



Newfoundland Club of Northern California

September, 2010

Ruminations

By President Pam Rubio

The summer, which has been much cooler, and I'm sure appreciated by our dogs, is drawing to an end. That doesn't mean the fun is over. There are lots of opportunities for members to come out and participate, or just revel in all our fabulous Newfs, meeting new friends, or reconnecting with old friends.

September 11 and 12 will be the Del Valle Water Tests. If you've never seen Newfs perform in water, I would encourage you to attend and cheer on our handler/dog teams. Dogs and their handlers, working together to perform the tasks this breed was bred to do, is an awesome sight! I was present at the Lincoln tests, which I'm sure you will read about in this issue, and the pass rate was phenomenal! The Del Valle, tests both days, will begin with Basic Control exercises for those dogs who don't have a CD (AKC Companion Dog title). From there, it's into the water with the Junior (WD) exercises, followed by the senior exercises (WRD) which build upon the junior exercises. There will also be a raffle to support our Rescue, as well as Newf merchandise from both Ways and Means and Rescue. In other words, lots of ways to support this breed that is so dear to all of us. Lunches are provided for exhibitors and stewards, but if member/spectators would like to be included in the feast for a cost of \$7.50, please contact the test secretary, Cherrie Brown (aukainewf@aol.com).

Following the water tests, we will have an NCNC Board/General meeting at the home of Mike and Ursula Reyer on September 25, In Santa Clara, CA. All members are welcome, guests too. Directions to the Reyer's home will be included in this newsletter and on the website. As always, members are welcome to address the Board with any concerns they may have. Just let us know, so it can be put on the agenda. A draft agenda will appear in this newsletter, be sure to get any additional items to the Board. I think VP Summer Poris is also working on an educational presentation at this meeting. Club meetings are not all business, so I would encourage you all to attend.

Finally, well maybe not, our Regional Specialty is scheduled for the Sac Valley weekend, October 29-31. The NCA Regional Specialty, hosted by our club, NCNC, will be Friday, October 29. We usually draw an entry of around 100 dogs, so this will be a great opportunity to see dogs from the west coast, Canada, and sometimes further afield. Our Sweeps Judge is breeder Bill Matlock of Wind Wagon Newfoundlands, and our Breed Judge is breeder Janet Cohen of Gold Coast Newfoundlands. The specialty is not all about conformation, Rally and Obedience will also be judged, with an NCA High in Trial awarded to the high scoring Newf. A popular feature of the specialty is a fantastic raffle. You will be amazed at the quantity and quality of the items offered. The proceeds from the raffle are what allows this event to break even. You don't want to miss the post show banquet either.

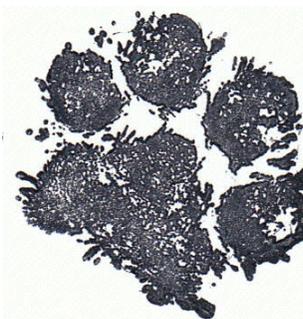
For me, one of the most important services NCNC offers at this regional specialty weekend is our health clinics. Once again Dr. Rick Kienle will be present to do auscultations and dopplers Friday - Sunday at a greatly reduced price. I believe CERF exams will also be offered two of the days. Look for information in both the Specialty premium and the Sac Valley premium. Barring that, contact Linda Maggy for an appointment. Newfoundlands get priority.

DNA blood draws for the OFA/CHIC repository is something I'd like to promote for all the member owned dogs in our club. I have not given up on this project, but I know it isn't going to be easy. I would still like to set up Regional blood draws, apart from the specialty. Please let me know if this is something you want me to go forward with.

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WDC Corner

By Alex Hoops

One water test weekend down and one to go! NCNC's early water tests took place in Lincoln on July 31 and August 1. We had an amazing pass rate for the weekend with many new titles earned and multiple requalifications as well. Congratulations to everyone! Also, I want to thank the entire test committee, chaired by Gaby Cohen, for organizing another successful event!

Next up is our annual water test weekend at Del Valle Regional Park in Livermore, CA on September 11 and 12. We are holding two one-day WD/WRD tests that weekend, and all are welcome to join us to watch the action! Lunches can be purchased for \$10 and must be preordered from our test secretary Cherrie Brown (aukainewf@aol.com). Also, anyone who is interested in stewarding for the test, please contact John Pearson at waterdog@ix.netcom.com. Stewarding is an

excellent way to be a part of the action and no experience is necessary!

