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# Why A Trust?



Over 25 years ago leading voices in the Newfoundland Club of America formed a committee to develop a charitable foundation, resulting in the formation of the Newfoundland Club of America (NCA) Charitable Trust. The NCA Charitable Trust was formed out of necessity, as the need for health research and Newfoundland rescue was growing. The NCA Charitable Trust was formed in 1997 as a 501C3 IRS tax exempt charitable organization to promote Newfoundland Research, Rescue to find forever homes for Newfoundlands in need, Junior members scholarships and to provide education to Newfoundland dog owners. The NCA Charitable Trust also meets the needs of Newfoundland owners who want to donate money, collectibles, stocks or estates to benefit the Newfoundland doa in a charitable and tax-deductible manner.

The Charitable Trust is not comprised of members, but rather donors. Many of our donors are simply Newfoundland owners who love and enjoy their Newfoundland as a pet, companion, or family member. The NCA Charitable Trust could not survive without *YOU* our donors!



The Charitable Trust Management Board (CTMB) established the NCA Charities Endowment Fund to provide stability and longevity to our ongoing effort to serve the needs of our dogs and donors. An endowment fund is "an entity solely committed to receive money for the permanent upkeep of an organization."

Most of the bequests and donations to the NCA Charities Endowment Fund restrict funds to a specific purpose. The funds in the Charitable Trust are currently restricted as follows: 71% is designated for Newf Rescue; 20% is for the Health Challenge; and the remaining 9% of funds are unrestricted/greatest need.

The Endowment Fund has grown significantly in the past few years as a result of several bequests from the estates of NCA members and fanciers. In 2015 the fund held \$39,000 and our investment goal was to have modest growth; at the end of 2024 the fund has over \$600,000 and now is able to produce sufficient income to fund some trust activities without drawing on the principal. This balance will also ensure that the work of the Trust can continue for many years, allowing for support of mission critical events, whether in rescue, health or education without needing to engage in individual fundraising efforts first.

The NCA Charitable Trust Investment Policy was developed and revised to recognize the additional responsibility that the long-term management brings. At that time Morgan Stanley Private Wealth Management was selected as our investment advisor. The CTMB determined that its fiduciary responsibility to the NCA Charitable Trust would best be served by using the services of a well-known professional advisor, and chose Morgan Stanley from a number of candidates. The Endowment Fund has done well and the CTMB reviews its performance on a monthly basis with our advisor.

Your donations to the Charitable Trust are vital to our continued growth and the expansion of the charitable services we provide. Thank you for your support and donations.

- - Clyde E. Dunphy DVM, NCA CT Chair-- Lori Littleford, NCA CT Vice Chair

### What We

### DO



### National Rescue NETWORK

Coordinating care between hard-working Regional Clubs and dedicated individual volunteers, we provide rescue services nationwide for Newfoundlands in need.



### Newfoundland Health CHALLENGE

Networking with academic institutionas and research foundations, we evaluate and fund cutting-edge health research for brighter tomorrows.



### Scholarship and EDUCATION

Providing guidance to the public, breed enthusiasts and preservation breeders to improve the lives of our gentle giants; and scholarships for our next generation of breed stewards, we are passionate about education

### Research Advisory



### **UPDATES**

Because we co-sponsor studies with Morris Animal Foundation, we receive interim progress reports from the investigators.
These updates are included in the next pages.

### **NEW STUDIES**

The Research Advisory Committee (RAC) members Bill Cuddy, Sharon Gwaltney-Brant, Lori Littleford, Sharon Oviatt, Roger Powell, and Tamzin Rosenwasser reviewed five established investigator and three pilot studies available through the Morris Animal Foundation (MAF). The balance in the Canine Health Foundation (CHF) Donor Advised fund was below the funding minimum so no CHF studies were considered this year.



### Studies Recommended for Funding

The committee recommended for funding established MAF Investigator study D25CA-003 - A Novel, Multi-Faceted Gene Therapy Approach to Osteoarthritis (OA) in Dogs, Dr. Laurie Goodrich PhD, DVM Colorado State University. "Our proposed gene therapeutic will directly act upon cells in the joint. This will coax them to produce specific proteins that will both control inflammation in the joint and stimulate the tissue to regenerate. Gene therapies for OA have so far been unable to fully reverse damage to the joint due to 2 main challenges. Many gene therapies are unable to address multiple aspects of OA at once. Additionally, they cannot affect enough cells in the joint to alter the environment for a long period of time. Our proposed approach will seek to remedy these issues in a two-fold approach. Our team seeks to create a next-generation gene therapeutic that can prompt cells to heal multiple aspects of OA at once. In addition, we propose the creation of a novel delivery mechanism that will result in a long-term healing environment in the joint. The outcome of this effort will be a treatment that can directly address and reverse the biological changes caused by OA and help offer relief to millions of dogs and their owners."

