is short and fine. The backs of the legs are feathered all the way down. The tail is covered with long dense hair.

Excess hair may be trimmed for neatness. Whiskers need not be trimmed.

## Color

Color is secondary to type, structure, and soundness.

Recognized Newfoundland colors are black, brown, gray, and white and black.

**Solid Colors**-Blacks, Browns, and Grays may appear as solid colors or solid colors with white at any, some, or all, of the following locations: chin, chest, toes, and tip of tail. Any amount of white found at these locations is typical and is not penalized. Also typical are a tinge of bronze on a black or gray coat and lighter furnishings on a brown or gray coat.

**Landseer**-White base coat with black markings. Typically, the head is solid black, or black with white on the muzzle, with or without a blaze. There is a separate black saddle and black on the rump extending onto a white tail.

Markings, on either Solid Colors or Landseers, might deviate considerably from those described and should be penalized only to the extent of the deviation. Clear white or white with minimal ticking is preferred.

Beauty of markings should be considered only when comparing dogs of otherwise comparable quality and never at the expense of type, structure and soundness.

## Disqualifications

Any colors or combinations of colors not specifically described are disqualified.

## Gait

The Newfoundland in motion has good reach, strong drive, and gives the impression of effortless power. His gait is smooth and rhythmic, covering the maximum amount of ground with the minimum number of steps. Forelegs and hind legs travel straight forward. As the dog's speed increases, the legs tend toward single tracking. When moving, a slight roll of the skin is characteristic of the breed. Essential to good movement is the balance of correct front and rear assemblies.

## Temperament

Sweetness of temperament is the hallmark of the Newfoundland; this is the most important single characteristic of the breed.

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**Approved May 8, 1990**  
**Effective June 28, 1990**

# NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB OF AMERICA CONSTITUTION

## ARTICLE I

### Name and Objectives

**Section 1.** The name of the Club shall be the Newfoundland Club of America, Inc.

**Section 2.** The objectives of the Club shall be

- a) to encourage and promote the quality of purebred Newfoundland dogs and to do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection;
- b) to encourage the organization of independent regional and local Newfoundland Specialty Clubs in those localities where there are sufficient fanciers of the breed to meet the requirements of the American Kennel Club and the Newfoundland Club of America, Inc.;
- c) to urge members and breeders to accept the standard for the breed as approved by the American Kennel Club as the only standard of excellence by which Newfoundland Dogs shall be judged;
- d) to do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the breed and to encourage sportsmanlike conduct at dog shows, obedience trials and other Club sponsored activities and Club functions;
- e) to conduct sanctioned matches, specialty shows, obedience trials and other events under the rules of the American Kennel Club;
- f) to promote the special qualities of the breed by sponsoring working dog activities under the rules of the Newfoundland Club of America;
- g) to urge all members to abide by the Newfoundland Club of America Ethics Guide as a guideline for responsible Newfoundland ownership;
- h) to bring fanciers of the breed together in friendly counsel.

**Section 3.** The Club shall not be conducted or operated for profit and no part of any profits or remainder or residue from dues or donations to the Club shall inure to the benefit of any member or individual.

**Section 4.** The members of the Club shall adopt and may from time to time revise such By-Laws as may be required to carry out these objectives.

**NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB OF AMERICA  
BY-LAWS**

**ARTICLE I  
Membership**

**Section 1. Eligibility.** There shall be three types of membership:

- a) Regular membership is open to all persons 18 years or older who are in good standing with the American Kennel Club and who subscribe to the purposes of the Newfoundland Club of America, Inc. These members will have full voting privileges, if current dues are paid.
- b) Junior membership: Open to all persons 10 through 17 years of age. Juniors cannot vote or hold office. However, they may convert to regular membership upon reaching their 18th birthday.
- c) Honorary-Life membership is for persons who have made an outstanding contribution to the Newfoundland Breed. These members will enjoy all privileges of membership including the right to vote and to hold office.

**Section 2. Dues and Levies.**

- a) Membership dues shall be assessed annually for all Regular and Junior members, and shall be payable on or before the first of July each year.
- b) The amount of the dues of each membership category shall be determined by a majority decision of the full membership of the Board of Directors prior to March 1 of each year in order to take effect the following July 1. In any year when the Board has not acted by March 1st to change the amount, the dues for the current year shall continue in effect for the ensuing year.
- c) Honorary-Life members are exempt from all dues and levies.

