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Newfoundland Dogs working for childrens charities



Newfound Friends was formed in 1990, with the objective of using the remarkable water rescue skills of the Newfoundland dog to raise money for children's charities, hospices and home-from-home care establishments. To date almost half a million pounds has been raised.

A dedicated team of lifeguards raises money and awareness for charities by providing water rescue shows; the supreme reputation of Newfoundland Friends has made them a firm favourite at many maritime festivals throughout the UK.

Each week a group of magnificent Newfoundlands arrive at the Cotswold Water Park with their lifeguards for rigorous training exercises. This involves intensive shore work and practicing the famous dog jumping rescues: launching 14 stone dogs into the air from a fast moving speed boat. This impressive show of dogs in action can be seen on a video clip on the Newfoundland Friends website www.newfoundfriends.co.uk.

Fundraising

New fundraising ideas are always needed for the hospices and children we support. If you have any ideas, thoughts or opinions on how we can do this, please let us know. This could be a specific new fundraising idea or using the dogs themselves to promote the organisation.



Donations

To make a valued donation to us, please contact us by calling 01275 849732, thank you.



Without our sponsors Newfoundland Friends would be unable to function as we do. The cost of equipment, insurance and administration is rising each year.

Purina Bonio kindly sponsor Newfoundland Friends, giving us much needed support but we always need more help to sustain our fundraising so welcome new sponsors too.

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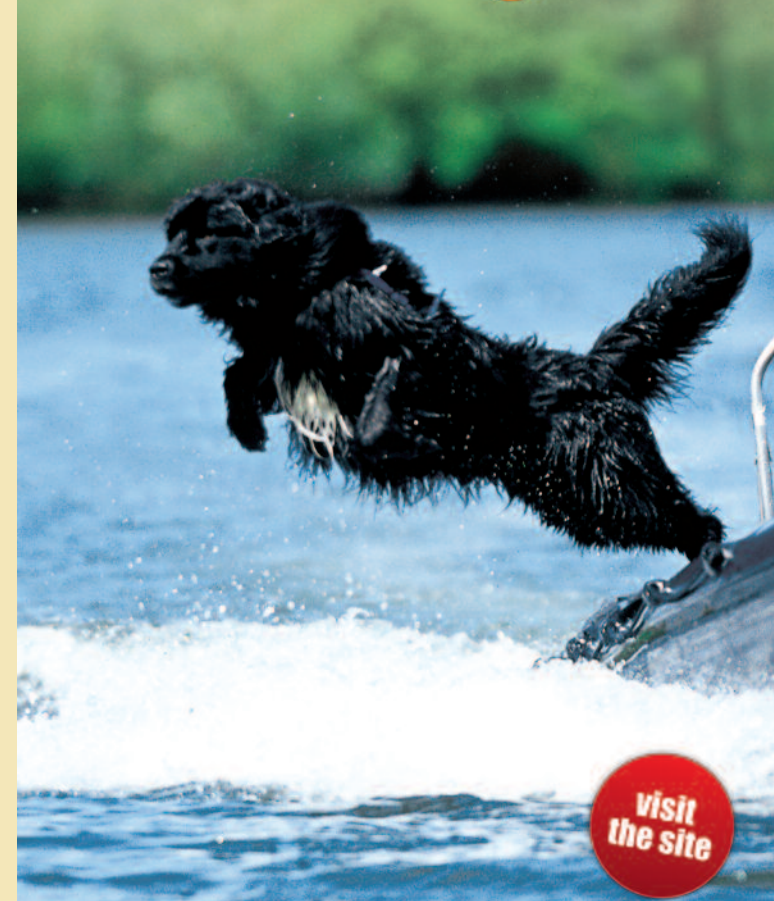
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A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE NEWFOUNDLAND BREED

One of the few native North American dog breeds, they come from Newfoundland Island in Canada. Their giant size results from the introduction of large mastiffs, thought to have been brought to the island by many generations of Portuguese fishermen since the 1400s.

In the early 1880s fishermen from Ireland and England travelled to the Grand Banks of Newfoundland, where they described two main types of working dog: one more heavily built, large with a longish coat, whereas the other was lighter in build, an active, smooth-coated water dog. The heavier one was the Newfoundland and the other was known as the Lesser Newfoundland, the forerunner of the Labrador Retriever.

