



Rich History • Bright Future

2025 NCA National Specialty, Warwick RI

Newfoundland Club of America, Inc.

Monday, April 28 – Saturday May 3, 2025

Crowne Plaza Hotel, Warwick RI

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Rich History – Bright Future...

The *Newfoundland Club of New England* is honored to host the 2025 NCA National Specialty, as we return to Warwick, Rhode Island. The Crowne Plaza Hotel is our home base from April 28 – May 3, 2025 where the staff is looking forward to the return of the Newfs for a 6th time since 1992! The hotel has undergone many renovations to make your stay enjoyable – including a Starbucks kiosk just off the main lobby!

Clubs from up and down the east coast are hosting the draft tests, obedience and rally trials, and NCNE is grateful for their assistance with these events! NCNE members are planning some new events to highlight the Newfs, breeders and those individuals who have been instrumental throughout the history of the breed.

This year we are thrilled to have Purina Pro Plan as our primary show sponsor and thank them for their generosity. Look for all kinds of treats in conjunction with the Purina Parent Club Partnership and be sure to stop by their booth to say thank you!



On behalf of the 2025 National Specialty Show Committee, we hope you will share a memorable week with friends old and new as we celebrate our **Rich History** and look forward to a **Bright Future** with our beloved Newfoundland dogs!

Donna Thibault and Mary Bylone, Co-Chairs

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

(subject to change)

Sunday, April 27

3:00 p.m. - Reserved Parking, Reserved Handler Parking, Golf Carts available

Tentative – Reserved Grooming available pending Fire Marshal inspection

Monday, April 28

8:00 a.m. - Draft Test #1 – Colonial Newf Club

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. – Registration

Tuesday, April 29

Ring 2 & 3 9:00 a.m.

Regional Obedience Trial – Northland Newf Club

Regional Rally Trial – Genesse Region Newf Club

8:00 a.m. - Draft Test #2 - NewPenDel

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Registration

1:00 p.m. - 4 – 6 mos. Beginner Puppy Judging – Ring 1

2:30 p.m. – Pee Wee Handling – Ring 1

3:30 p.m. – Opening Ceremony/Regional Club Parade – Ring 1

7:00 p.m. - Welcome Reception – Grand Foyer

8:00 p.m. - NCA Honors & Annual Meeting – Grand Ballroom

Wednesday, April 30

8:00 a.m. - National Obedience & Rally Trials – Ring 2&3

8:00 a.m. - Puppy & Veteran Sweepstakes – Ring 1

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Registration

Lunch Break - Living Legends – Ring 1

4:00 p.m. - Specialty Carting & Wagon Exercises – Ring 3

6:00 p.m. – Working Dog Forum – TBD

7:00 p.m. – Health & Longevity Program – Bristol Room

Thursday, May 1

8:00 a.m. – Conformation Judging – Dog classes, Brace & Team – Ring 1

8:00 a.m. – Top 20/10 Handlers Meeting - TBD

4:00 p.m. – Top 20 Judging – TBD

7:00 p.m. – Top 20/10 Cocktails & Hors d’oeuvres –

8:00 p.m. – Top 20/10 Showcase Event – Garden Pavilion

Friday, May 2

Canine Cardiologist and Ophthalmology exams by appt

8:00 a.m. – Conformation Judging – Bitch classes, Maturity Class – Ring 1

9:00 a.m. - CGC Evaluations

11:00 a.m. – Read to the Newfs & Family Lunch

12:00 p.m. - Trick Dog Testing

2:30 p.m. – Honors Parade –

4:00 p.m. – Rescue Parade –

6:30 p.m. – Banquet, Raffles & Auction – Plaza Ballroom

Saturday, May 3

8:00 a.m. — Jr Showmanship - Ring 1

Followed by – Check in for all Best of Breed entries – Ring 1

Lunch break at the discretion of the judge

6:00 p.m. – Awards Banquet – Grand Ballroom

ACTIVITIES FOR REGISTERED JUNIORS WILL BE HELD THROUGHOUT THE WEEK. THE SCHEDULE WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT A LATER DATE.



LOCATION... Show headquarters are at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Warwick RI. Located just off I-95 and minutes from T.F. Green Airport, the Crowne Plaza is 10 minutes south of Providence and located within an easy drive from Boston MA, Connecticut's casinos, Mystic Seaport, Rhode Island's beautiful beaches, and the mansions of Newport. Many tourist locations in this area are dog friendly! Additional rooms have been reserved at the Holiday Inn Express Hotel located a few minutes from the Crown Plaza.

AIR TRAVEL & AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION... The closest airport is T. F. Green International Airport. The Crowne Plaza offers shuttle service from the airport to the hotel. Boston's Logan International Airport is approximately 1-1/2 hours from Warwick; no shuttle service is provided to/from Logan.

THE SHOW SITE . . . The show site is in a grassy field adjacent to the side entrance of the hotel. Draft tests, obedience and rally trials are at the opposite end of the reserved parking area on grass. The grooming tent will be located on pavement near the conformation ring.

NEW THIS YEAR!

