Newfoundland Club of America, Inc.
Regular Board of Directors Teleconference Meeting
8:00 p.m. (All Times EST)
February 18, 2016

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Committee chairperson call in and times:
- 8:30 p.m. - Rescue Prevention Committee, Donna Zink, chair.
- 9:00 p.m. – Newf Tide Policy Committee, Aura Dean, chair.
- 9:30 p.m. – Specialty Show Coordinating Committee, Robin Seaman Grenier, chair.
- 10 p.m. - New Penn Del Newfoundland Club, John Affel, president of NPD; NCA Working Dog Committee, Sue Raney, chair.

**Agenda**

1. **AKC Delegate’s Report (David Helming):**
   1.1. AKC Delegate Elections.

2. **Approval of minutes:**

3. **President's Report (Pam Saunders).**

4. **First Vice President’s Report (John Cornell):**

   From the NCA Charitable Trust Management Board meeting - February 3, 2016:
   - There is need to raise more money for the Precious fund. The previous goal was $48,000 and is now at $55,000. There are four remaining in foster homes and this increase is for vet bills.
   - The Health Questionnaire was submitted to OFA. It will launch to the membership in April.
   - Temperament survey has been launched to the breeders list. The membership will have it in March.
   - The Trust will come to the Trustee to report on an investigation of investments and will recommend a policy for investing Trust funds.
   - The CTMB appointed an ad hoc committee to provide a policy for valuable art, jewelry, etc., that are given for the benefit of the Trust.
   - The CTMB is looking into investment opportunities.
   - The CTMB approved three grants for research at the Morris Animal Foundation and AKC Canine Health Foundation.
5. **Second Vice President’s Report (Lynne Anderson Powell).**
   5.1 Motion to re-address some committee appointments.

6. **Recording Secretary’s Report (Steve Britton):**
   6.1 Prepared bulletin board and drafted meeting minutes for November 2016 F2F regular board meeting.
   6.2 Compiled agenda and meeting packet.
   6.3 Reports his appreciation to all officers and most committee chairs for their timely meeting submissions.
   6.4 SSCC Adding Members Ballot Results.(Executive Session)

7. **Corresponding Secretary’s Report (Pam Rubio); pp. 8 – 17:**
   7.1 Reminder/Response to NCA member.
   7.2 Terrible Breeder Complaint; p. 8.
   7.3 Response to inquiry about breeding of Dogs with mild dysplasia; p. 9.
   7.4 Forwarded Event Notices and Changes to AKC Event Policies to Robin Seaman Grenier.
   7.5 Forwarded BBC request for info on Newfs for a film to Marylou Zimmerman; p. 10.
   7.6 Forwarded response for number of Cruft certificates; p.12.
   7.7 Forwarded new titlist to the committee; pp. 14 – 16.
   7.8 Request for formal response to death of Northland (British) NC President. - does this go to Sunshine, or should I send card? (p. 17).

8. **Treasurer’s Report (Mary L. Price):**

9. **Standing/Special Committee Reports:**
   9.5 **Newf Ambassador**, Joan Fenwick, Chair – Newf Ambassadors in Canada; p. 29.

   Not asking for any change in the amount “It is $40 for Group Placements and $30—we are just wishing to add some different categories, hoping to prop up the New Titlists section and the Group Placement section.”
9.7 **Performance and Companion Events**, Anna Lorenz, chair – member resigned:
Cherilyn (Antin) Hoermann resigned; she no longer owns a Newf. Committee not asking
for immediate replacement; post opening?

9.8 **Rescue Prevention Committee**, Donna Zink, chair; pp. 30 – 32.
- Discussion of Board Review of current set of Online Tutorials – if any.
- Proposed Life Stages Quiz.


9.10 **WDC/Regional Club Concern**

10. **Executive Session; pp. 44 - 65:**

10.1. **Show Coordination Committee**, Robin Seaman, chair, Committee Appointment
Request; pp. 49 – 51.

10.2. **Pending Membership Applications** (Mary Lou Cuddy, membership chair);
pp. 52 – 64.

10.3 Request to be added to Juniors Committee; p. 65.

11. **Unfinished Business and General Orders**

11.1. Curry and Drury Memorial Award Medallions.

11.2. Breeder’s Education/CTMB Survey.

- Corresponding Secretary; p. 40.
- International Liaison; p. 39.

11.4. Referral of Question about custom computer code writing for RPC committee On-line
Tutorial Project to Technical Resources Committee. (January 21, 2016)

12. **New Business:**

12.1. Colonial Newfoundland Club application for Incorporation Grant, per NCA policy; pp. 41
– 43.

12.2. NCA, INC. Foundation - feasibility study to develop a new 501(c)3 and to determine
methods to accept large donations to support NCA, Inc. activities.