No member may vote whose dues are not paid for the current year. During the month of May each member shall be sent a statement of dues for the ensuing year.

**Section 3. Election to Membership.**

- a) a) Election to regular membership. Each applicant for membership shall apply on a form as approved by the Board of Directors and which shall provide that the applicant agrees to abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of this Club, and the rules of the American Kennel Club. The application shall carry the endorsement of two members in good standing, and the applicant shall submit dues payment for the current year to the Membership Chairman.

The applicant's name shall be published in a club publication following initial Board approval, and any comments received by the Membership Chairman within 30 days of publication shall be forwarded to the Recording Secretary to be included in the material distributed to Board members prior to final consideration by the Board. During final



consideration, an applicant must receive a favorable vote of 2/3 of the Board members conducted by secret ballot. The Board may deny membership for any reason and is not required to give reasons for denial of membership.

Applications which have received unfavorable action at a Board Meeting may be presented by the applicant's endorsers at the next meeting of the Club and may be elected by a favorable vote of 75% of the members in attendance at a meeting of the Club. Otherwise, no applicant who has been rejected at any meeting may be again considered at any meeting held within twelve months after the date of the last such rejection.

b) Election to Honorary-Life Membership. Honorary-Life members may be proposed by a Board member or Club member through the Corresponding Secretary. Election will be by 2/3 favorable vote of the Board of Directors, voting by secret ballot.

**Section 4. Termination of Membership.** Membership may be terminated by:

c) resignation. Any member in good standing may resign from the Club upon written notice to the Membership Chairman; but resignation shall not affect or cancel any obligation for dues or any other debt to the Club which has accrued prior to resignation.

d) lapsing. A membership may be considered lapsed and automatically terminated if such member's dues remain unpaid 60 days after the first day of the fiscal year. In no case may a person be entitled to vote at any Club meeting whose dues or other financial obligations to the Club or Club sponsored functions are unpaid as of the date of that meeting.

e) expulsion. A membership may be terminated by expulsion as provided in Article VI of these By-Laws.

## ARTICLE II

### Meetings

**Section 1. Annual Meeting.** The annual meeting of the Club shall be held in March, April or May of each year, at such time and place as may be designated by the President. Written notice of each such meeting shall be mailed by the Recording Secretary at least 21 days prior to the date of the meeting. The quorum for such a meeting shall be 1/10 of the members in good standing.

**Section 2. Special Club Meetings.** Special club meetings may be called by the President or by a majority vote of the members of the Board at any regular or mail meeting of the Board, or by the Recording Secretary upon receipt of a petition signed by 10% of the members of the Club who are in good standing. Such special club meetings shall be held at such time and place as may be designated by the President. Written notice of such meeting shall be mailed by the Recording Secretary at least 30 days and not more than 60 days prior to the date of the meeting; and said notice shall state the purpose of the meeting; and no other Club business may be transacted. The quorum for such a meeting shall be 1/10 of the members in good standing.

**Section 3. Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors.** The annual meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held in March, April, or May of each year, immediately following the Annual Meeting of the Club, as provided in Section 1 of this Article. The quorum for such meetings shall be seven directors present and voting.

**Section 4. Special Board Meetings.** Special Board meetings may be called by the President or by a majority vote of the Board. Such special Board meetings, whether, face-to-face, or by conference call, shall be held at such time and place as may be designated by the President. Written notice of such meeting shall be mailed by the Recording Secretary at least 14 days and not more than 60 days prior to the meeting, unless such time limit is waived by the President for cause. The quorum for such meeting shall be seven directors.

**Section 5. Regular Board Meetings by Mail.** Such meetings shall be called by the President whenever it becomes necessary to transact the business of the Club. The Recording Secretary will act as the clearing house for such meetings. Seven written replies from the Directors acceptable under the conditions set forth in Section 6 of this Article will constitute a quorum.