The Newfoundland dog is as much at home in the water as on dry land and canine literature abounds with stories of brave Newfoundland's rescuing sailors from watery graves; tales of shipwrecks where dogs carried life lines to stricken vessels; of children who fell into icy waters and were brought safely ashore; and of dogs whose valuable work supported their fishermen owners with retrieving their heavy nets at sea and pulling carts with the day's catch to market.

These days the Newfoundland is mainly kept as a companion rather than as a working dog. His sheer size makes him an effective watchdog and his gentleness makes him a safe companion and playmate, even for children.



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Weight:	45 - 70 kg (100 - 150 lb).
Height:	25 - 29 inches (63 - 74 cm).
Colours:	Black, Landseer (black and white) and Chocolate.
Coat:	Flat, dense and coarse textured double coat; oily and water resistant. Outer coat moderately long, straight or slightly wavy.
Activity Level:	Outdoors - High, Indoors - Low.
Learning rate:	Obedience - Medium, Problem Solving - High.
Temperament:	Often referred to as the "gentle giant": submissive, stubborn, passive, courageous, patient, responsive and docile.
Guard dog ability:	Low to Medium.
Watch dog ability:	High.
With children:	Very good with small children, provide a wonderful companion for growing, active children.
Other animals:	Good.
Litter size:	8 - 10.
Life span:	8 - 10 years.
Health:	Prone to Hip Dysplasia, Elbow Dysplasia, and Subvalvular Aortic Stenosis (SAS), a common genetic heart defect involving defective heart valves. SAS can cause sudden death at an early age.
Special Skills:	Originally a fisherman's dog, now a family pet.
Preferred climate:	Better suited to cooler climates.
Environment:	Not suited for apartment living and needs a yard or garden to exercise in and to keep cool in.
Care:	Daily brushing of the Newfoundland's thick double coat with a hard brush is required. The undercoat sheds twice a year. Avoid bathing unless necessary as it will strip away the natural oils in their coat. Instead use dry shampoo.
Exercise:	Regular, moderate exercise is required even though they like to laze around. They love to swim and should be given the opportunity whenever possible.
Final comment:	A giant breed, very expensive to care for, very dirty and destructive, requires continuous attention.

THE 10 MOST COMMON QUESTIONS WE'RE ASKED

1 Do they like the water?

The Newfoundland or Newfie as they are affectionately known, not only loves to swim, but is designed to swim.



2 Webbed feet?

Newfies excel as true water dogs; they are the canine swimming champs due to the breed's unique webbed feet.

3 Are they good guard dogs?

Not best known as guard dogs, they are however great guardians. Typically a Newfie will stand between his family and a stranger to indicate they are on duty. They will not hesitate to act, if they feel their family is being threatened.

4 Do they eat a lot?

During their first year, Newfies require plenty of food to support rapid growth. Once they reach adulthood, however, they have a very low metabolism which thankfully reduces their dog food bills to less than that for Lab or Collie owners.

5 Do they cost a lot?

You can expect to pay at least £1,000 or more for a puppy. However, by the time you have factored in home adaptations, a larger car, specialist equipment and insurance you are looking at many thousands of pounds to care for this breed!

6 Do they drool a lot?

Yes! When excited or hot they will drool a lot more than when they are resting and cool. When a Newfie puts its head into your lap, you can expect a damp lap!

7 Do they shed a lot of hair?

Most Newfoundlands shed a lot in the Spring and then again in the Autumn. However, from experience it's all year round!

8 How long do they live?

Newfies are short-lived, with an average life span of 8-10 years.

9 Do they need lots of exercise?

Newfoundlands do not require lots of exercise and will try to opt out of any exercise. Their couch potato disposition should be overcome with regular, moderate exercise and swimming is the safest and normally their favourite form of exercise.

10 Do you need a big home?

No. Newfies thrive just as well in a smaller home providing they have a garden to play and exercise in. They are sensitive to heat and on occasions are more suited to cooler temperatures outdoors however they are not dogs to be kept permanently outdoors.