



NEWSLETTER



AN UPDATE FROM CHRISTINE WARREN, RMNR DIRECTOR

I am happy to have handed the newsletter reins to two volunteers who will offer their journalism help for the next four installments of the RMNR Newsletter. Jenn Schmidt (in Maine) and Christina Rutland (in New Mexico) each welcomed a RMNR Newf into their forever homes this past fall. As you well may imagine, rescue work is never done. This will allow me to concentrate on the many other aspects of getting these Newfs to their forever homes. This is the part of the newsletter where I will contribute a brief message to highlight the past few months. Please read the newsletter for articles of interest including everything from recipes to anecdotes, foster stories, and notes from families of Newf s in their forever homes. We will also include links to other sites with

information about nutrition and health, behavior, and other topics of interest to Newf people. Issues will focus on different topics affecting rescued Newfs and the people who love them. This issue focuses on fostering Newfs and looks at the dogs currently in foster care and includes an interview with a husband-wife team who provide foster care for our Newfs.

We have also set up a new email address for the RMNR newsletter. Feel free to send an email with photos and news about your RMNR foster or adopted Newf, suggestions for topics in future newsletters, etc. That email address for the newsletter is: rmnrnewfnews@yahoo.com

Christine Warren, Director, RMNR

Winter and Early Spring Brings Lots of News!

The last three months have been busy!

1) We have fostered 3 new Newfs with our foster families

2) We have placed 8 Newfs into Forever Homes, including 5 adults and 3 puppies.

3) Two Newfs with heartworm have been successfully treated

4) We've sold more of our first Tee-shirts (and have some more so please buy one! They are only \$15)

5) We now have RMNR Grocery bags carrying goodies around the region and country—they are only \$4 so if you need more bags to save plastic from ending up in landfills, please contact us!

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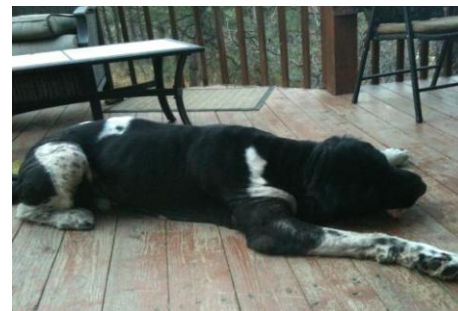
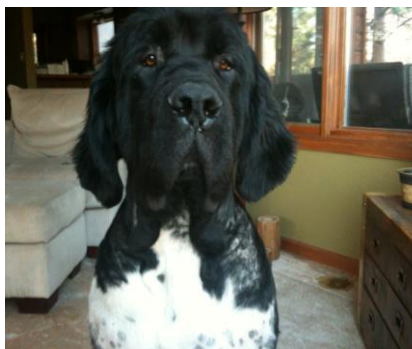


NEWF FOSTER CARE: Fostered RMNR Newfs and the People Who Care for Them

An Urgent Plea from the Director:

Recently we are receiving more Newfs that need a bit more work and attention than others. These special Newfs need more support, more love, more understanding, and more care. Some have special health issues. Others have behavioral issues, such as food aggression, dog aggression, and there are some who are afraid of people, even the most caring people. We are looking for families that would love the challenge to help and prepare a special Newf for its forever home.

I realize that a Newf with special needs is not for every foster family. However, I hope that you will consider fostering a special Newf and/or talk with friends or family member that may be interested in working with us to help these dogs.



TUCKER

Tucker just turned 3 years old. He was relinquished by his family because he has had severe skin problems the past couple of years that taxed the family's finances too much. His foster parent says that he is "super sweet" and loves other dogs and people. He is starved for attention and is very affectionate. He is currently about 140 lbs and should be about 160 lbs after he gains some weight. He has a good appetite and is eating well. He is receiving intensive veterinary care to address his skin problems. He is also receiving lots of nutritional supplements. The vet thinks that he has non-food-related allergies but the cause has not yet been figured out.

Thyroid testing will be done in the near future. He will be even a more handsome fellow as his medical issues improve! He is not adoptable just yet, but if you would like to learn more about him and consider adopting him when he is ready, please contact us!