NCA MEMBER PERKS (also for NCNE Members) EARLY ACCESS TO RESERVATIONS

NCA and NCNE members will be able to log in to the online store found at www.ncanationalspecialty.org beginning **January 2, 2025** for **EARLY ACCESS** to access all reservation forms! The **Member Early Access** runs from January 2 through January 14. The store will become available to non-members beginning **January 15, 2025**. Carefully adhere to reservation opening dates to ensure your reservations are accepted!

PAYMENT OPTIONS... The 2025 National Specialty will accept the following methods of payment:

Credit Cards – online only, using the online forms found at www.ncanationalspecialty.org

Checks – by mail, payable to **2025 NCA National Specialty** with an attached Payment Summary Order Form to **John Affel – NCA Specialty, 5 Timber Lane, Saratoga Springs NY 12866**

PAYMENT SUMMARY SHEET... Please complete a Payment Summary Sheet as a summary of your individual orders/reservations. Carry the total amount from individual order forms to the Summary Sheet. Please print clearly as this information is vital to processing your orders.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED... There are many aspects of the show that need volunteers, and your help is greatly appreciated. If you are willing to share some of your time at the Specialty, please complete the **Volunteer Form** and the information will be provided to the appropriate chairperson. **Deadline: April 15, 2025. Contact: Mary Bylone**

INTERNATIONAL GUESTS... We are excited to offer our international guests from outside North America a selection of all-inclusive packages for this year's show. Whether you're traveling with or without a dog, we have options to make your experience smooth and enjoyable. Each package includes registration, tickets to all social and educational events, reserved ringside seating in a designated section, and an official show catalog. For those bringing dogs, an additional package option includes a reserved grooming space. Weekly rentals of two-person golf carts are also available for added convenience. Packages are available for purchase online only. If you're bringing a dog and need assistance with grooming equipment, please reach out to Shauna Bryant at sbpics23@gmail.com **Deadline April 1, 2025.**

ACCOMODATIONS

BE A CONSIDERATE GUEST... The spacious grounds of the Crowne Plaza Hotel provide ample space for us to exercise our dogs. Stations with plastic bags and buckets will be liberally provided. **Please use them!**

There will be some areas marked “off limits,” such as flowerbeds and areas in the immediate vicinity of the hotel entrances. Guests with dogs should be particularly alert to respect these designated areas.

ROOM RESERVATIONS... Room reservations are to be sent directly to the Crowne Plaza Hotel. **Reservations will not be accepted if they are postmarked prior to January 2, 2025 (for NCA and NCNE members) or January 15, 2025 (for non-members) to ensure a first come, first served policy on rooms.** If our room block at the Crowne Plaza fills, the Crowne Plaza will coordinate overflow at the Holiday Inn Express Hotel and Suites.

Reservations must be submitted on the form provided and must include a deposit equal to one night's lodging including tax. **Reservations by phone or fax will not be accepted!** A separate name will be required for each room reserved. Rooms for our National will be available beginning Sunday, April 27, 2025.

Individual guests may change their reservation up until **April 1, 2025**. Date changes after April 1, 2025 will result in cancellation of the entire reservation. Cancellations must be received prior to April 1, 2025 in order to get a refund. **All cancellations after April 1, 2025 will be charged one night's room and tax (\$190.97)**

Please be considerate when reserving rooms. Every year, unneeded rooms are reserved, only to be cancelled at a later date. This causes confusion at the hotels and leaves many participants in doubt as to where they will be staying. If you must cancel, please do so as early as possible.

No more than three (3) dogs may occupy any one guest room. Crates are to be placed on plastic supplied by the hotel to protect carpets. Dogs left unattended in rooms **must be crated!** Any guest whose dog makes excessive noise will receive one warning to remedy the situation. If the problem persists after this warning, the hotel management reserves the right to remove the offending dog and guest from the hotel. Dogs cannot be groomed in the rooms, and all bathing must be done at the designated washing area.

Guests will be responsible for damage of rooms and will be charged accordingly by the hotel. A \$75 cleaning fee will be charged for rooms with dogs. This is non-refundable. Rooms will be serviced daily. The staff will notify the Specialty Committee if they are unable to access a room for two consecutive days. Refrigerators and Microwaves will be available upon request at a one-time charge of \$20 each. Please remember that the AKC allows for disciplinary action against exhibitors who fail to take proper care of dog show sites and hotels.

The Newfoundland Club of America and the area hotels reserve the right to enter locked hotel rooms if it believes a dog inside is in distress or left unattended and unsecured.

RV CAMPING . . . For those who wish to stay in their RV, we have made arrangements with the Crowne Plaza for RV parking on the hotel grounds. There are a limited number of spaces available by **PREPAID RESERVATION ONLY**. There are **NO ELECTRICAL OR WATER HOOK-UPS**. There is access to a water and dumping station within 6 miles of the hotel. All parking spaces will be pre-assigned. Requests for parking can be made by completing and mailing the RV Parking Application. The fee is \$90 per day, This fee is in effect from Monday April 28th to Sunday May 4th and the fee charged by the hotel, including tax. Information will be sent to persons making reservations.