**Section 6. Conduct of Mail Meetings.** Upon notice from the President that the Mail Meeting is to be held, the Recording Secretary will circulate to the Board an initial letter stating the business to be transacted. Replies will be made to the Recording Secretary. A Board member must mail a reply to each circular of the Recording Secretary by the deadline established by the Recording Secretary to be counted as “attending” the meeting. Directors may vote on the issue as received or may write discussion to be considered if there are insufficient votes to settle the matter. If issues are not settled on the first exchange of letters and sufficient discussion is presented to warrant further correspondence, the Recording Secretary may then circularize the Board in the same manner until a deciding vote is cast. At the close of the meeting, the Recording Secretary will advise the Board members of all decisions reached; this advice will then constitute the minutes.

## **ARTICLE III**

### **Officers and Directors**

**Section 1. Board of Directors.** The Board of Directors shall be comprised of twelve members, all of whom shall be members in good standing who are residents of the United States. They shall be elected for two year terms as provided in Article IV. Six members shall be elected each year. General management of the Club’s affairs shall be entrusted to the Board of Directors. The officers shall be elected by the directors from among the directors.

**Section 2. Officers.** The officers of this Club shall consist of a President, a first Vice-President, a second Vice-President, a Treasurer, a Recording Secretary and a Corresponding Secretary. The officers shall be elected by the directors from among the directors, as proposed by Article IV, Section 2, of these By-Laws and shall serve in their respective capacities at all meetings of the Club and, so far as may be appropriate, at all

meetings of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors at their meeting following the Annual Meeting of the Club shall appoint from their number or from the membership at large, a delegate to the American Kennel Club to serve for a term not less than two years. If the delegate appointed is not a Board Member, he shall have the privilege of attending Board meetings to report on AKC activities, express his opinion on matters under discussion, but shall have no vote.

The immediate past President is entitled to become a non-voting member of the Board of Directors for a period of two years.

- a) **President.** The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club and of the Board, and shall have the duties and powers normally appurtenant to the office of President, in addition to those particularly specified in these By-Laws.
- b) **Vice President.** The two Vice-Presidents shall have the powers and exercise the duties of the President in case of the President's death, absence or incapacity, in the order of their election.
- c) **Recording Secretary.** The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings of the Club and of the Board, and of all matters of which a record shall be ordered by the Club. He shall notify members of meetings, notify officers and directors of their election to office, keep a roll of the members of the Club with their addresses, present the names of proposed new members as received from the Membership Chairman, and carry out such other duties as prescribed in these By-Laws.
- d) **Corresponding Secretary.** The Corresponding Secretary shall have charge of answering all inquiries directed to the Club, and such other correspondence as may be delegated to him.
- e) **Treasurer.** The Treasurer shall collect and receive all monies due or belonging to the Club. Monies shall be deposited in a bank approved by the Board, in the name of the Club. The books shall at all times be open to inspection of the Board and a report shall be given at every meeting of the condition of the Club's finances and every item of receipt or payment not before reported; and at the annual meeting an accounting shall be rendered of all monies received and expended during the previous fiscal year. The Treasurer shall be bonded in such amount as the Board of Directors shall determine.

**Section 3.** Any board member who fails to attend two meetings without just cause, in a Club year may be removed by a 2/3 vote of the Board.

**Section 4. Vacancies.** Any vacancy occurring on the Board during the year shall be filled for the unexpired term of office by a majority vote of the members of the Board at its first meeting following such vacancy except that a vacancy in the office of President shall be filled automatically by the First Vice-President; the resulting vacancy of the First Vice-President shall be filled automatically by the Second Vice-President, and the resulting vacancy shall be filled by the Board.

## ARTICLE IV

### The Club Year, Annual Meeting, Nomination, Elections

**Section 1. Club Year.** The Club's Fiscal year shall begin on the first day of July and end on the 30th day of June. The Club's official year shall begin immediately at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting and continue through the next Annual Meeting.

#### **Section 2. Annual Meeting**

a) Annual Meetings of the Members. The Annual Meeting of the Club shall be held in accordance with Article II, Section 1. The Directors chosen by secret ballot from among those nominated in accordance with Section 3 of this Article shall take office immediately upon the conclusion of the Annual Meeting of the members.

b) Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors. The Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held in accordance with Article II, Section 3. At this meeting, the Board shall elect the Officers from among its members. These officers shall serve until the next Annual Meeting of the Directors, or until their successors have been duly elected. Each retiring officer shall turn over to his successor in office all records and properties related to that office, within 30 days after the election of his successor. Any retiring officer who fails to turn over such records and properties within 30 days may be suspended from all privileges of the Club until the transfer is effected.