The following weekend, NCNC will be participating in Walnut Creek's annual Walnut Festival Parade. Check out the article in this edition of the Newf's Paper for more info, and if you are interested in participating in the parade with your pup, please contact Walt Parsons at waltparsons@gmail.com.

Calling all NCNC Members

It is almost time for the Regional raffle. This raffle helps defray the costs of the fabulous Regional Specialty we put on each year. This year's Regional will be held October 29th at the Dixon Fair Grounds. It is an opportunity to share with all the Newfoundland people out there your favorite: training treat, toy, Newfoundland work of art, training book, Newfoundland memorabilia, fantastic leash and collars you name it we will raffle it. You can make a basket of your own filled with goodies or just donate and we will combine your items to make something wonderful. If you know a groomer or someone with a special talent that pertains to our dogs gift certificates are a welcome item. If you don't want to purchase on your own get a group together and combine ideas. No time a donation can be used to fill out the items we have. It is always a fun event and everyone goes home with something new and exciting. If you have questions, a suggestion or need an item picked up please feel free to contact me:

Patti Sondgroth (408)204-3876 or (530)809-1817. I am looking forward to all your help. Thank you!



By: Hazel Jacoby

Raffle

Come one, come all! NH&R is holding our 2nd and last raffle for 2010 at the Del Valle Water Test. The raffle will be on Saturday, September 11, 2010. We are looking for donations – please bring them to the Water Test Saturday morning or contact Hazel Jacoby (510-582-9027, jhbar@comcast.net) or June Gibson (714-292-8461, jdgibson2525@att.net).

Dogs in Rescue

Here is a summary of rescue dog activity:

Dodger: In foster clearing up skin issues.

Hudson (aka Jack): Has been adopted

Ruger: Is being treated for heartworm.

Scarlett: A black, 5 year old female. Has been spayed, vet-checked, and adopted.

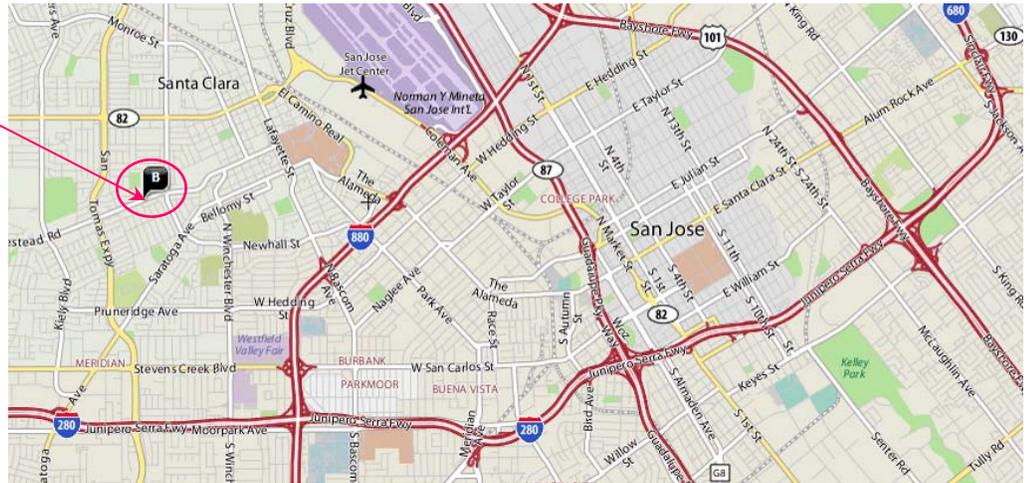
Shannon: A black, spayed, 8 ½ year old female. Has been vet-checked and adopted.

We would like to thank and acknowledge the following people for their donations:

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Board & General Meeting & Potluck



Agenda

- Archives – Board & Gina
- Del Valle interface/paper work - Rick
- Water Practice signage - Rick
- Christmas Party Location - Summer
- 2010 Regional update - Summer
- Annual Picnic @ Vasona - Summer
- DNA Clinics - Pam

SPECIAL MEETING EVENT

The Newfoundland Dog Club of Canada BC Region hosted a seminar on Cruciate Disease. A study is being done at the University of Liverpool to try to find a marker for it. NDCC flew in Arabella Baird from the UK who is heading up the study to be our guest speaker. We have a CD of the seminar, and will supply cheek swabs, and the import license at our meeting.

A genetic study into cruciate disease

Cruciate disease is the most common cause of lameness in dogs. Expensive vet fees for consultations, surgery, pain medication and follow up care – in the USA in 2003 \$1.32 Billion spent on treating cruciate disease. This project is being carried out at Liverpool University Veterinary School in the UK in collaboration with Manchester University and the Centre for Integrated Genomic Research (CIGMR). It is a 4-year PhD project and the researcher is Arabella Baird. The project has funding from the UK Kennel Club and the UK Newfoundland Club.