Due to the size of the parking lots and other events that may be taking place at the hotel during the week, no RVs can be parked at any time without a reservation. This includes those that belong to people who are staying in the hotel. The hotel may waive your RV parking fee but we still need to provide you with a site in our RV space and need you to send in a reservation form. Please see the reservation form for additional regulations related to RV parking. **Contact: Lynne Anderson-Powell**

The Newfoundland Club of America reserves the right to forcibly enter parked vehicles (locked or unlocked) if it believes a dog inside is in distress.

PARKING & GOLF CARTS

GENERAL PARKING ...

- All General/Free Parking, including Spectator Parking, will be in the Hotel's main parking lot.
- Absolutely no parking will be allowed on any grass areas of the hotel/show grounds.
- X-pens and EZ-ups will not be allowed to take up an extra parking space next to vehicles
- Fire lanes and NO PARKING area will be monitored and vehicles in violation will be towed.
- The parking lot near the show site will be pre-paid parking only.

RESERVED PARKING ...

The reserved parking area is a fully paved lot adjacent to the show site, convenient to the grooming tent, conformation ring, obedience/rally ring, draft test and rescue parade/event. Having a reserved space will allow you unlimited in and out of the parking lot for the entire week without the hassle of having to search for a spot!

Spaces available are:

- single space (standard passenger vehicle-sized parking space) \$35
- double (two spaces side by side or front to back, standard sized box truck or passenger van). Please specify front to back or side by side. \$70
- quad space (four spaces in a square for oversized vehicles.) \$140

NO trailers or motor homes are permitted. There is no power hook-up provided.

Please specify if you would like to be near conformation, obedience/rally ring, draft test/rescue event. Reserved Parking spaces will be available on Sunday, April 27, 2025.

Reservations open –

- online store or earliest postmark **January 2, 2025** for **NCA/NCNE MEMBER EARLY ACCESS**.
- online store or postmarked **January 15, 2025** for **Non-Members**

Deadline for reservations is **April 1, 2025** or when lot is filled. No refunds will be issued after April 1, 2025.

Contact: Sheila Mallinson

The NCA reserves the right to forcibly enter parked vehicles (locked or unlocked) if it believes a dog inside is in distress. Please note that the parking lots are open to the public and will not be patrolled. No overnight camping is permitted.

GOLF CARTS ... For your convenience, golf carts are available for rent by reservation. The show site is fairly compact, but some attendees may find that having a golf cart makes it easier to get from the hotel to vehicles or the obedience and draft test areas. The cost for the week is \$375 for a 4-passenger cart that converts to a utility bed. They can be checked out at Show Headquarters beginning Sunday, April 27th and must be returned to the dedicated area no later than Saturday, May 3rd immediately following Best of

Breed judging. Before reserving a cart, please be advised that they may be used **only within the show site** on driveways and hard surfaces, must be parked in designated areas (not hotel parking lots) and may not be driven on the road. To order a golf cart, please complete the order form or online at www.ncanationalspecialty.org **Deadline: April 1, 2025. Contact: Keith Mallinson**

HEALTH TESTING

CARDIOLOGY CLINIC . . . Dr. Andrew Waxman DVM, DACVIM from Upstate Veterinary Specialties in Latham, NY will be available on Friday, May 2, 2025 for auscultations at \$65 for NCA members, \$70 for non-NCA members and dopplers at \$325 for NCA members, \$350 for non-NCA members. Pre-registration is highly recommended, walk-ins with additional cost (add \$5 for auscultation/\$15 for doppler) may be available. Register using the Order Form or online at www.ncanationalspecialty.org . **Deadline: April 11, 2025. Contact: Kikuko Chang at snowhavennewf@gmail.com**

OPHTHALMOLOGY CLINIC. . . Dr. Daniel Binder, DVM, PhD., DACVO from Eye Care for Animals in Warwick, RI will provide eye exams on Wednesday, April 30, 2025. \$60 for NCA members, \$65 for non-NCA members. Pre-register early, as this clinic is limited to 50 dogs per day. Order Form or online at www.ncanationalspecialty.org . **Deadline: April 11, 2025. Contact: Kikuko Chang at snowhavennewf@gmail.com**

DNA TESTING. . . Complimentary blood draws for submission to the OFA CHIC DNA repository will once again be performed by licensed Veterinarians at the show site. If your dog's DNA has not been collected, please consider participating in this important health clinic to aid future research! **Contact Jenny Zablony at her grooming setup!**

SHOW INFORMATION

THE 2025 NATIONAL SPECIALTY JUDGING PANEL

Mrs. Patricia TrotterIntersex and Junior Showmanship
Ms. Kimberley Anne Meredith Dogs Classes, Brace, Team and Maturity
Mr. Carl G. LiepmannBitch Classes
Mr. William Matlock..... 4 to 6 mo. Beginner Puppy
Ms. Katherine F. Griffin
 Veteran Dog Sweepstakes & Best Veteran Dog in Sweepstakes
 Puppy Dog Sweepstakes
 Best Puppy & Best of Opposite Puppy in Sweepstakes
Ms. Carol Bergmann
 Veteran Bitch Sweepstakes & Best Veteran Bitch in Sweepstakes
 Puppy Bitch Sweepstakes
Mr. Darwin Boles..... Obedience & Rally
Ms. Lisa Day Obedience & Rally