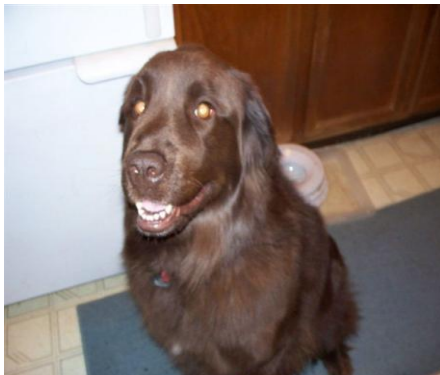
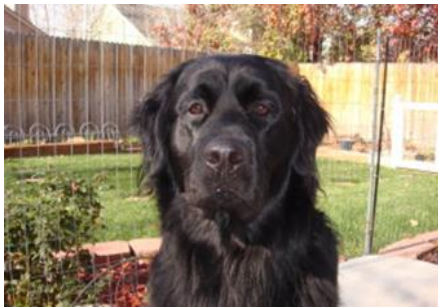
Here, Gentlemen, a dog teaches us a lesson in humanity.

Napoleon Bonaparte, after being saved by a Newfoundland after slipping on his ship and falling overboard. He did not know how to swim, and was kept above water by the dog until he could be rescued.

**UPDATES ON FOSTERED NEWFS LOOKING FOR THEIR FOREVER HOME**

Teddy's foster parent reports that Teddy is doing well. He is now 18 months old. He loves to carry around towels, balls and toys. We think Teddy is part Flat Coated Retriever. He is happy, friendly, loving boy. He weighs about 70-75 lbs.

Teddy is a very special dog who needs a very special forever home. Teddy has a heart murmur and sub-aortic stenosis (SAS). His heart conditions don't bother him at all but they mean that he will probably not live as long as he would otherwise. He needs a special person who is willing to understand his condition to provide him a loving Forever Home that will make the most of his happy life. He needs lots of mental stimulation and he needs to continue his obedience training but in a way that does not involved a high level of physical activity. He can't exercise heavily. Slow walks when it's cool are good. He can play with other dogs in a regulated, supervised situation. He would love to meet anyone who might be interested in learning more about him and giving him a big hug!



Cedar is will be 3 years old in April and loves to give kisses. She is gaining weight and when filled out should probably weigh around 90-95lbs. Her foster parent reports that she is now comfortable going into the yard by herself but does not want to be outside all the time. She is a bundle of love and energy. She is very trainable and now knows "sit", "wait", "stay", "come", "go to your bed" (that's the crate). She is learning to check out toys and picks them up in her mouth, but hasn't learned how to play with them yet. She is good about listening and responds to "No, Cedar, leave it." She needs a home with someone who will take the time to do some formal obedience training. She loves being petted and told what a good girl she is. She also likes to "shake" by giving you a paw. She waits patiently for treats and has shown no signs of food aggression. She let her foster parent and a friend comb all the mats out of her coat, bathe her blow dry her coat, but doesn't like to have her front blown dry anywhere past her shoulders and needs to get used to that. She does not like to use stairs yet; she becomes "one with the floor" and will not move. Time and practice will help!

If you would like to adopt Teddy, Cedar, or Tucker, or want to learn more about them, please send an email to newfrescue@yahoo.com or fill out an adoption application at <http://www.rockymtnnewfrescue.org/>

HOW YOU CAN HELP RMNR!!!

We appreciate all the help we have received during the winter! Thank you! We continue to need volunteers to become Foster Parents. We need help with transporting Newfs in Colorado and sometimes neighboring states. We gladly accept donations of food, leashes, collars, bowls, toys and other items. Monetary donations are greatly appreciated and are tax-deductible! Please contact Christine at: newfrescue@yahoo.com



AN INTERVIEW WITH A RMNR FOSTER PARENT



RMNR: How did you get started being foster parents for Newfs?

Renita: We have a Newfie and joined the Mile High Newfie Club. When we filled out the application we put that we would be interested in fostering....Christine contacted us!

RMNR: How long have you been fostering Newfs?

Renita: Since February, 2010.

RMNR: What do you like best about fostering?

Renita: A couple things-First--We are middle aged and want to do some traveling-but I don't like the "empty nest" and I can't have too many big dogs in our small house - so we foster--I get my Newfie lovin' and then we are able to travel between Newfs. Second-It is quite rewarding knowing we are able love an abandoned Newf back to health-the vet can take care of their bodies, but it takes good foster families to love their spirits back to health so they can become part of a loving forever home!

RMNR: What is the hardest part about fostering for you?