13. **Adjourn.**
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Revised: 5/26/15
Dear Beth,

Thank you for contacting the Newfoundland Club of America with your concerns. You are certainly asking the right questions in your search for a puppy! I apologize for the delay in getting back to you. I wanted to bring your concerns to the Board at our last teleconference so that the other members might give input.

The NCA does not currently have a policy in place regarding members who breed dogs with any of the health conditions that affect the breed. The NCA does consider it necessary to test all breeding stock for hips, elbows, heart and cystinuria, and strongly recommends testing, where indicated, for thyroid, eyes and patellas. We request that breeders use these available health tests and disclose all results, but we have no governing restrictions about breeding. The NCA does not supervise or guarantee the ethical practices of NCA member breeders. There are guidelines developed by the NCA, including the Code of Ethics and the Breeder’s List Guidelines, which encourage breeders to be open in sharing the results of those health tests with potential puppy buyers. All transactions should include a contract, and violations of the contract can result in review by the Mediation Committee or a formal grievance being filed.

I hope this has been helpful. If you would like to contact me privately, as a breeder of Newfoundlands, I would be happy to speak with you about my experiences with health testing and breeding.

Sincerely,
Pamela Rubio – NCA Corresponding Secretary
Hi there,

I hope you don’t mind me making contact, but I was wondering if you might be able to help me.

I work for a television production company in the UK called Oxford Scientific Films and I am working on a new a 3 part series about dogs for ITV, one of our major channels here in the UK. The programmes will be part of an on-going strand that we have produced for the channel which includes the first episode of Secret Life of Dogs, Secret Life of Babies, Secret Life of Twins and Secret Life of Cats- all narrated by Martin Clunes.

In this new series, we’re aiming to take a look at the huge diversity of this extraordinary species across the globe, taking a look at the distinctive roles they can play as guardians, workers and companions. We’re hoping it will be a celebration of dogs and their amazing abilities, using the very latest filming techniques.

I am really keen to cover a story on Newfoundland dogs and thought your organisation might be a good one to reach out to. In particular, I am interested in highlighting their strength and agility in the water and I would love to speak with someone who may have been saved by a Newfoundland dog from the water. I wondered if you might have any suitable stories or people I could get in touch with who could help me?

It would be great to hear your thoughts on the above, or if you would like any further information then please do let me know D my contact details are below.

I very much hope to hear from you.

With kind regards,

Laura

Laura Harris
Producer


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Dear Parent Club President,

The Kennel Club, England, has designated the AKC National Championship, sponsored by AKC and Royal Canin, as well as one designated AKC Parent Club National Specialty in each eligible breed, as the United States qualifying shows for Crufts. Recipients of Best of Breed, Best of Opposite Sex, Selects and Awards of Merit, and if offered at these events, Best Bred-by-Exhibitor, are eligible for entry in Crufts as a U.S. International qualifier.

Each Parent Club may choose to designate one of their National Specialties as their Crufts qualifying show. Recipients of BOB, BOS, BBE, Awards of Merit, and Selects, may each be given an eligibility certificate to enter Crufts. Under UK law, dogs with cropped ears are not eligible to be shown. Also, dogs that were docked on or after April 6, 2007, are not eligible to be shown. Because of requests from some clubs made in previous years, I am also sending this letter to Parent Clubs for breeds that are cropped and docked, in the event that an imported or American dog shown in its natural state qualifies. It is entirely up to your club whether or not you choose to participate. Precluded are any breeds the Kennel Club does not register. If your Parent Club represents a breed that is cropped and docked, and you do not want to be contacted next year, just send me a letter from your board to that effect.

Please contact me, and indicate: your breed, estimated number of dogs to receive Qualifying Certificates, and the date of your 2016 qualifying National Specialty. I will pass the information on to The Kennel Club. You can email me at nxs@akc.org or by fax (212-696-8252.)

Please print the Crufts Qualifying Certificate and give one to each of your qualifiers. Each certificate is good for Crufts entry in either 2017 or 2018, and must be submitted along with each entry for Crufts to verify qualification.

Complete information on Crufts, including entry details, are available on the Kennel Club's website at www.thekennelclub.org.uk or from the Kennel Club at Clarges Street, London, W1J 8AB, UK.

Sincerely,

Neil Singer
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Passed away - can the club send official condolences?