Show Superintendent

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**Entries Close @ 12:00 p.m. Eastern Time
WEDNESDAY, April 9, 2025**

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PREMIUM LIST INFORMATION...The 2025 National Specialty Premium List will be emailed by the Show Superintendent, MB-F, by February 26, 2025 and will be available to download from their website at www.infodog.com and on the NCA website at www.ncanationalspecialty.org

MATURITY CLASS... The 2025 National Specialty is pleased to be hosting a Maturity Class. A Maturity Class entry will be as one unit comprised of one dog or one bitch from each of a three-generation pedigree. The unit is to be judged on the merits of all three generations. Two of the three Newfoundlands must be entered in a regular or non-regular class (two of the three entries can, for example, be entered in Veterans or Obedience). Neutered or spayed Newfoundlands are eligible. Entries must be made on the regular entry

form and accompanied by the Maturity Form provided with the Premium List. There can be no substitutions. Individual dogs may compete in one Maturity Class unit only.

• THE THREE NEWFOUNDLANDS COMPRISING EACH ENTRY MUST MAKE UP A THREE GENERATION PEDIGREE.

For Example:

Dog #1 A father or mother

Dog #2 A son or daughter of Dog #1

Dog #3 A son or daughter of Dog #2 and a grandson or granddaughter of Dog #1

• The Maturity is judged much like the Stud Dog or Brood Bitch Classes, EXCEPT that the merits of all three Generations are considered.

Entries close Wednesday, April 9, 2025, with the Show Superintendent, MB-F, at www.infodog.com

SPECIAL AWARD DONATIONS . . . These awards will be presented at the Banquet held Friday, May 3, 2025. The donor is responsible for making sure the award is delivered to the Show Chair at the Specialty. To donate, complete the **Order form or online at www.ncanationalspecialty.org Deadline: April 15, 2025. Contact: Donna Thibault.**

CATALOG ADVERTISING . . . Showcase your great dog, share your memories, thank a friend, announce your regional club's activities or sell your products with an ad in the National Specialty show catalog. Full page B / W ads are \$80, color ads are \$125, half page ads (no photo) are \$30. Each additional photo on same page are \$50 (B / W) and \$100 (color) To place an ad, use the **Order form or online at www.ncanationalspecialty.org.** We reserve the right to reject ads deemed inappropriate. **Deadline: February 15, 2025. Contact: Terry Linehan**

POST SHOW CATALOGS . . . If you can't attend the show but would like a catalog, we will mail a catalog and printed results to you for \$48 (includes postage). There will be additional postage for orders outside the U.S. Use the order form or online at www.ncanationalspecialty.org. **Deadline: April 1, 2025. Contact: Terry Linehan**

RESERVED RINGSIDE SEATING . . . Enjoy this year's National Specialty from a comfortable camp chair with folding side table featuring the 2025 National Specialty logo on the back and customized with your name or kennel name that is yours to keep as a memento. Enjoy the show from a prime seat location and watch all the classes and Best of Breed competition from your comfortable chair under the tent. The cost of this seating is \$200 for Tuesday through Saturday. Use the order form or online at www.ncanationalspecialty.org **Deadline: April 1, 2025 or when 30 chairs have been reserved. Contact: Donna Thibault.**

DOG BATHING . . . Washing stations with warm water will be set up in a designated area in front of the hotel and near the grooming tent, and will be available for use on Monday, April 28th by 3:00 pm. Please note that no bathing or grooming of dogs is permitted in any hotel room guests are staying in.

RESERVED GROOMING . . . A limited number of reserved grooming spaces will be available on asphalt, inside a tent (with sides) located adjacent to the conformation ring. Each assigned 5' wide x 10' deep spot will include enough room for two crates and one grooming table and includes access to electrical power. (Some sharing of electrical power may be necessary.) The cost is \$100 per week for each space. Please note high intensity lights, generators, or canopies are not permitted inside the grooming tent area.

Every effort will be made to open the grooming tent for move-in by noon Monday, April 28th pending fire marshal inspection and issuance of the occupancy permit, and layout of grooming spaces. Delays may occur necessitating a later availability.

When reserving grooming space, we encourage you to plan ahead and “buddy-up” with friends. By sharing with friends and coordinating the use of the reserved space and electrical resources during the show, you will make it possible for more people to reserve space to groom and conserve resources at the same time.

PLEASE: If mailing your reservation, all forms requesting adjacent spaces next to other exhibitors, MUST be mailed in the same envelope. If using the online store for your reservation, use the special pull-down box to note your “next to” request. While every effort will be made to honor requests, it may not be possible due to space configuration and limitations. The Show Committee does not guarantee requests when forms are mailed separately or not noted on the online store drop down.

Other non-reserved grooming space, without electricity, will be available on a first come - first served basis. Please note that privately owned generators are not permitted inside the grooming tent.