**Section 3. Elections.** No person may be a candidate in a Club election who has not been nominated in accordance with these By-Laws. No later than December 1, the Board of Directors shall select a nominating committee consisting of five members and their alternates in good standing, not more than one of whom shall be a member of the Board. The Board of Directors shall name a chairman for the Committee. The Nominating Committee may conduct its business by mail.

a) The Nominating Committee shall nominate from among the eligible members of the Club six candidates for the position of Director, to replace those six Directors whose terms will expire at the next Annual Meeting, and shall procure the acceptance of each nominee so chosen. The committee shall then submit its slate of candidates to the Recording Secretary on or before September 1. The Recording Secretary shall mail the list of nominations to each member of the Club on or before September 15, so that additional nominations may be made by members of the Club if they so desire.

b) Additional nominations of eligible members may be made by written petition, addressed to the Recording Secretary and received at his regular address on or before November 1, signed by thirty members in good standing and accompanied by the written acceptance of each such additional nominee signifying his willingness to be a candidate.

c) If no valid additional nominations are received by the Recording Secretary on or before November 1, the Nominating Committee's slate shall be declared elected as of February 1, to take office at the next Annual Meeting of the Board, and no balloting will be required. The Recording Secretary shall inform the membership on or before February 1 if no balloting is required

- d) If one or more valid additional nominations are received by the Recording Secretary on or before November 1, he shall on or before December 15th, mail to each voting member in good standing a ballot listing all of the nominees in alphabetical order, together with a blank envelope and a return envelope addressed to the Recording Secretary and marked "Ballot" and the name of the member to whom it was sent. So that the ballots may remain secret, each voter, after marking his ballot shall seal it in the blank envelope which in turn shall be placed in the second envelope addressed to the Recording Secretary. Ballots to be considered must be received by the Recording Secretary by February 1. The ballots shall be counted by an independent or professional firm or by three inspectors, none of whom are candidates. Three inspectors and three alternates shall be timely appointed by the six Board members whose terms will not expire at the next Annual Meeting. The candidates receiving the largest number of votes shall be elected to the vacancies on the Board of Directors. The inspectors shall certify the results of the voting prior to February 21st. Results shall be announced in the Annual Meeting Notice. If any director-elect is unable to serve for any reason, the vacancy so created shall be filled by the new Board of Directors, in the manner provided by Article III, Section 4, of these By-Laws.
- e) Nominations cannot be made at the annual meeting or in any manner other than as provided above.

## ARTICLE V

### Committees

**Section 1.** The Board of Directors will each year appoint standing committees to advance the work of the Club. Such committees shall always be subject to the final authority of the Board. The Board may at its discretion determine the size and composition of any committee. Special committees may also be appointed by the Board to aid it on particular projects. The chairman of each committee shall submit an annual report to the Recording Secretary no later than January 2.

**Section 2.** The Chairman of each NCA committee shall be appointed annually by the Board of Directors for a term of one year. The Board may choose to recommend additional members for each committee appointed.

**Section 3.** Any committee appointment may be terminated by a majority vote of the full membership of the Board upon written notice to the appointee; and the Board may appoint successors to those persons whose service has been terminated. Each retiring committee chairman or member shall turn over all records and properties relating to the committee to this successor, or, if the committee has been dissolved, to the Recording Secretary, within 30 days after he has been notified of the termination of his office. Any person who fails to do so within 30 days may be suspended from all privileges of the Club until the transfer is effected.

**Section 4.** Any policy change proposed by a committee must be referred to the Board for consideration. Resulting policy changes must appear in an official communication of the NCA to the general membership.

## ARTICLE VI

### Discipline

**Section 1. American Kennel Club Suspension.** Any member who is suspended from the privileges of the American Kennel Club automatically shall be suspended from the privileges of this Club for a like period.