Northern Newfoundland Club  
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I cannot believe I have more sad news. Peggy George died today. So we have lost both Bryan and Peggy close to each other. Peggy and Bryan were married for 62 years and were inseparable. Bryan's funeral has now been cancelled and a Joint Funeral will now take place on February 12th at 2.00p.m at Tunley United Reform Church, Mossy Lea Road, Wrightlington, Wigan. WN6 9RW. This will be followed by cremation at Charnock Richard Crematorium. Refreshments to follow at the church. Peggy is a huge loss to our Club. She was a founder member in 1984 and served as a committee member, Chairman and the last six years as President of the NNC. She will be hugely missed.
# Newfoundland Club of America, Inc.

## Receipts and Disbursements

January 8 - February 4, 2016

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preparation by Mary L. Price, Treasurer
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February 5, 2016

Dear NCA Board of Directors,

The Ad Hoc Breeder’s List committee met Tuesday evening and after our discussion Cindy Flowers sent this e-mail to all the committee members referencing the agreement breeders sign to be on the Breeder’s List. I copied her e-mail to this document for you to read and included a request at the end.

From Cindy:

“Our goal as written is to “come up with some method to enforce the guidelines including suspension or removal from the list. We are of the understanding that if we add a waiver to the application we would be able to get around the grievance process outlined in the By-laws”.

I think we already have a waiver and a process.

This is the statement that breeders sign:

- I(we) agree to abide by the NCA Code of Ethics and to cooperate in the investigation of any written complaints lodged against me(us). My(our) signature(s) attest to the truthfulness of the information provided herein and authorize the Newfoundland Club of America to verify said information. I(we) agree to make a life-long commitment to every Newfoundland I(we) produce.

The process should be the Arbitration Committee. This is from the breeder’s list application.

- Must have no grievances, which the Arbitration Committee has found to have a basis in fact and were unresolved at the closing date for the list. (NCA members and non-members may file grievances.)

If you have an unresolved grievance, then you won’t be allowed to stay on the list. More importantly, the arbitration committee can “Recommend appropriate sanctions by Board if recommendations are ignored”. To me that statement could include immediate suspension from the list. Isn’t that enough?

We also have authorized the NCA to verify information that we provide... which should include abiding by the NCA Code of Ethics. We also agree to cooperate in any investigation of a written complaint. It doesn’t say anything about going through the grievance procedure... just a “written complaint”. To me, that means the NCA can investigate ANY written complaint.” END OF CINDY’S E-MAIL.

As a committee we are asking the board for clarification of the written complaint process referred to on the Breeder’s List signature section highlighted in red below. This is might be separate process from the Mediation Committee where typically puppy buyers lodge a complaint against a breeder. It does not refer to the grievance process which is only member to member and $100 must be deposited; so on and so forth. Would the written complaint process addressed on the Breeder’s List allow someone with knowledge of a serious problem such as abuse or mistreatment of dogs to bring it to the attention of the NCA without have to go through the NCA board grievance process? Or do you
want it to go to the Mediation Committee who refers it on from there? Typically that kind of an issue is beyond the scope of the Mediation Committee however we (or some other committee) can certainly be available to our breeders and in situations such as abuse, etc., we can refer a written complaint on to the board.

FOR RENEWALS AND NEW APPLICANTS: I(we) agree to abide by the NCA Code of Ethics and to cooperate in the investigation of any written complaints lodged against me(us). My(our) signature(s) attest to the truthfulness of the information provided herein and authorizes the Newfoundland Club of America to verify said information. I(we) agree to make a life-long commitment to every Newfoundland I(we) produce.

If the board would kindly discuss our questions and give us your opinion we would greatly appreciate it. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Carla Gengler, Committee Chair
Ad Hoc Breeder’s List
John Cornell
Cindy Flowers
Pam Rubio
Pamela Jackson
Naomi Young-Meyer
Qualifications for Eligibility:
1. Must have been a member in good standing of the Newfoundland Club of America, Inc. for five consecutive years.
2. Must be willing to serve as an educational resource for prospective Newfoundland owners.
3. Must have no grievances, which the Arbitration Committee has found to have a basis in fact and were unresolved at the closing date for the list. (NCA members and non-members may file grievances.)
4. Must always use a written Agreement/Contract in all Newfoundland transactions.
5. Must have bred two (2) Newfoundland litters while a member of the NCA.
6. Must have bred an AKC or CKC Champion Newfoundland. A copy of the Certificate of Title must be attached if not previously submitted.
7. Must have one sponsor, who is a current member of the Breeders List.
8. The NCA expects its members to make a life-long commitment to every Newfoundland they produce and to cooperate in the rescue of any Newfoundland dogs they produce.
9. The NCA recommends that every person on the Breeders List be a member of an NCA regional club. If the member does not live in the United States, he or she should be a member of their national or regional club in the country in which they live.