Additionally, please note that dogs cannot be left in the grooming tent overnight. Crate tags for emergency contact information for each grooming space will be issued and must be attached to a crate and visible at all times.

NO SOFT SIDED CRATES WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE SHOW GROUNDS. THIS INCLUDES THE GROOMING TENT, DAY CRATING AREA, RINGSIDE OR ANY OTHER EVENT SITES.

The first postmark date accepted for reserved grooming space or the online reservation system availability is January 2nd for NCA/NCNE members. Reservations open for non-NCA members January 15th. If using an expedited delivery service, please waive the signature. Use the Reserved Grooming Order form or online at www.ncanationalspecialty.org **Deadline: reservations & cancellations – April 1, 2025 Contact: Dejah Petsch**

BOTTLED WATER . . . For your convenience, we are pleased to offer the ability to pre-order purified water by the case (6-one gallon jugs). Orders will be available for pick up starting on Monday, April 28th. **Water is available by pre-order only.** There will be no water available for purchase at the show. Use the order form or online at www.ncanationalspecialty.org **Contact: Lynne Anderson-Powell**

WORKING DOG EVENTS

TWO OBEDIENCE & RALLY TRIALS . . .On Tuesday, April 29th, a Regional Obedience Trial hosted by Bear Mountain Newfoundland and a Regional Rally Trial hosted by Genesee Region Newfoundland Club will



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be offered. The National Obedience and Rally Trials hosted by the Northland Newfoundland will follow on Wednesday, April 30th. The obedience and rally rings will be **OUTSIDE** with tenting provided for day crating and seating. **NO SOFT SIDED CRATES WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE SHOW GROUNDS. THIS INCLUDES THE GROOMING TENT, DAY CRATING AREA, RINGSIDE OR ANY OTHER EVENT SITES.**

Entry information is in the show's premium list and can be found on the MB-F website at www.infodog.com Entries will close on Wednesday, April 9, 2025 at 12:00 p.m. Eastern time with the Show Superintendent MB-F. Contacts: Laura Alaimo (BMNC), Anne Smith Abbey (GRNC) and MaryLou Cuddy (NNC).

TWO DRAFT TESTS . . . The Colonial Newfoundland Club is the host for draft test #1 on Monday, April 28, and the NewPenDel Newfoundland Club is the host for draft test #2 on Tuesday, April 29. Premium lists will be available online by request or on the club websites. Please go to Colonial <https://www.cncnews.com/> and NewPenDel <https://npdnews.wildapricot.org> to download the premiums directly. To volunteer your assistance to these two clubs, please use the volunteer form provided (deadline for volunteers is April 15, 2025). **Please note the draft test closing dates as posted on the premium lists. Contacts:** Donna Foy (Colonial) and Pat Matthews or Rose Reed (NewPenDel). **DO NOT send draft test entries to Show Superintendent MB-F.**

THE LOVETT WORKING DOG CHALLENGE . . .With the passing of Sandee (December 20, 2019) and Mike (January 4, 2021) it gives us great pleasure to honor their commitment to people working with their dogs. Initiated in 2022, the Great Lakes Newfoundland Club is again offering a special Lovett Memorial Working Dog Award honoring their legacy. To earn this special award, you and your dog must enter **and** qualify in three working events offered at the 2024 National Specialty - Draft, Specialty Carting, Obedience or Rally. You may enter your Newf in any class that they are eligible for from novice to advanced! You may also register multiple dogs to participate in this Working Challenge.

If you would like to be eligible to receive this special award, you must enter a draft test (s), an obedience and rally trial (s) as you normally would **AND** complete the registration form or online at www.ncanationalspecialty.org . **The Registration Deadline: April 1, 2025. Contact: Jenny Zablotny.**

CANINE GOOD CITIZEN EVALUATIONS . . .The AKC Canine Good Citizen evaluations will be available at the NCA National Specialty on Friday, May 2, 2025. The CGC title certifies that dogs have the training, manners and behaviors to be reliable and well-behaved members of families and communities. It can also be a gateway toward Therapy Dog work. **Pre-registration is required** using the entry form or online at www.ncanationalspecialty.org **Deadline: April 1, 2025. Contact: Laurel Rabschutz**

TRICK DOG TITLE TESTING . . . Do you and your dog love to be the life of the party by showing off their arsenal of tricks? Then your Newf might be perfectly primed to earn AKC Trick Dog titles! Since the 1920's when trick dogs such as Rin Tin & Lassie won peoples' hearts, trick dog training has become one of the most exciting new areas in dog training today! All levels of testing will be available on Friday, May 2, 2025. **Pre-registration is required** using the entry form or online at www.ncanationalspecialty.org **Deadline: April 1, 2025. Contact: Laurel Rabschutz**

NEW ENGLAND SAMPLER . . . Want something fun and educational to do at the National on Friday? On Friday, May 2, 2025 come to the obedience ring area at 1:00p.m., come to the Obedience rings near the entrance road to the hotel. Our New England trainers will demonstrate several different dog sports you can do with your Newf and will then tell you how to get started with your own training for the sport as well as the equipment you will need. We will be highlighting Water Rescue, Draft Work, Obedience, Rally, Scent Work, Trick Dog, Therapy Dogs, and the newest AKC sport, Fetch Dog.

