

## **Thank you for your interest in Newfoundland Rescue!**

As you probably know by now, Newfs are great dogs! They are loving, loyal and boy do they have a reputation around water!

Many people ask to visit our rescue facility. Unfortunately this is impossible as the majority of our dogs are placed in foster homes till they can be placed. But don't worry, we'll make certain you get a chance to meet and interact with the dog before you bring it home!

Newfs, like other dogs, require daily upkeep. They need to be watered, fed, walked, groomed and loved on a daily basis—just like people.

Generally we do not get puppies (dogs under six months of age) in rescue. But don't stop reading! There are some real advantages to older dogs.

1. No housebreaking. Most dogs only need to be shown once or twice where to eliminate.
2. The teeth are in! No teething. This means your good shoes, tables, chairs, etc. are safe from dogs who need to break new teeth.
3. Basic obedience training is done. Many rescues already know how to sit and walk on a leash. Of course we highly recommend you take a basic obedience class with your new dog, but mostly the class will teach the two of you how to work together.
4. Rescue dogs are grateful. Some have had a difficult time, but many have come from loving homes and are thrilled to find a new human to transfer their huge capacity of love to.
5. Discounts! Some obedience clubs offer a discount on classes when you adopt a dog instead of purchasing.
6. You get to feel extra good about yourself because you are taking in a wonderful dog that needs a home.

Please feel free to call or e-mail with questions. Also, I highly recommend that you join us at one of our club events. This will give you an opportunity to talk with other people who have adopted a rescue dog. You get a chance to meet the breed close up and see what wonderful and special dogs Newfoundlands really are.

Thank you again for your interest. Enclosed you will find a three page application and some information on Newfoundlands.

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San Diego Newfoundland Rescue  
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## **DO YOU REALLY WANT A NEWFOUNDLAND?**

**Can you stand hair and slobber?** There will be tons of both.

**Can you stand having hair and slobber laminated to windows, walls, furniture, light fixtures, etc.?**

You cannot be a clean freak.

**Do you have the time, patience and ability to train a puppy or retrain a large adult dog?**

Perfect Newfs are made, not born. Though benevolent by nature, their gentleness must be enhanced by training. No one wants to be around a spoiled, slobbering, lumbering, jumping dog, no matter how sweet.

**Do you have the time and dedication to groom this very high maintenance dog?**

They shed a lot, drool a lot, and their skin should be monitored for hot spots, fleas, and itchies. They must be brushed regularly and thoroughly.

**Do you have the financial and emotional ability to deal with the health problems a Newfoundland may have?**

Though responsible breeders are very careful, health problems do arise. Many minor problems, though icky (like hot spots), can be treated at home.

**Do you know which health problems plague this breed?**

The main concerns are hearts, hips, elbows, thyroid, eyes and allergies.

**Are you committed to approximately ten years of grooming, feeding, and caring for a Newf?**

The novelty of brushing wears off quickly. Make sure you are ready for a commitment.

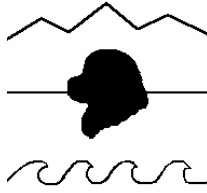
**Do you have a fenced, secure, lockable yard?**

Newfs can become escapees, and there are people out there who would not think twice about stealing a sweet, big dog.

**Have you been to dog shows and talked to breeders?**

You can see Newfs at dog shows, and ask breeders questions. Never be in a hurry to buy a puppy. Wait for the right Newf to come along.

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## NEWFOUNDLAND RESCUE

Thank you for your interest in rescuing a Newfoundland. In order to learn about our applicants and to ensure that dogs are appropriately placed, please complete the following questionnaire and return it to Jen Craig, PO Box 300040, Escondido CA 92030. By signing and dating the questionnaire, you agree to a home visit before a dog is placed, as well as after placement. You also agree to contact Newfoundland Rescue if at any time you are unable to properly care for, or keep the dog.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Spouse/Roommate

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number (home)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone (work or cell)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email address

Do you live in a  House  Condo  Apartment  Mobile Home

Other (be specific) \_\_\_\_\_ (how long) \_\_\_\_\_ Rent?  Yes  No

Where will your Newfoundland Live?  Primarily Indoors  Primarily Outdoors  
 Indoors and Outdoors  Outdoors Only

Where will your dog sleep? \_\_\_\_\_

How many hours will your dog be without human companionship on an average day? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a fenced yard?  Yes  No If yes, how high is the fence? \_\_\_\_\_

If no, how do you plan to exercise your dog? \_\_\_\_\_

What are your plans for obedience training? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever owned a Newf before?  Yes  No

Have you ever owned a dog before?  Yes  No If yes, what happened to the dog? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
If deceased, please state the cause of death, and how long ago: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

What other animals do you currently own? \_\_\_\_\_

Breed, sex, age, neuter/spay status: \_\_\_\_\_

Do they get along with other dogs?  Yes  No Are your other dogs licensed?  Yes  No

How often do you travel? \_\_\_\_\_

How do you plan to provide for the dog when you are out of town? \_\_\_\_\_

Please list the ages of all children living at home, or who visit on a frequent basis (grandchildren, etc...):

\_\_\_\_\_

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

What made you interested in rescuing a Newfoundland? \_\_\_\_\_

Tell us why your home would be good for a Newfoundland: \_\_\_\_\_

Who will be responsible for this dog? \_\_\_\_\_

What will happen to this dog if you move? \_\_\_\_\_

Under what circumstances would you not be able to keep the dog?  Divorce  Move

New Baby  New Job  Illness  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Is anyone in your household allergic to animals?  Yes  No

Why do you want a dog (number by importance, with 1 being most important)

\_\_\_\_\_ For Children \_\_\_\_\_ Companionship for Spouse \_\_\_\_\_ Gift

\_\_\_\_\_ Protection \_\_\_\_\_ Hunting \_\_\_\_\_ Companion for other pet

\_\_\_\_\_ Other (be specific) \_\_\_\_\_

Are you aware the Newfoundlands drool, shed profusely, require daily grooming and exercise, live approximately 10 years and are prone to hip dysplasia, heart abnormalities and cystinuria?  Yes  No

Are you aware that it costs approximately \$800 per year to care for and maintain a healthy Newfoundland?  Yes  No

Are you willing and financially able to provide adequate medical care if this dog should become sick or injured?  Yes  No

Do you have a veterinarian we may contact for references?  Yes  No

Vet name and phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

When are you hoping to rescue a Newfoundland?

ASAP  Less than 6 months  6 – 12 months  More than 1 year

Do you prefer:  Male  Female  No Preference

Do you prefer:  Landseer  Black  No Preference

Is there any additional information you can share to help us in making a decision on placement? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

As you know, no dog is perfect and all dogs frequently dig, chew and bark. Many rescued Newfoundlands have past issues which need to be addressed. Each time they are moved it is a new trauma, so this dog may have additional special emotional or training needs. *Obedience training can strengthen your bond with your new pet and teach you to deal with these potential problems.*

To support you in your guardianship of a Newfoundland Dog, the NCS D requires that you join our club or your regional club, for a minimum of one year. The application is available at: <http://ncsd.biz>

I certify the information provided is true to the best of my knowledge. I agree to home visits before and after placement of a Newfoundland. I agree to contact Newfoundland Rescue if at any time I am unable to properly care for or keep the dog. I agree to keep Newfoundland Rescue apprised of my current address and telephone number.

I understand a rescue donation is required for adoption. *The amount will be between \$500 and \$750. This donation is to help defray medical and other costs.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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