



# Southeastern Newfoundland Club

## Adoption Application

Thank you for your interest in the Newfoundland dog. The questions below are designed to assess your suitability as a home for a rescue Newf and to help us match a dog to your particular lifestyle. The questions are also meant to help you determine if a Newf is the right breed for you. Please answer all the questions as completely and truthfully as you can.

**Date of Application** \_\_\_\_\_

### Personal

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Is everyone in your family agreeable to having a dog?  Yes  No

Who will be primarily responsible for the dog's care and training? \_\_\_\_\_

Other family members living at home:

Spouse/Partner: \_\_\_\_\_

Children: \_\_\_\_\_ age: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ age \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ age \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ age \_\_\_\_\_

### Home

Is yours a(n):

- Single family home.
- Townhouse/Condo/Apartment
- Other

Do you  own?  Rent? If rent is your landlord agreeable to you owning a dog?  Yes  No

Are there any covenants or restrictions on pets where you live?  Yes  No If Yes, please explain:

\_\_\_\_\_

Does fencing completely enclose the yard for a dog?  Yes  No. If No explain how and where you will exercise a dog and allow it to relieve itself.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Best time to call: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you or anyone in your family ever been convicted of an animal cruelty crime?  Yes  No



*The Newfoundland dog originated in the Canadian province of the same name. They were developed for heavy hauling and ship work. Eventually they became famous for their water rescue abilities. Their thick hair is almost waterproof and protects them from frigid waters.*

### Lifestyle

Is someone normally at home during the day?  Yes  No If No, for how many hours will the dog be alone during a normal weekday? \_\_\_\_\_

Where will the dog spend the day?

Loose Indoors  Loose Outdoors

Basement  Crate

Garage  Fenced Yard

Kennel Run  Loose Outdoors

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

If yes, what type of fencing and how high is it? Please describe in detail.

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\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Do you travel frequently?  Yes  No If Yes, who will take care of the dog while you're away? \_\_\_\_\_

Where will the dog sleep?  
\_\_\_\_\_

### Why a Newfoundland?

Have you ever owned a personally met a Newfoundland dog?  Yes  No

Why do you want a Newfoundland? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What do you like about the breed?  
\_\_\_\_\_

What did you learn about the breed?  
\_\_\_\_\_

What don't you like about the breed?  
\_\_\_\_\_

*The breed's thick coat is medium to long in length and should be coarse. The undercoat is very soft. They will shed very heavily in the spring and not so heavily in the fall. Regular grooming is a must or the coat gets out of control very quickly.*



*Newfoundlands also drool! There will be drool on the floor, furniture, ceiling, and on every occupant of a household that has a Newf. These are not dogs for neat people!*

### Care and Responsibility

Please give some thought to the questions below, rather than automatically answering 'yes'. The Newf is a high-maintenance dog and while you may sincerely love the breed you may also discover that you do not have the time or the resources to devote to its upkeep. However, if you do, a Newf will more than repay you with a lifetime of loyalty.

1. Are you prepared for the expenses associated with the Newfoundland? Such as: quality food, yearly heartworm check and monthly preventative, rabies vaccinations, stool checks, etc.  Yes  No
2. Are you willing to spend half an hour every other day for grooming and even more time during the spring and fall sheds, or to have the dog professionally groomed regularly?  Yes  No
3. Are you prepared to deal with the cost (which often is more expensive due the breed's large size) of non-routine/emergency veterinary care, especially as the dog gets older?  Yes  No
4. Are you willing to provide training to solve any behavioral problems?  Yes  No
5. What behavior problems would you consider intolerable (ex. Biting, growling, barking, digging, house soiling, etc.)?  
\_\_\_\_\_

### References

You MUST provide three names as references, including your current veterinarian, or the name of the veterinarian you are planning to use. You MUST provide the name of your landlord if you rent your home. Other references may include a neighbor, your employer or a friend or relative who owns a Newf or another double-coated giant breed such as a Great Pyrenees or St. Bernard.

	Name	Phone Number	Relationship to Applicant
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____

## Pet History

If you have owned dogs in the past please list them and explain what happened to them:

Dog's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ How long owned: \_\_\_\_\_  
What happened to this dog? \_\_\_\_\_

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If you have never owned a dog what do you expect from owning one:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What do you think you will like least about dog ownership?

\_\_\_\_\_

If you have never owned a dog, have you ever lived in a how with dogs:

Yes  No

If Yes, did you have dog-care responsibilities?

Yes  No If yes please explain:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever trained dogs?  Yes  No If Yes please explain:

\_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever bred a dog?  Yes  No . If Yes, why:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

*The Newfoundland is a giant breed dog. Males can be 28-32 inches at the shoulder and weigh from 120 to 180 pounds. Females are generally smaller and range from 24-28 inches at the shoulder and weigh from 100-140 pounds.*



*Newfs also come in several colors. Most people think of the basic black but they the also come in brown, grey and black and white. Black and white Newfoundlands are known as Landseers.*

Do you currently own one or more dogs?  Yes  No

How Many? \_\_\_\_\_ Please provide details below:

Dog's gender:  M  F Spayed/Neutered?  Yes  No Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ How long Owned: \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you currently own one or more cats?  Yes  No If yes, how many: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any other pets?  Yes  No If yes, details:

\_\_\_\_\_

Of the dogs that you own or have owned what do you enjoy most about dog ownership?

\_\_\_\_\_

What do you like least about dog ownership?

\_\_\_\_\_

Please describe the characteristics of the ideal dog for you and your family:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## Preferences

Please check any preferences you may have in a dog:

Male  Female  Purebred  Newf Mix

Are you willing to accept a dog with special medical needs?  Yes  No

Are you willing to accept an abused dog who needs extra love and attention?  Yes  No

Are you willing to accept a dog with behavioral problems that require special attention?  Yes  No

*A major downside of the breed is the fact that they can be relatively short lived. The average life span of a Newf is 10 to 12 years. They can have many health problems including hip dysplasia, heart abnormalities, allergies and even cancer.*



*Veterinary costs are often increased due to their large size. Heartworm medication, anesthesia and antibiotic costs are all dependent on the size of the dog.*

Do you have any other preferences? \_\_\_\_\_

How long are you willing to wait for a Newf? \_\_\_\_\_

Where did you hear about Newfoundland Rescue? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's name (please print legibly): \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Rescue Committee Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Date you received application)

*Newfs are a trainable breed. They can excel in obedience, tracking and agility. The NCA offers tests that demonstrate the breed's original purposes. The DD (Draft Dog) title is conveyed upon a dog that has passed a draft test.*



*WD (Water Dogs) and WSD (Water Rescue Dog) titles are given to dogs that have passed the junior and senior divisions of the NCA water test. A versatility title or VN (Versatile Newfoundland) is earned by a dog that has a Confirmation Championship and WRD and DD Titles.*

### Please return form to:

**Note:** If you have not received your rescued Newfoundland after two years of waiting but you are still interested in adopting one please e-mail the rescue committee at: [rescue@senewfs.com](mailto:rescue@senewfs.com) Also e-mail if any of your above information has changed.