Come see how much fun these sports can be for you and your dog and learn how to get started! You don't need to have your dog with you to learn something new. Registration is not needed for this fun event! **Contact: Sue Marino.**

SPECIALTY CARTING. . . Specialty Carting & Wagon Exercises were developed to demonstrate carting at specialty shows and were designed for people interested in exhibition carting activities. It is a perfect event for someone not quite ready to compete in a full draft test.

There are on- & off-leash divisions for individual dogs or teams. Exercises include harnessing and hitching, basic commands while hitched and maneuvering in a large ring setting. While not a 'titled' event, each passing entry earns a Certificate. Dogs passing the on-leash division may post enter that day for the off-leash division. Success in the off-leash division qualifies for the draft leg of the Lovett Memorial Challenge.

Specialty Carting will take place on Wednesday, April 30th after the conclusion of the obedience and rally trial. Dogs must be 12 months of age to enter. The entry fee for a single or team is \$25; on-site post entry is \$15. **Pre-registration is required** using the entry form **or online at www.ncanationalspecialty.org** Entries will open either in the online store or by mail with a postmark of January 15, 2025 and close on April 15, 2025. **Contact: Sue Mendleson & Pauline Baldwin.**

FUN FOR ALL!

SHOW HEADQUARTERS... Located in the Newport Room near the exit/entrance closest to the show site, Show Headquarters is where you can find up-to-date announcements about events, pick up the daily newsletter, check the Lost & Found and get your questions answered by the friendly and knowledgeable volunteers. Open daily during show hours.

REGISTRATION... Whether you're a first-time attendee, a seasoned exhibitor, or a devoted fan of Newfoundlands, your financial support makes a tangible difference. Your Registration goes a long way in covering the costs of the beautiful venue, the intricate details of the show, and the special experiences that make the National Specialty an event like no other. These funds help us provide an environment that's

worthy of the majestic Newfoundland, allowing us to showcase the breed in all its glory. Registration fees help cover the cost of hospitality, the Welcome Reception, chairs to sit in ringside, generators for the vendors and grooming tent and the tents you see throughout the show site.

Register for the National Specialty to receive important information regarding events and schedules, a commemorative bag, logo pin, coupon for use at our Specialty Store and official name tag. Your name tag is your ticket to the Welcome Reception and other National Specialty events. The registration fee for the 2025 National Specialty is \$45 per adult. The registration fee for Juniors (ages 8-18) is \$25 for the first child, \$20 for each additional child in the family.

Registration Bags and event tickets can be picked up at Show Headquarters located inside the hotel beginning Monday, April 27th. **Registration opens to everyone January 2, 2025.** To register, please use the registration form or online at www.ncanationalspecialty.org **Deadline: April 1, 2025. Contact: Mary Bylone**

OPENING CEREMONY & REGIONAL CLUB PARADE ... Tuesday afternoon's Opening Ceremony will begin with a parade of NCA Regional Clubs. Each Regional Club is asked to participate by providing representatives and their Newfs to parade in the main ring. While carts are optional, we encourage clubs to get creative with their representation, keeping in mind our theme of *Rich History – Bright Future*. Large flags with each club's logo will be provided and displayed on the show grounds in tribute throughout the week. For our international guests that would like to participate, please let Donna Thibault know so that she can coordinate flags and poles. Please let us know your club will be participating by filling out the entry form or online www.ncanationalspecialty.org **Contact: Donna Thibault**

WELCOME RECEPTION ... The Welcome Reception is a great way to begin your National Specialty experience with an opportunity to catch up with friends from around the country and to meet our international guests! Please join us for an hors d'oeuvres and cash bar, brought to you by the NCA Charitable Trust, being held in the Grand Foyer outside the Ballroom. The event is open to all registered attendees and starts at 7:00 pm. **Contact: Donna Thibault**

NCA HONORS – ANNUAL AWARDS... This year the business portion of the NCA Annual Meeting will be held prior to the National Specialty via a remote meeting format. Detailed information will be provided to the membership by the NCA. Immediately following the Welcome Reception, the NCA Annual Meeting will reconvene in the Ballroom to recognize the accomplishments of the 2024 Top Dogs in Conformation, Obedience, Juniors, Versatile Newfs, Working Achievements, ROM's as well as other special awards and recognitions of NCA members.

LIVING LEGENDS... The NCA Living Legend award is given to dogs/bitches of any NCA members/breeders that have achieved the venerable age of 10 years or more by the date of the National Specialty. Previous honorees are welcome to participate. Dogs need not be present to be honored but are encouraged to be present in the ring to receive this award. All Living Legends will be recognized in a special catalog and will receive a Living Legend Medallion and poster during the lunch break on Wednesday, April 30, 2025. The fee is \$35 or \$52 (in USA)/\$55 (outside USA) if you wish your medallion, poster, and catalog to be mailed. Use the entry form or online at www.ncanationalspecialty.org **Deadline: April 1, 2025 Contact: Kathi Weaver-Klein**

RESCUE PARADE ... Tell everyone at the National Specialty the story of how your great rescue dog came into your life. Join us for the Rescue Parade on Friday, May 2 at 4:00 p.m. where your special story will be shared with the audience as you and your dog walk across the ring to receive your commemorative medallion. Use the entry form or online at www.ncanationalspecialty.org There is no entry fee.