NEW APPLICATION PROCEDURE

New Applicants: Complete the application and include the required documentations. Copies of the AKC/CKC documentation must be attached to your application. The fee is $50 for new applicants. Applications must be postmarked by May 31, 2016. If submitted after May 31st but before June 11th, a late fee of $25.00 must accompany the new application ($75 total). No applications will be accepted after June 11, 2016.

Check payable to the Newfoundland Club of America. Send signed, completed application to:

Johanna Matsuda, NCA Breeders List
3955 S. Grant St. • Englewood, CO 80113

Check one: [ ] New Application = $50.00 [ ] New Application Late Fee after May 31=$25; total $75

PLEASE PRINT
Name(s): __________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________
*Address: __________________________________________________________________________
City, State, Zip, Country: _____________________________________________________________
*Telephone: _____________________ *Email: ___________________________________________

*If you do not want your address and/or any of the following information (*) posted on the website, indicate with a “No” after the information.
Kennel Name: ______________________________________________________________________

Kennel website address (if applicable): ________________________________________________

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New Applicants must provide all the requested information. In order to verify information, include a copy of an official registration application or official registration certificate for a puppy from each of the two litters on which AKC/CKC listed you as breeder since you have been an NCA member.

Litter #1: AKC/CKC Litter Number: _________________________ Date Whelped: _______________________________
  Sire Registration Number: ____________________ Dam Registration Number: ________________________________

Litter #2: AKC/CKC Litter Number: _________________________ Date Whelped: _______________________________
  Sire Registration Number: ___________________ Dam Registration Number: ________________________________

Name of titled dog you bred: ___________________________________________________________
  (Include a copy of a title certificate & documentation indicating you are the breeder of the titled dog.)

Circle colors usually available: Black; Landseer; Brown; Gray

Year joined NCA: _________ Kennel Name: _____________________________________________

Is Kennel Name registered? If Yes, provide a copy of AKC Kennel Prefix Registration acceptance letter or CKC Registration of Kennel Name Certificate.

Print Name of Sponsor from NCA Breeders List: ___________________________________________

Signature of Sponsor: _________________________________________________________________

Member of a Regional Club? [ ]yes [ ]no  Regional Club __________________________________

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Member signature: _____________________________________ Date: _________________________

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Newfoundland Club of America, Inc.
Financial Oversight Committee
Sandy Gabel, Chair
Mary Ann Barnhill
Mary L. Price

Recommendation: Dues and other Fees

The NCA Financial Oversight Committee met in November, 2015 and reviewed historical data, current dues structure, recent changes due to postal increases, new *Newf Tide* editor contract, *Newf Tide* subscription rates, etc. The committee developed these recommendations for the NCA Board’s consideration.

- The Board should consider these recommendations and vote by March 1, 2016.

  “By-laws. Article I, Section 2. Dues and Levies.
  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.
  ....During the month of May each member shall be sent a statement of dues for the ensuing year.”

- Current Dues and other Fees Structure and Proposed Changes.

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Dear NCA Member,

Dues are payable on or before July 1, 2016*. Members renewing after July 31, 2016 are assessed a late fee of $25.00 per household. A membership may be considered lapsed and automatically terminated if dues remain unpaid after August 31, 2016*. Membership type may not be changed automatically from Single to Double category as the appropriate application procedure must be followed. Children are not included in a double/single membership and are encouraged to apply for Junior membership (ages 10-17). Junior members may automatically upgrade to a Single membership at age 18*. A membership roster will be published after dues are processed.

Please detach the lower portion of this letter and return it to the Membership Chairman with your check made payable to the Newfoundland Club of America, Inc. or credit card authorization. Thank you.

*NCA Bylaws - Article I.

Mary L. Price, Treasurer

*NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.
Dues Notice

Name: First: _____________________________ Last: _____________________________

Member #2 Name (Double Membership):
First: _____________________________ Last: _____________________________

Telephone: _____________________________ Email: _____________________________

Occupation(s) (optional) ______________________________________________________

Address: _____________________________________________________________
(Zip + 4): ______________-____________

Telephone: _____________________________ Email: _____________________________

Dues for the period July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017 (see back side for Schedule of Fees)

Membership Category: «Double» $80.00

Late Fee: _____________________________

International Postage Levy: _____________________________

Subtotal: _____________________________

Donations to NCA Health Challenge, NCA Rescue Fund and NCA Juniors Fund are gratefully accepted and will be acknowledged in Newf Tide or may remain anonymous. Thank you for your generous support for our programs to assist Newfoundlanders. Donations to NCA Health Challenge and NCA Rescue Fund (NCA Charitable Trust 501(c)3) are income tax deductible. Dues are not normally deductible according to the IRS.