**Section 2. Charges.** Any member may prefer charges against another member for alleged action prejudicial to the best interests of the Club or the Breed and/or failure to abide by the Constitution, By-Laws, or Ethics Guide of this Club. Written charges with specifications must be filed with the Recording Secretary, together with a deposit of \$100.00 which shall be forfeited if such charges are not sustained. The Secretary shall promptly send a copy of the charges to each member of the Board or present them at a Board meeting. The Secretary will also send copies of the charges to the defendant who shall have the opportunity to submit written documents to the Board. The Board shall first consider whether the actions alleged in the charges, if proven, might constitute action prejudicial to the best interest of the Club or the Breed. If the Board considers that the charges do not allege conduct which would be prejudicial to the best interest of the Club or of the Breed, or falls under the jurisdiction of the American Kennel Club, it may refuse to entertain jurisdiction. If the Board decides to entertain jurisdiction, the Recording Secretary shall so inform the parties to the complaint and shall send one copy of the charges by certified mail together with a notice of the hearing. The hearing shall be held at the next regularly scheduled face to face meeting of the Board, unless the date of that meeting would be less than 21 days from the date of the hearing notice. In that event or should the Board decide that such scheduling does not allow adequate preparation time to the Board, or to either or both parties, the hearing date shall be put over until the following face to face meeting.

**Section 3. Board Hearing.** Should either party to the proceeding choose to be represented by counsel, he shall so inform the Recording Secretary no later than 30 days prior to the date of the hearing. The Recording Secretary shall promptly inform the other party. Should the charges be sustained, after hearing all the evidence and testimony presented by the complainant and defendant, the Board may, by a majority vote of those present suspend the defendant from all privileges of the Club for not more than six months from the date of the hearing. And, if it deems that punishment insufficient, the Board may also recommend to the membership that the penalty be expulsion. In such case the suspension shall not restrict the defendant's right to appear before his fellow members at the ensuing Club meeting which considers the Board's recommendation. Immediately after the Board has reached a decision, its findings shall be put in written form and filed with the Recording Secretary. The Recording Secretary, in turn, shall notify each of the parties of the Board's decision and penalty, if any.

**Section 4. Expulsion.** Expulsion of a member from the Club may be accomplished only at the Annual Meeting of the Club following a hearing and upon the recommendation of the Board as provided in Section 3 of this Article. The defendant shall have the privilege of appearing in his own behalf though no evidence shall be taken at this meeting. The President shall read the charges and the findings and recommendations, and shall invite the defendant, if present, to speak in his own behalf. The meeting shall then vote by

secret ballot on the proposed expulsion. A 2/3 vote of those present and voting at the annual meeting shall be necessary for expulsion. If expulsion is not so voted, the suspension shall stand.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **Amendments**

**Section 1.** Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws and to the Standard for the Breed and the Ethics Guide may be proposed by the Board of Directors or by written petition addressed to the Recording Secretary signed by 20% of the members in good standing. Amendments proposed by such petition shall be promptly considered by the Board of Directors. All amendments shall be submitted to the membership, inviting comment from the members. No less than 60 days, and no later than four months after submission to the membership the Board shall report on such proposal(s) to the Club and present the same for action.

**Section 2.** The Constitution and By Laws, the Standard for the Breed and the Ethics Guide may be amended at any time provided a copy of the proposed amendment has been mailed by the Secretary to each member in good standing on the date of the mailing, accompanied by a ballot in which a choice for or against the action to be taken shall be indicated. Dual envelope procedures described in Article IV, Section 4(d) shall be followed in handling such ballots, to assure secrecy of the vote. Notice with such ballots shall specify a date not less than 30 days after the date postmarked by which date the ballots must be returned to the Secretary to be counted. The favorable vote of 2/3 of the members in good standing who return valid ballots within the time limit shall be required to affect any such amendment.