Deadline: April 1, 2025. Contact: Shyann Torstenson.

HONORS PARADE... Join us on Friday, May 2nd after judging to applaud Newfoundlands of all ages for their accomplishments. Any living Newfoundland with an AKC, CKC, or NCA title is eligible to participate. Each dog entered will be listed in the show catalog and receive a lovely commemorative medallion. You and/or your dog do not have to be present for the parade to enter, but we encourage all entrants to join in and receive the well-earned applause. The non-refundable entry fee is \$35. If entering by mail, please complete a separate entry form for each dog you are entering. **Do NOT send Honors Parade entries to the Show Superintendent.** Use the entry form or online at www.ncanationalspecialty.org **Deadline: April 1, 2025. Contact: Donna Thibault**

NCA Storytelling “Bring Your Lunch” Picnic... The Membership Engagement and Retention Committee invites you to join them under the obedience/rally tent on Friday, May 2nd from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM for an informal “Bring Your Lunch” picnic where some children’s books will be read to our younger members while others relax, catch up with old friends, or make new ones. We hope to see you there!



ACTIVITIES FOR JUNIORS... The Junior’s Committee is excited to host special activities just for Juniors throughout the week. Join in with your fellow Juniors and attend as many activities as possible. An exciting schedule of activities is planned with details to follow. Sign up for **Junior Registration** on the Registration form or online at www.ncanationalspecialty.org **Deadline: April 1, 2025. Contact: Leah Schlagel.**

MEETING ROOMS ... If you need a meeting room during the Specialty for a group or committee, you must reserve the room in advance using the form or online at www.ncanationalspecialty.org. Include the date and meeting time, number of people attending, and room setup instructions. **Deadline: April 1, 2025. Contact: Donna Thibault**

AUCTION & BROWN BAG RAFFLES ... This year’s fundraising efforts will feature ongoing online auctions via the Galabid website and will culminate with the in-person auction of unique items and services Friday night, May 2, 2025 in the Plaza Ballroom. Only a few select items will be offered that evening so be sure to attend! We are working with a local shipping company to package and ship items home for you in case your suitcase is full! The Brown Bag Raffle will be set up in the lobby of Plaza Ballroom prior to the Auction. Your donations will be appreciated! Donation items for auction and raffle must be received by Thursday, May 1st at the convenient drop-off location at Show Headquarters. Please complete the appropriate form or online at www.ncanationalspecialty.org **Deadline: April 1, 2025** to let us know if you have an item to donate. **Contact: Tami Palomba for the Fine Arts Auction; Kirsten Tomlinson for the Brown Bag Raffle.**

TOP 20/10 CELEBRATION ... Join us for the British Invasion – Let’s Come Together and Celebrate!

In keeping with New England History and adding in the

Great Rock & Roll Revolution of the 60’s, let’s all Come Together to celebrate the Top 2 Conformation and Top 10 Obedience dogs of 2024 with a British Invasion 2025!



We are going to *shake things up* this year beginning with ‘sequestered judging’ of the Top 20 Confirmation dogs. Our secret panel of judges will go over each participating confirmation dog in a private location, on site, prior to the evening’s main event. The panel of judges will include, a Newfoundland breeder, a Professional Handler and an AKC

Newfoundland approved judge, in accordance with NCA requirements. The judges will choose their **Judges Choice** award winner from the tallying of scores from their NCA score sheets.

The Invasion will begin Thursday, May 1st at 7:00 pm in the Garden Pavilion with a “Meet & Greet”. The mood will be a little vintage and a lot of great classic music! Cash bars will be available along with a “Slider Station” At 8:00 pm our featured guests (the dogs of course!) will bring out their best for you, their greatest fans! And in following tradition ballots will be tallied to determine **People’s Choice**.

If you love music and Newfs do not miss this event! Your ‘Ticket to Ride’ is \$40 which includes admission, good food and event program. **Deadline: April 1,2025. Contact: Joanne Brainard**

Sponsorship:

\$100 Sponsor Level **1966 - Rolling Stones- Paint It Black** Receive 1 ticket and program

\$250 Sponsor Level **1965 - Petula Clark - Downtown** Receive 2 tickets, program and Logo item

\$500 Sponsor Level **1964 - Beatles - I Want To Hold Your Hand** Receive 2 tickets, logo item, program and gift (2 seats and high top)

Catalog Ad : Share your ‘Glad All Over’ moments with a full color ad!