NCA Newfoundland Health Challenge $80.00

NCA Newfoundland Rescue Fund $80.00

NCA Juniors Fund $80.00

Name(s) for Newf Tide acknowledgement

Donations to Rescue and the Health Challenge (a 501(c)3 organization, Fed. ID 06-1500326) might be eligible for corporate matching gift programs. Please contact your employer or pension provider for more information.

Total: Checks payable to the Newfoundland Club of America, Inc. International members should remit fees with international money orders guaranteed with U. S. Funds, drawn on U. S. banks or pay by credit card. $80.00

Payment by Credit Card – Visa or MasterCard only

Card Number: _____________________________
Expiration Date: _____________________________

Name on Card: _____________________________

$___________

(US Dollars)

I hereby apply for renewal membership in the Newfoundland Club of America, Inc., and I am enclosing dues for the correct membership category. A subscription to Newf Tide is included in adult membership fees. Junior members may subscribe to Newf Tide for an additional fee. International members must remit a postage levy.

By submitting these dues, I/we agree to abide by the Constitution and By-laws and Ethics Guide as adopted by the Newfoundland Club of America, Inc.

Date: _____________________________
Signature(s) of Renewing Member(s)

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

RETURN THIS FORM AND FEES TO:

Mary Lou Cuddy, NCA Membership Chair, 1155 Raymond Rd., Ballston Spa, NY 12020-3719
### Schedule of Fees

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Hi Lynne,

Our Newf Ambassador program has the capability to track any referrals to our program from Canada. Also we have one Newf Ambassador from Canada, Lynda McFadden, who is the president of the Newfoundland Dog Club of Canada. She has asked about recruiting other NCA members who live in Canada to become Newf Ambassadors. We would like to pursue it with Lynda's help. These applicants from Canada would have to meet the same requirements of our US Newf Ambassadors, being NCA members for the most recent 3 years. Before we actively pursue this we would like the NCA Board to o.k. our expansion of the Newfoundland Ambassador program with members "north of the border".

Would you please add this to the NCA Board Agenda?

Thanks,
Joan Fenwick for the Newf Ambassador Committee
RPC Proposal - LifeStages Quiz

Background: Lifestages subscribers tend to read the first issue well, then reading declines toward the last issue (12 months). In this progression, the topics that tend to be well-read are those developed more for reader-engagement. This was not unexpected, but we would like to find a way to improve on the readership of those topics that address issues which help Newfoundlands develop into better companions, such as attention training, appropriate exercise, appropriate toys, socialization, grooming, use of crates, nutrition, training, traveling with Newfs, awareness of resources (first aid, list of toxic edibles, preparing for gender maturity and maturity/growth at 12 months.

Proposal: RPC proposes to develop up to 4 quizzes, 12 questions each, with multiple choice or yes/no answers for all LifeStages subscribers, to increase interest in more complete reading. Since our goal is to get people to read, or to at least be aware of the articles as a future resource, we do not care if people go back and review the articles for the answers. Each quiz can be set up as a survey on the same Sharepoint site. To initiate the quiz, we propose to distribute an invitation to all subscribers, from the launch, using a random assignment for the quizzes. Those providing correct answers to at least 10 of the questions would be eligible for a prize drawing, and we propose the following prizes, to become part of the RPC budget:

1) $50 Cherrybrook gift certificate
2) 4 each $25 gift certificates for Katie’s Bumpers
3) 10 each back issues of Newf Tide

Subsequent subscribers would be notified in advance of an annual drawing. The prizes, of course, are also intended to increase interest in the owner for their Newf. I have a few things left from a bag that RPC offered during a National several years ago, donations from Ted’s Temptations and from AKC, which could be included in the first round of prizes, since the drawing odds wouldn’t be as favorable for this set. (Examples: a small umbrella, some stickers, and a few other things – eligible for 1st class postage.) The shipping cost would be mainly the Newf Tide issues, at approximately $6 each. The issue cost could be part of the order that we do for the coupon program (photo contest issue) which significantly lowers the per-issue cost, and we could use back issues that aren’t more than a couple of years old. The cost for this would be approximately $250 per year.

Respectfully submitted

Donna Zink
From: Greg and Donna <nitewater@joplin.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 20, 2016 2:07 PM
To: 'Lynne Anderson NCA 2nd VP'
Cc: 'Steve Britton'; furballacres@nctv.com
Subject: RPC PROPOSAL: LIFESTAGES QUIZ

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Here’s the latest legislation to include on the web page:

California:
House Resolution 28 calls on the Superintendent of Public Education and local school districts to ensure that humane education is part of the core curriculum and to work with local nonprofit organizations to provide humane education to all students. The measure has been assigned to the Education Committee but not yet scheduled for a hearing.