RAC also recommended for funding MAF pilot grant D25CA-807 RDW (Red Blood Cell Distribution Width), a potential prognostic biomarker in canine aging, Nicole C. Riddle, PhD, University of Alabama at Birmingham. "Seeing a relationship between RDW and lifespan in two mammalian species (human and mouse) suggests that this might also occur in other mammals such as dogs. In this pilot study, we investigate if RDW can predict lifespan in dogs and if it helps to predict if an animal will recover from a health problem. To achieve this goal, we will use data collected by the Golden Retriever Lifetime Study (GRLS) and the Dog Aging Project (DAP). These two studies collect data from dogs throughout their life with the help of owners and veterinarians. If our study is successful, we will find out if RDW works the same way in dogs and in people. And if it does, RDW will be an inexpensive tool for veterinarians and dog owners to make care decisions for aged dogs."

The Charitable Trust Management Board acted on RAC's recommendation at its January 2025 meeting and is now a co-sponsor of both these studies.

We received the final report on study D25CA-801 – Assessing a New Antibiotic for Ear Infections, Lindsey Citron, VMD, University of Pennsylvania. "Fifteen dogs were enrolled in and completed the study. Fosmidomycin was evaluated against an established antibiotic (enrofloxacin) commonly used to treat ear infections in dogs. There was significant improvement noted in both groups during the trial, and the team reported that there were no adverse effects noted in either group. Researchers find that fosmidomycin is a promising antimicrobial for the treatment of ear infections in dogs."

We received an interim report for study D23CA-507 Understanding Heart Disease in Newfoundland Dogs, Vilma Yuzbasiyan-Gurkan, PhD, Michigan State University. Researchers are studying the genetic basis of subvalvular aortic stenosis (SAS) in Newfoundland dogs. "The team recently obtained blood samples from a key sire and the team continues to obtain samples from well-characterized Newfoundland families with SAS. The team had some obstacles which have been resolved but have asked for an extension of their project." This project is scheduled to complete in 4/30/2026.

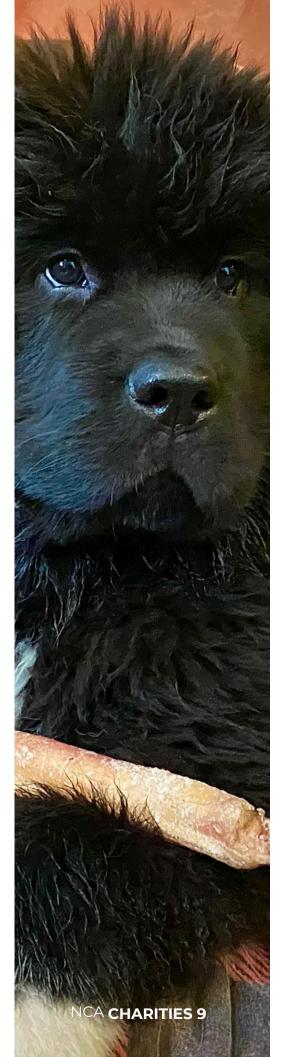
We received an interim report for study D24CA-523 Working Toward an Early Diagnostic Test for Hemangiosarcoma, Andrea Pires dos Santos, DVM, MSc, PhD, Purdue University. Researchers are studying the feasibility of using molecules called microRNAs as an early detection and prognostic tools for hemangiosarcoma in dogs. "The team's first aim was to validate the most promising miRNA markers, which they've accomplished. They will continue to refine their selections before moving on to aim 2, which will involve looking for the selected miRNA in effusions (free fluid in body cavities) and blood samples collected from dogs with hemangiosarcoma. In the next months, the team plans to finish the validation in solid tissues, select a set of miRNAs that best differentiates the hemangiosarcoma group from healthy dogs, and begin testing the selected panel in blood and effusions. The team also plans to check the expression of these miRNAs by in situ hybridization to guarantee they are aberrantly expressed in the neoplastic cells and not in normal tissue." This project is scheduled to complete 12/31/2025.

As RAC chair I have also responded to several inquiries regarding ongoing studies. I have contacted the investigators directly to determine if the studies are still enrolling subjects. This also helps me know what problems Newfoundland owners are dealing with and allows me to connect them with the researchers if possible. Please DO check out the Morris Animal Foundation website as they have lots of great information and recorded webinars that may help you take better care of your Newfoundland.