Renita: The hardest part is also the best... letting them go-but knowing we are sending them to homes that they deserve and have waited for is amazing.....

RMNR: What advice would you give someone who is thinking of becoming a foster parent?

Renita: Batten down the hatches-I say that in all enthusiasm and encouragement. Fostering a Newf is hard at times, easy at times, surprising and frustrating at times, and often you are out of time or just get to sit and watch them quietly-But it's NEVER without tears of joy AND laughter and TONS of love-even from the toughest ones. Every time one of our Foster's accomplishes something that they needed to overcome, it's just thrilling. As goofy as it sounds, I get sooo excited with them sometimes I scare em. ' Just love them like you love your own-they know and feel it thru and thru-It takes MUCH patience, however the rewards are great!

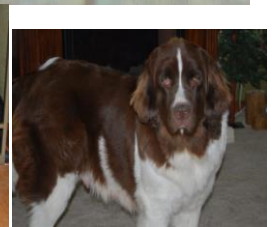
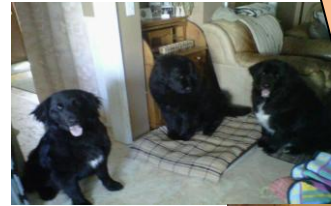
Doug: Being a foster is a tough job ya know!

Get em clean em suffer with em love em heal em teach em give em away
What better gift can you give.

I would do it all again, next time

Doug and Renita are Foster Parents in the Denver area.

We are all in our Forever Homes Thanks to our Great Foster Parents!

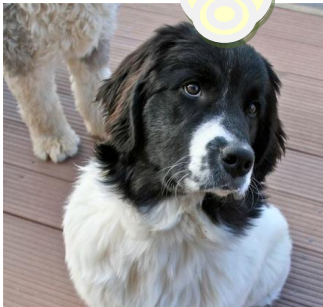


To learn more about being a Foster Parent for RMNR, please send an email to: newfrescue@yahoo.com



Jenn's Liver and Oatmeal Treats

Herbie, an RMNR Newf in his forever home, says: "Reo's mom Jenn made these great treats! Please send your favorite recipes to rmnrnewfnews@yahoo.com



REALLY smelly, but you'll have lots of taste testers just hovering underfoot, waiting for a taste.

Equipment: Pan to boil liver and garlic in with tight fitting lid
Stand mixer

12 x 18 sheet pan or 2 smaller ones

Pam or something

Rubber gloves (if you're anything like me)

Strainer/colander mesh is best

1 Lb beef liver (walmart has frozen liver that is thinly sliced, great for this project)

1/4 cup minced garlic (dried is fine)

2 eggs

2 cups old fashioned oatmeal

4 cups oat flour

2 tsp baking powder

1 cup liver broth

Put liver and garlic in a pan and cover with water..bring to a boil, and then reduce heat to simmer til done.. 1/2 hour?? Let cool... while still in pan, use spatula to break up liver into small pieces... rough ..

Preheat oven to 500. It won't get to that before you're ready for it..

Strain liquid into a container.. your dogs 'll love it over their dinner, AND you need one cup of it for the treats

Put Liver/garlic in mixer bowl.. mix on low until it's mostly a paste, some larger pieces are ok.. but not too many. Add 1 cup reserved broth and 2 eggs.. mix on low... add oatmeal and stir... add flour and powder and mix til just combined..

It won't look like anything that you've ever seen before...

Spray cookie sheet/s with pam.. put on your rubber gloves. Dump mixture onto the middle of pan.. and proceed to push out to all sides. If it starts to stick to your gloves, just run your gloves under water.

This is enough dough for 12 x 18. Just don't make em toooo thick if you use other pans. Use a large straight edge knife to score (no need to cut through) into squares.. 1 inch or less. I do a bit smaller. Again, wet the knife if it starts to stick.

Place into oven and immediately turn down to 300.. bake for 30 minutes.

Then turn oven down to 250 and bake til you smell them.. another hour.. they should be thoroughly dry..

When cool enough to handle, break into piece and they're ready to store at room temperature.

The July 2011 issue of the RMNR newsletter will focus on Health Care and our Newfs. Topics will include traditional and alternative approaches to preventative veterinary medicine and treatment, different types of veterinary insurance policies, and other topics of interest to Newf people. If you have any particular topics you would like to suggest for inclusion, please email us at: rmnrnewfnews@yahoo.com