**Section 3.** No amendment to the Constitution and By-Laws or to the Standard for the Breed that is adopted by the Club shall become effective until it has been approved by the Board of Directors of the American Kennel Club.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **Dissolution**

**Section 1.** The Club may be dissolved at any time by the written consent of not less than 2/3 of the members. In the event of the dissolution of the Club other than for the purposes of re-organization, whether voluntary or involuntary or by operation of law, none of the property of the Club nor any proceeds thereof, nor any assets of the Club shall be distributed to any members of the Club, but after payment of the debts of the Club, its property and assets shall be given to a charitable organization for the benefit of dogs as selected by the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **Order of Business**

**Section 1.** At meetings of the Club, the order of business, so far as the character and nature of the meeting may permit, shall be as follows:

- Roll Call
- Minutes
- Report of President
- Report of the Board
- Report of the Recording Secretary
- Report of the Corresponding Secretary
- Report of the Treasurer
- Report of the Delegate
- Reports of Committees
- Election of new members
- Unfinished business
- New business
- Adjournment

**Section 2.** At meetings of the Board, the order of business, unless otherwise directed by a majority vote of those present, shall be as follows:

- Reading of minutes of last meeting
- Report of the Recording Secretary
- Report of the Corresponding Secretary
- Report of the Treasurer
- Reports of Committees
- Election of Officers (at the Annual Meeting)
- Election of new members
- Unfinished business
- New business
- Adjournment.



## **ETHICS GUIDE**

Love and respect for the Newfoundland is inherent in membership in the Newfoundland Club of America. Therefore all members agree to foster the goals set forth in the Code of Ethics.

### **I. Responsibilities of Members**

- A. To provide for all dogs in their keeping
  - 1. Physical Requirements of
    - a. Appropriate food, water, and shelter.
    - b. Protection from bodily harm.
    - c. Proper health care, including sanitation, immunization, and veterinary attention as needed.
  - 2. Emotional requirements of
    - a. Attention and affection.
    - b. Appropriate training as needed.
- B. To abide by AKC rules applicable to activities in which they engage.
- C. To refuse to sell Newfoundland dogs to any pet shop, or any wholesale dealer in dogs, or knowingly to sell or aid or abet the sale of any Newfoundland to a person or agent who will sell the animal through a pet shop.

### **II. Responsibilities of Breeders**

- A. To be familiar with the Standard and to be aware that the purpose of breeding is to maintain or improve the quality of the Newfoundland in accordance with the Standard.
- B. To be familiar with the AKC rules applicable to litter registration and individual registration.
- C. To use for breeding only bitches in good health.
- D. To represent accurately the health history and breeding records of the bitch when negotiating for stud service.
- E. To negotiate all terms of a breeding agreement prior to a breeding. A written contract is recommended.
- F. To produce puppies only when he/she has the time, facilities, and resources to provide attention to proper physical and emotional development.

### **III. Responsibilities of the Stud Dog Owner**

- A. To be familiar with the Standard and to be aware that the purpose of breeding is to maintain or improve the quality of the Newfoundland in accordance with the Standard.

- B. To be familiar with the AKC rules applicable to litter registration.
- C. To accept for servicing only bitches who appear to be in good health.
- D. To represent accurately the health history and breeding records of the dog.
- E. To negotiate all terms of a breeding agreement prior to a breeding. A written contract is recommended.
- F. To complete the chain of registration by signing and returning the stud service certification promptly on satisfaction of the terms of the contract.

#### **IV. Responsibilities of Sellers**

- A. To ascertain that the prospective buyer is aware of the needs of a Newfoundland and has the knowledge and facilities to care properly for a growing or grown dog.
- B. To transfer registration papers to the buyer at the time of sale or to withhold papers only in accordance with AKC rules applying to individual registration, or by written agreement with the buyer.
- C. To advise a buyer, or prospective buyer, of any probable delay or difficulty in registration.
- D. To provide the buyer with a written Bill of Sale to include a description of the dog, the whelping date, the name of sire and dam, and the litter or individual registration number if available.
- E. To advise the buyer of any known health defects.
- F. To advise the buyer in writing of any or all health guarantees and compensations offered by the seller.

#### **V. Advertising**

It should be borne in mind that advertising may be read by persons having little or no knowledge of dogs. Each member is responsible to see that all advertising in his/her name does not promote his/ her Newfoundlands through misleading or exaggerated statements or distortion of fact, or through stated or implied deprecation of the Newfoundlands of others.

#### **VI. Contracts**

Written contracts are strongly recommended for all transactions such as sales, co-ownerships, breeding rights agreements, compensation for future puppies, leasing a bitch and stud services.

#### **VII. Discipline**

The following are *prima facie* grounds for disciplinary action.