Maryland:
Senate Bill 36 expands current law to allow anyone to remove an animal from a vehicle if they believe the animal’s health or safety is in danger. Current law only allows certain first responders, law enforcement officers or animal control to remove animals from vehicles. Those who remove animals from vehicles would be exempt from all liability. AKC, the state federation and local dog owners contacted the committee and sponsor to express concerns about pet theft, lost dogs, and the lack of recourse for dog owners who were being responsible. The sponsor has agreed to work on amendments to address these concerns. The bill is scheduled for a hearing on January 19.

New York update:
Assembly Bill 6626/Senate Bill 5372, which the AKC supports, were signed into law in December.

Tennessee:
Proposed amendments to HB 1142 and SB 1020 sought to regulate “professional breeders”, defined as a person who possesses or controls ten or more unsterilized female dogs over the age of 6 months for the primary purpose of breeding and selling the offspring as pets. These amendments would also have granted “appointees” who were not government employees or law enforcement officers access to dog owners’ private property and further empower them to be granted administrative warrants to come onto the property and examine the records of any dog owner to determine if a violation had occurred. HB 1142 was withdrawn and SB 1020 was
deferred to the 2016 legislative session.

Virginia:
House Bills 38 and 211 would allow private citizens to remove companion animals from vehicles if they believe the animal is at risk of serious injury or death. The bills further state that the person may not be held liable for any damages, including loss of the animal or any injury caused by the animal. There is no requirement that the person removing the dog should stay with the vehicle, or leave any kind of message as to who removed the animal and where it was taken. The bills do require that the person attempt to call a law enforcement officer, firefighter, emergency medical services officer, an animal control officer, or 9-1-1. There is also no recourse for the owner for damage incurred when the animal in the car was not in danger, or for protection if the dog harms someone as a result of being removed from the vehicle. The bills are scheduled for consideration by the House Courts of Justice-Civil Law Subcommittee on January 18.

Wisconsin:
Assembly Bill 487 would make several changes to current law regarding animals taken by shelters and local humane societies. These changes include decreasing the amount of time an animal is held at a shelter from 7 days to 4 days. Another provision would require those accused (but not convicted) of “crimes against animals” to continue to pay for the care of the animals during an ongoing trial. If a payment is missed, their ownership rights will be forfeited forever – even if they are ultimately found not guilty or charges are dropped. AKC and its state federation have expressed several concerns with these provisions. The bill had a public hearing on January 13.

Dewey-Humboldt, AZ:
The Dewey-Humboldt Town Council is considering several changes to the town's animal control laws. These changes include allowing animal control to sell any animal not claimed from the shelter within 72 hours and allowing them to seize any animal if it is perceived that the owner is in violation of any portion of the animal control laws. The proposal also expands the definition of dangerous dog to include any dog that has bitten someone unprovoked even if the dog does not actually cause any injury or is a young puppy that nips someone. A hearing is scheduled for
January 19.

CA, Santa Paula:
The Santa Paula City Council will vote on a problematic breeder permit and mandatory spay/neuter proposal on January 19th.

CT, Stamford:
A committee of Stamford’s Board of Representatives is considering proposed changes to the city’s animal ordinances, including the establishment of breeder permits. While several changes have already been made at the request of AKC, local clubs and constituents, a new revised proposal would still create breeder permits. The committee will accept public comment regarding the proposal at a meeting in January.

FL, Sarasota:
The Sarasota City Council will consider an ordinance on January 24 that includes provisions to define and restrict hobby breeders. A final draft is not yet posted on the county’s website.

GA, Augusta:
A new draft of a proposed ordinance under consideration by the Augusta/Richmond County Council enact changes to the county’s animal control law, including reducing the holding period for impounded animals, requiring all impounded animals to be sterilized, and other problematic provisions. The ordinance could be considered by the Public Safety Committee on January 26.

ID, Bonneville County:
A proposal currently pending with the Bonneville County Commissioners seeks to impose animal possession limits in unincorporated parts of the county based on zoning district. The proposal also includes a “grandfather” provision that allows all dogs currently in the county to remain, but requires owners to reduce the number of animals maintained on a premises to new limit levels when current animals become deceased or are sold.

NY, Montgomery County:
The Montgomery County Legislature is expected to again propose a measure in January that would regulate breeders and impose various care and conditions requirements. While no draft is available at this time, the AKC is reaching out to the legislature to encourage them to not proceed with any proposal that would not be in the best interest of dogs or responsible
TX, Austin:
A committee of the Austin City Council recently heard testimony on the subject of whether mandatory spay/neuter should be implemented in the city. Due to the city’s 94% live release rate, as well as the unintended consequences often found in localities that have implemented mandatory spay/neuter, the local animal control officer joins AKC in opposition to requiring sterilization of animals in Austin. The Council Committee has requested more information regarding mandatory spay/neuter, and will review the information at a future meeting.