¼ page - \$50 ½ page - \$75 Full page - \$125



Booster Acknowledgment - \$25

***NEW! Most ‘theme’ creative full-page ad receives \$10 credit for Logo Merchandise!**

HEALTH & LONGEVITY SEMINAR ... The NCA Health & Longevity Committee is very pleased to have the internationally renowned Dr. Debbie Gross Torraca, DPT, MSPT, Diplomat ABPTS, CCRP, from Wizard of Paws, Colchester, CT present **“Big Dogs Should Not Cry: It is a common misconception that big dogs should limp - they should not!”**. Big Dogs Need Big Butts: Well, maybe not only big butts, but they certainly need a good amount of muscle mass, proper warm up and cool downs, and a partner that may recognize trouble if it occurs. This talk will focus on the musculoskeletal health of your beloved Newfoundland. Proper fitness, care, and precautions will be discussed for the Newfoundland of all ages. Dr. Torraca is a long time member of American Physical Therapist Special Interest Group, and has held the office of President. She is also a member of the International Veterinary Academy of Pain Management (IVAPM). She is one of the founders and core instructors for the first and only university-based program in canine physical rehabilitation, University of Tennessee’s Certificate Program in Canine Physical Rehabilitation. The seminar will be held on Wednesday, April 30, at 7:00PM in the Bristol Room, and registration is required using the form or online at www.ncanationalspecialty.org.

FOOD & DINING EVENTS

Monday – Saturday: Hospitality... Your Registration Name Badge is your ticket to the Hospitality Room located in the Show Headquarters, Newport Room. Stop by in the morning for coffee, tea, pastries, and fresh fruit thanks to our show sponsors, Purina Pro Plan!

Saturday Evening Banquet... Join us for the traditional awards banquet on Saturday, May 3, 2025 at 6:00 pm in the Grand Ballroom to celebrate the wonderful week we have just spent together, here from the judges, and congratulate the winners. Featuring a full buffet and cash bar, we will share a relaxing evening with old friends and new before parting ways until 2026.



Through the generosity of Cissy Sullivan, we are again pleased to bring you the fourth and final in the *NEWF* series of commemorative napkin rings. Tickets are \$75 each, and **only the first 250** banquet tickets purchased will receive a commemorative napkin ring so don't hesitate to buy your ticket. **If you are purchasing more than one banquet ticket, you will need to indicate the names of the people attending with you.** Tickets must be purchased in advance, and you must be present to receive your napkin rings. Reservations can be made with the Meal Reservation Form or online at www.ncanationalspecialty.org. **Deadline: April 1, 2025 Contact: Sue Marino**

Other Meals... Conveniently located off the lobby, the Crowne Plaza offers an onsite full-service restaurant, The Crossings Restaurant and Bar. The Crossings is open for breakfast through late night throughout the week and offers bar service until closing. A Starbucks is located in the lobby. For breakfast and lunch, the hotel will have an outside vending location next to the conformation ring from Wednesday through Saturday where you can grab a quick bite. Many casual and fine dining establishments can be found within a 5-mile radius of the Crowne Plaza. Look for dining options in your Registration Bags!

SHOPPING & FUNDRAISING

SILENT AUCTIONS ... Charitable Trust silent auctions, with the proceeds to benefit Newfoundland Rescue, the Newfoundland Health Challenge, and Junior Scholarships will take place in Shoppers Row located adjacent to the grooming tent. Be sure to stop by and help these important causes. Donations are gratefully accepted. **Contacts: Mary L. Price (Rescue) or Clyde Dunphy, DVM (Health Challenge).**

SPECIALTY LOGO ITEMS... This year we are pleased to offer a variety of quality products available for pre-order on the webstore featuring the 2025 National Specialty logo. Every effort will be made to fulfill orders in a timely manner. Delivery of items at the National Specialty for 2025 is unavailable. Plans are to instead offer a select number of special, limited-edition items for sale only at the show. Color photos of all logo items are available for view and purchase via credit card, in the online store at www.ncanationalspecialty.org **Extended Order Deadline thru May 31, 2025 Contact: Kat Lynn.**

TOP 20/10 LOGO ITEMS... The 2025 Top 20/10 logo merchandise pays tribute to the history of New England and the Great Rock and Roll Revolution of the 60's as we "Come Together" to celebrate our top dogs. Color photos of all logo items are available for view, and purchase via credit card, in the online store which can be found at www.ncanationalspecialty.org. or if you would rather purchase logo merchandise and pay by check you can use the form found in the information packet. All items ordered will be shipped to you for a flat rate. No pickup at the show site will be available. **Extended Order Deadline thru May 31, 2025 Contact: Kat Lynn**

VENDORS . . .Our vendors will find themselves in the heart of the action in the area, directly adjacent to the show's conformation ring. Booth size is 10'x10' - \$350, plus a donated auction item valued at \$50.00 or greater. Each space includes one table, two chairs and electricity. Due to fire safety regulations, if you choose to have a 10'x10' pop-up to denote your space under the larger vendor tent, you will not be allowed to use the top or side panels. Each paid vendor contract for 2025 is entitled to 3 free ads promoting their goods/services on the NCA National Specialty Facebook page and may provide marketing materials for inclusion in the 2025 Registration bags that will include a vendor directory and map. For more information, please complete the form or online at www.ncanationalspecialty.org and a contract will be sent to you. **Deadline: April 1, 2025. Contact: Nicole Collins – email: nicole5158@gmail.com**