- - Lori Littleford, Chair Research Advisory Committee

# 2024 Financial Highlights

Health Challenge	Income	Expense
Donations, Fundraising, Grants	\$63,229.54	
Income on Investments	\$21,999.67	
Grants Awarded		\$14,819.00
Fundraising & Administrative Costs		\$2,879.94
Rescue	Income	Expense
Donations, Fundraising, Grants	\$201,990.41	
Donations, Fundraising, Grants  Income on Investments	\$201,990.41 \$37,049.64	
Income on Investments	\$37,049.64	\$259,771.17
Income on Investments  Rescue Placement Fees	\$37,049.64	\$259,771.17 \$19,800.23





### Never Give Up

How four Regional Clubs collaborated with the NCA to coordinate closing down a notorious breeder to save 10 Newfoundlands from life in a puppy mill.

Diane Redpath, Mesquite Newfoundland Club, reports our club, along with the local animal welfare group and others tried for years to get that kennel to stop breeding, but somehow, they continually were able to avoid orders to shut down operations... until May, 2024. One of the owners of the kennel died, and the co-owner decided it was time to get out of the breeding business. After 30 years, this breeder would be gone! And the co-owner was willing to surrender approximately 10 Newfoundlands to Rescue. Working with Leah Schlagel, OWNC, Denise Hateyakama, NCSC, Lori Cicchini, NCNC and NCA Rescue, arrangements for transportation and foster care were coordinated in Arizona, Texas and California.

Leah Schlagel said, "My husband and I drove 4 hours to bring four Newfoundlands to our home in Texas – two 2-year-old male Newfoundlands, Harris and Spot, Ida, a four-year-old female, and Pooka, a seven-year-old male. These dogs were severely matted and emotionally shut down, clearly having had minimal care or contact with people. Considering their circumstances, we were pleasantly surprised that they were not malnourished. We decided shaving their severely matted coats was the best idea to minimize trauma from the de-matting process. The veterinary clinic quickly arranged for their exams. One of the males, Harris, was limping on arrival, and his x-ray showed a past ligament rupture cruciate tear that had calcified, as well as hip dysplasia. Spot had a giant lick granuloma on his left hind foot and a large hot spot on his thigh. Pooka's x-rays showed he was dysplastic and had a possible cruciate tear. Thankfully, all four were heartworm negative! Yay!

Harris and Pooka continue to have medication for their arthritis and joint discomfort, as well as supplements to help them. OWNC Rescue has very limited on foster care available and thankfully, a friend who runs a boarding facility graciously boarded these dogs at a discounted rate which has been a great option due to multiple people handling these Newfoundlands daily. The staff handwalking them and spending time in the play yard was very helpful in transitioning to being around people.



The first two males Spot and Harris were recently placed together in a permanent home and are thriving there. Ida bravely came out of her shell. She is now loved and living the good life with her new family. Pooka, the older 7-year-old male, shows more of his personality each day.

Lori Cicchini says, "TAKING A CHANCE CAN BE SOOO REWARDING!" Newfoundland Health and Rescue (NH &R) in northern California agreed to take two 3 year old males – Ivan and Hugh. Transport from AZ to Mojave, CA, with an overnight in Lake Havasu, AZ was scheduled. Getting these dogs in and out of cars, which were foreign to them, was difficult for the transport team. The Newfs were scared and huddled tightly together. Then pilot James Courtney with Sandy Mendia, both proud adopters of NH &R rescue Newfs, flew from the San Carlos Airport to the Mojave Airport to transport these two Newfs. James lifted each Newf safely into their kennel for the flight. Tired, dirty, matted and very timid it was clear that these Newfs had lived in the hot AZ sun with little shelter from the elements and not much human contact.

Ivan was in our foster care for 5 weeks. His transformation was heartwarming! He evolved into a pet slowly, fascinated by the tv and within a week, he started making eye contact. Colleen Cahill and Terri Muro, NCNC members, helped with baths, Ivan liked the baths! Then the AZ overnight foster care provider asked if Ivan had a home. Their experience with Newfs and dogs with limited human contact made them great candidates for Ivan. Pilot James Courtney graciously agreed to fly Ivan back to the Mojave Airport where his new family was waiting. Ivan is now living the life he deserves and we are grateful to everyone who had a part in helping this Newfoundland.

When Hugh arrived at his foster home with his brother Ivan, he appeared to be the more social of the two, but still had not been around many people. But when Ivan left, Hugh was definitely stressed. While Ivan was very shy around people, Hugh warmed up quickly. Now he enjoyed his walks around the neighborhood and actually is good on the leash. One of his adopters uses a wheelchair and at first Hugh was nervous about the chair, but in time his love of treats overcame his fear and now he likes the special attention from her.

Now Ivan and Hugh are both in loving homes with families who were patient with them and are rewarded with their Newfoundland devotion and companionship.

Diane Redpath continues the story about the remaining Newfs.

While we were at the kennel, we noticed that there were more Newfoundlands on the premises than we had been told. Fortunately, the co-owner said he was willing to surrender a 2 yr. old dam and her 12-week-old female puppy to Rescue. These two Newfs were very sweet and would be a great addition to the right home.