WV, Jefferson County:
The county council unanimously approved an ordinance that, among other provisions, establishes minimum outdoor enclosure sizes for dogs and limits tethering to 16 hours in any 24 hour period. It requires that dogs confined outdoors for more than 16 hours a day must be provided with “adequate space”, defined as a fenced permanent outdoor enclosure of no less than 100 square feet for one or two dogs 35 pounds and under; 100 square feet for each dog 35-60 pounds; 150 square feet for each dog 60-100 pounds; and 250 square feet each dog 100 pounds or greater. A motion was approved to task the County Administrator with researching whether an ordinance needs to be developed to set the fees for Commercial Breeding Licenses.
Santa Paula, CA:
Santa Paula's city council has delayed voting on an ordinance mandating residents to spay or neuter their pets after veterinarians and breeders expressed concern about the proposal.
On Monday, the city council voted 5-0 to send the ordinance back to city staff for amendments.
Councilmember Ginger Gherardi asked staff to research the recommended age for spaying or neutering cats and dogs.
As currently written, the ordinance would require residents to spay or neuter their cats and dogs, and implant them with an identification microchip, when the animals are over 4 months old. However, during the council's meeting Monday night, local veterinarian Angele Blanton said spaying or neutering animals at 4 months could cause health problems. Blanton said female dogs shouldn't be spayed until they are 6 months old, and males should be neutered at 8 months or older.
"Please do not make us spay 4-month-old puppies," she said. "It's in their best interest to have full skeletal maturity, to have the growth plates on the bones closed before you remove the sex organs."
Several out-of-town dog breeders and another local veterinarian, Hector Rivera, also raised concerns about spay and neuter procedures. They called for the ordinance to be overturned altogether, arguing that it would penalize responsible pet owners and do nothing to curb the problem of animal overpopulation.
Representatives from the Santa Paula Animal Rescue Center, meanwhile, urged council to approve the ordinance. Health problems, such as musculoskeletal injuries and cancers, occur in many animals whether they are spayed and neutered or not, they said. Gherardi said she had no problem with spaying and neutering the animals, but wanted to be sure the ordinance recommended an appropriate age. Councilman John Procter asked staff to see if an exception could also be carved out for owners of working animals, such as hunting dogs.
Santa Paula is set to become the first city in Ventura County to require residents to spay or
neuter their cats and dogs and implant identification microchips in them. Mayor Martin Hernandez said he supported the ordinance, noting that those speaking against it were not from Santa Paula. He said requiring animals to be fixed is good for the community, and regulations are necessary. "If laws were for the responsible people we wouldn't have people getting DUI's daily," he said. "Do you think that people are tending to their animals more than they take responsibility for driving under the influence of alcohol? I don't think so."

INTERNATIONAL LIAISON (___________________)

Duties and Responsibilities
The International Liaison is to:

- Serve as the liaison between the NCA and international Newfoundland clubs
- Develop and maintain a roster of foreign clubs, with a contact person for each
- Advise on international hospitality for the NCA National Specialty
- Receive, research, and respond to inquiries regarding international activities
- Solicit and submit articles on international activities for possible publication in NewfTide and the NCA website.
- Receive and respond to foreign club requests for NCA trophies to be presented at foreign specialties

History
5/20/10: Amended job description
V29.1 11/22/97
International Liaison to make international appeal for NHC funds. (See details under NHC.)
V27.1 01/03/95
International Liaison to facilitate any requests for translation of Illustrated Guide (see Illustrated Guide for details).
V21.2 04/20/90
Foreign Liaison position established. (Title subsequently changed to International Liaison)
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Duties and Responsibilities
The Corresponding Secretary shall have charge of answering all inquiries directed to the Club and such other correspondence as may be delegated to him/her.

The majority of letters received are requests for either the Breeders List or information on joining NCA. These can be answered by form letter. Other letters require a personal answer such as directing the letter writer to another Officer or Committee Chair. A number of letters are written in response to telephone inquiries.

The Secretary is sometimes required to write letters in the name of the Club to other clubs and the AKC.

The Corresponding Secretary's job is a constant throughout the year, and the Chair cannot let correspondence get backlogged.