- A. Neglect or abuse of any Newfoundland in the care of a member documented by the affidavits of three witnesses or by investigation of an authorized humane organization.
- B. Suspension of privileges by the AKC for violation of its rules.
- C. Advertising found to be in violation of the Ethics Guide.

- D. Knowingly to sell, or to aid and abet the sale of a Newfoundland to or through a pet shop or its agents.
- E. Refusal to comply with the terms of a written contract involving a Newfoundland without showing just cause.
- F. Refusal to complete the chain of AKC registration without showing just cause.
- G. Refusal to transfer registration papers to a buyer without showing just cause.
- H. Refusal to honor guarantees and agreements made in writing without showing just cause.

### **VIII. Enforcement**

Enforcement of the disciplinary section of the Code of Ethics will be handled in accordance with the disciplinary procedures outlined in Article VI of the By-Laws. In the case of any business transaction involving Newfoundlands, the NCA will refuse to entertain any grievance brought against a member unless a written contract or other document signed by both parties is submitted with the grievance.

## Regional Clubs

### **Bear Mountain Newfoundland Club**

<http://www.bearmountainnewf.org>

Area served: Southeastern area of New York

### **Colonial Newfoundland Club**

<http://www.cncnewfs.com>

Area served: Maryland, Virginia, District of Columbia, & most of West Virginia

### **Genesee Region Newfoundland Club**

<http://www.grnewfdogclub.org>

Area served: Central portions of upstate New York between Utica & Rochester

### **Great Lakes Newfoundland Club**

<http://www.glnewfclub.org>

Area served: Michigan & Northern Ohio

### **Heart of America Newfoundland Club**

<http://www.hanc.net>

Area served: Kansas, western Missouri, northeastern Oklahoma, southwestern Iowa & southeastern Nebraska

### **High Country Newfoundland Club**

<http://www.HCNCNewfs.org>

Area served: Colorado, New Mexico, Utah & Wyoming

### **Mesquite Newfoundland Club**

<http://www.mesquitenevfclub.org>

Area served: Arizona

### **New-Pen-Del Newfoundland Club**

<http://www.newpendelnewfclub.com>

Area served: eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey & Delaware

### **Newfoundland Club of Florida**

<http://www.newffla.com>

Area served: Florida

### **Newfoundland Club of Hawaii**

<https://www.facebook.com/NewfoundlandClubOfHawaii>

Area served: Hawaii

### **Newfoundland Club of New England**

<http://www.newfclubne.org>

Area served: Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine, Massachusetts, Connecticut & Rhode Island

### **Newfoundland Club of Northern California**

<http://www.ncnc.org>

Area served: northern California, southern Oregon & western Nevada

### **Newfoundland Club of San Diego**

<http://ncsd.biz/index.php>

Area served: San Diego area & south of Los Angeles to Arizona

### **Newfoundland Club of Seattle**

<http://www.newfclubseattle.com>

Area served: Seattle, Washington

### **Newfoundland Club of Southern California**

<http://www.newfclubofsocal.org>

Area served: southern California from San Luis Obispo south to San Diego

### **North Central Newfoundland Club**

<http://www.northcentralnewf.org>

Area served: Chicago, northern Illinois, Wisconsin & eastern Iowa

### **Northland Newfoundland Club**

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Northland-Newfoundland-Club/229890241908>

Area served: Upstate New York

### **Northstar Newfoundland Club**

<http://www.northstarnewfclub.org>

Area served: Minnesota & northwestern Wisconsin

### **Old West Newfoundland Club**

<http://www.ownc.org>

Area served: Texas

### **Pacific Northwest Newfoundland Club**

<http://pnnc.org>

Area served: Oregon & Washington

## Regional Clubs

### **Penn-Ohio Newfoundland Club**

<http://www.ponc.org>

Area served: western Pennsylvania,  
eastern Ohio & the panhandle of West  
Virginia

### **River King Newfoundland Club**

<http://www.riverkingnewfs.com>

Area served: central & southern Illinois  
& eastern Missouri

### **South Central Newfoundland Club**

<http://southcentralnewfclub.com>

Area served: Indiana, western Ohio &  
Kentucky

### **Southeastern Newfoundland Club**

<http://www.senewfs.org>

Area served: North Carolina, South  
Carolina, Georgia & Alabama

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