In an amazing and wonderful set of circumstances, we found a local club member willing to foster them. Incredibly he had a dog from this kennel many years ago so there was a special tie with this dam and her puppy. They all settled in very well and are so happy to be in a loving home and out of the kennel life.

We rescue all sorts of Newfoundlands from various backgrounds. Many are lovely, sweet dogs, but more and more they lack the temperament of our Standard, that piece that is so special about a Newf. Yet, these dogs came from a horrible place, a place for YEARS reported in the local papers for neglect and poor living conditions. Yes, they were petrified, overwhelmed, and frozen with fear at times, but they all possessed the classic sweetness our breed should have. All through the vetting, x-rays, bloodwork, and learning about their new worlds, they always were kind and gentle. What a testament to our breed! To all of you, donors to the NCA Rescue Fund and the NCA Charitable Trust, THANK YOU for supporting our regional rescue by helping us do this important work for our breed. THANK YOU for supporting these dogs. THANK YOU for helping us give them a fresh start.

You never know how things will work out, so never give up!



# STEP OUT FOR HEALTH





## Thanks to **Our Donors**

Your generosity means everything to the Newfoundlands of today and tomorrow. We know that you have a lot of choices when it comes to charity support, and we are grateful for everyone who has chosen to donate. We promise to be responsible stewards of your trust.

Pumpkins For Pups

Step Out for Health

**Giving Tuesday** 

**Sustainers Circle** 





annual Murder Mystery Dinner. This unique event was once again held at the Red Maple Waters Event center in Warren, OH. All expenses generously donated by proprietor of the facility - a long time Newfie mom, NCA Rescue foster care provider, and NCA supporter. The event was open to the public and included a considerable number of people who had never met a Newfoundland. We were able to share our sweet breed, show off adoptable dogs, and share the NCA Rescue Mission. Multiple supporters of the Newfoundland Rescue sponsored tables and signage, bringing in an additional \$3,475. Each table was adorned with pictures of a rescue dog(s) and a story about their journey through rescue, highlighting the criticality of the NCA Charitable Trust. In addition to the Murder Mystery Dinner, the team held a "Pumpkins for Pups" fundraiser. The Red Maple Waters' beautiful grounds were decorated with over 400 pumpkins. 201 donations from nearly all 50 states and across Canada sponsored the pumpkins bringing in an astounding \$8,570. Two adjacent fundraisers were held concurrently at the event.

Our Ohio/Michigan/Kentucky NCA Rescue Team held our second

Multiple NCA Rescue Supporters donated raffle baskets that brought in an additional \$330.00 in raffle ticket sales at the event, a fun cap to a great evening. A rainbow bridge was set up to accept donated new and used collars in memory of cherished family members who have crossed the bridge. Over 120 collars and leashes that were donated will be used to usher our incoming Newfies into their next chapter in life.

In total this unique event raised \$12,375.00 for the NCA Rescue Fund to subsidize veterinary and other costs. We want to again express our sincere gratitude to the Red Maple Waters Event Center, Sponsors of this event, Donors of collars, and the Attendees that made this a successful event. As always, we humbly thank the NCA Rescue for saving and changing the lives of our Newfies in need. Without NCA Rescue and the NCA Charitable Trust we would not be able to rescue the 100 Newfoundlands surrendered to NCA Rescue in OH/MI/KY rescue in 2024.

- - Darby Barker



### Pumpkins for Pups **Donors**

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Montana



# Health Challenge

"Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant." - Robert Louis Stevenson

It's not quite 30 years since inception and the Newfoundland Health Challenge (NHC) continues to raise funds for the health related research for our breed. This year we branched out into social media as an additional way to raise funds. We began the year with the "Help a Heart" campaign to raise funds for Subaortic Stenosis (SAS). SAS is still a common problem in our breed and was documented in our breed not quite 50 years ago. If you a have a SAS Newf or want more knowledge, one resource is the Facebook group: Newfs: SAS & CBV – Hope for our Heart Puppies

Our Fall campaign was "Step Out for Health" and the purpose was to raise research funds for any research study, not a specific disease. Regional clubs sponsored walks as did individual walkers who had sponsors for their walks. Of course there were individuals who chose to donate directly. This campaign raised \$2,800 for research. The goal with the Social Media campaigns is to hold 2 social media drives each year to raise funds.

Of course, the NHC and Rescue represented the CTMB at the NCA National Specialty in Minnesota. There were daily raffles with limited items and donations were gratefully accepted The best part each year is talking to people wanting to know more about the Trust and the goals of the NHC and Rescue. It's great to be able to talk about the needs in Rescue and the Research Studies being funded by the NHC. Stop by and talk to us in Rhode Island!

- - Mary Jane Spackman, Chair NCA Health Challenge



### Step Out for Health **Donors**

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