History
2/21/08: Email link on the NCA webpage should go to separate e-mail of the Corresponding Secretary separate from his/her personal e-mail and that Corresponding Secretary is responsible for either answering the email or sending on to the proper person.
4/19/06: The Corresponding Secretary will be in charge of ensuring that all emails sent through the web site to the entire Board of Directors are answered by the proper person or committee.
V33.1 11/30/01 Regarding unauthorized use of membership directory, Corresponding Secretary to contact vendor by letter to determine if aware of fee of $250 and unauthorized use of directory.
V24.4 07/93 (Mail Meeting) The Corresponding Secretary will respond to the 900 Breeder referrals with a copy of the NCA Breeder/Stud Dog List and cover letter indicating where general and membership information is available. The “general education” packet will continue to be handled through the General Education Committee exclusively.
V20.4 11/04/89 Corresponding Secretary's name and telephone number will be eliminated from NCA advertising and be replaced by Newfoundland Club of America and a post office box number.
V14.1 11/11/82 (Mail Meeting) All membership applications to be distributed by either the Membership Chair or the Corresponding Secretary.
V2.2 05/02/71 Expenses for Recording and Corresponding secretaries left to the discretion of Treasurer and respective Secretaries.
The Newfoundland Club of America provides one-time grants, up to $1000, to regional clubs, on an as-needed basis, for legal fees, registration and incorporations fees, etc. for state and federal incorporation of regional clubs and their affiliated charities, and one-time grants, up to $500.00, to regional clubs, on an as-needed basis, for liability insurance premium costs for regional club Rescue work.*

Not all regional clubs will need this assistance. Some regional clubs are incorporated, and some regional Newfoundland clubs have formed qualified 501(c) 3 affiliated organizations. Also, some qualifying regional Newfoundland clubs have been granted 501(c) 4 exemption status.

Regional Newfoundland clubs are recognized as independent groups, each with their own by-laws, members, treasuries, policies, etc.

The Newfoundland Club of America, Inc. is recognized by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) as a 501(c) 4 organization.

Based on the current IRS criteria, the Newfoundland Club of America, Inc. does not qualify as a central organization and therefore cannot hold a Group Exemption. The IRS’s Group Exemption criteria include, but is not limited to:

“To qualify for a group exemption, the central organization and its subordinates must have a defined relationship. Subordinates must be: Affiliated with the central organization; Subject to the central organization’s general supervision or control; and Exempt under the same paragraph of IRC 501(c), though not necessarily the paragraph under which the central organization is exempt.” IRS Pub. 4573.

“...the central organization must submit (b) a sample copy of a uniform governing instrument (charter, trust indenture, articles of association, etc.) adopted by the subordinates; or, in the absence of a uniform governing instrument, copies of representative instruments; (e) a statement that each subordinate to included in the group exemption letter has furnished written authorization to the central organization as described in section 4.03;” IRS Rev. Proc. 80-27, 1980-1 C. B. 677.

An example of an organization that meets the IRS Group Exemption Letter criteria is the Girl Scouts of America. Members of local troops are members of the Girl Scouts of America. Each local troop follows the same policies, uses the same logos, and are under the general supervision and control of the national organization. Portions of funds generated by local troops are forwarded to the national organization.
Regional clubs’ members are not members of the Newfoundland Club of America by virtue of their membership in a regional Newfoundland club. Regional Newfoundland clubs’ treasuries are not co-mingled with or controlled by the Newfoundland Club of America, Inc.’s treasury.

The Newfoundland Club of America, Inc. and its Charitable Trust are insured through Equisure, Inc. for liability insurance. Qualifying as a AKC member club and as a recognized AKC parent club, this policy provides liability insurance for the Newfoundland Club of America’s Newfoundland rescue work.

Regional Newfoundland clubs can obtain advice to determine adequate liability insurance coverage for their activities. Rescue service providers can review their homeowners’, renters’ and automobile liability insurance coverage to determine if adequate liability insurance coverage is provided for their rescue activities.

Regional clubs may wish to seek legal advice.


Petfinders’ link to insurance for Rescue groups -
http://animalwelfareinsuranceprogram.com/rescue-groups/

And an announcement from RV Nuccio and Assoc. at www.rvnuccio.com/kc offering dog club insurance.
January 5, 2016

Mary Price
Newfoundland Club of America

RE: Grant Request

Dear Mary:

On November 24, 2015, our board of directors approved our rescue chair, Donna McConn, to consult with an attorney to set up a new corporation for rescue that will be a 501c3.

Per Donna’s research she discovered that NCA has grants available for this.

Colonial Newfoundland Club would like to request a grant for legal fees, registration and incorporation fees, etc. to form a new rescue corporation as a 501c3.

If you need any further information, please contact Donna McConn at 703-967-1000 or via e-mail at colonialnewfsrescue@gmail.com.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

Judith Marshall, President
Colonial Newfoundland Club