Collecting DNA samples from dogs with cruciate disease and dogs without cruciate disease

- Cases- any age cruciate disease must be confirmed during surgery
- Controls – must be over 5 years and be free from any signs of cruciate disease (pain, limping in their back legs)

All samples will be anonymous and given an external number and the data will be treated in groups. This means that it will not be possible to feed back on specific results from your dog. No data will be released to any third parties.

CERF clinic volunteers are needed for the Saturday and Sunday after the Regional. Saturday from 9-4 and Sunday from 9 till noon or the last dog is seen. I would like to have volunteers to sign up for two hour slots and we need at least 3 people for each slot, as it is very busy.

Please contact Linda Maggy at 510-886-9385 or e-mail; merlem3@aol.com.

Thanks!
 Linda

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NCNC's Early Water Tests a Great Success!

By Gaby Cohen, Test Chair

NCNC's first water tests of 2010 ushered in the season in a spectacular fashion. On Saturday we had 16 Juniors, 9 Seniors, and 2 WRDX entrants. All 16 Juniors needed to perform in Basic Control. The entrants included 2 ten month olds and a 15 month old puppy. Judges Denise Castonguay and John Pearson were astonished by the enthusiastic performances and all 16 passed, starting the day off on a very positive note. We moved to the water to begin Junior division and the stewards, led by Chief Steward Laura Gallagher, kept the test moving with their efficiency. Most performances were steady though a few were heart-stopping. In the end, 11 of the 16 dogs passed – far surpassing a typical pass rate. The new titlists included the 15 month old and one of the 10 month old puppies, several entrants from the Southern California contingent, as well as many members of the local training crew. Most of the non-passing dogs failed only one exercise. After a quick break for a delicious lunch coordinated by Terri Perparos (and multi-

ple volunteers), we moved on to Senior division with 9 entrants. The judges, stewards, and exhibitors were all well prepared and we zoomed through testing with 6 passing dogs – 4 new titlists and 2 requalifiers. We ended the day with our WRDX test and a 100% pass rate – one new title and one requalifier! Though it was a long day, the great teamwork made it run smoothly. The qualifiers were pleased to receive their award of special embroidered towels created by Patti Songroth. We had quite a few spectators this year including some new club members and their puppies and a family with two rescued Newfs.

Sunday dawned on a much smaller test. Two of the Junior qualifiers moved up to Senior, but the rest of the passing dogs from Saturday decided to rest on their laurels and watch the test. That left a much smaller Junior division entry – who all passed the Basic Control. Sunday's judges Lori Littleford and Denise Castonguay were hoping that the junior entrants would be able to pass because so many were only one exercise away on

Saturday. Two dogs passed Junior division, and the rest mainly had difficulty with the dropped retrieve. We moved quickly on to the Senior division, which was slightly smaller because several of Saturday's passing dogs took the day off. Again, the stewards kept everything moving along, and the Seniors, including the two move-ups, gave it a valiant try. At the end of the test there was one requalifier. Following lunch we gathered for awards in the shade of a tree and the titlists were presented with handmade bibs created by Alex Hoops. Test photographer, Merle Maggy, immortalized both days on film.

The camaraderie of the "working crew" of this test was wonderful and made the tests run very efficiently. Special thanks go to all who helped out as stewards, especially those who drove a long way to make the WRDX test possible. Test Secretaries Lori Littleford (Sat) and John Pearson (Sun) had all the paperwork ready to go. Thank you to all who left the test site in great condition.

NCNC Water Dog Qualifiers (both days combined)

Liza CGC RN TDD1 (Liza) handled by Karrie Cook
 CH ThreePond Sugar Magnolia at Darkstar DD CGC (Maggie) handled by Summer Poris
 KaraBleus Main Sail Mearacle (Meara) handled by Deborah Rothwell
 Kevaura's National Treasure (Riley) handled by Roland Parker
 Kevaura's SaltyDog DD (Ringo) handled by Martin Vroegryk
 Castanewf's Mends A Broken Heart (Jordan) handled by Laura Gallagher
 Yosemite's White and Black Blues (Flint) handled by Dana Kuo
 Castanewf's Expedition North (Tug) handled by Lynne Baker
 KaraBleu Seacrest Miss-sea (McKenna) handled by Rick Humphreys
 Waterbear Xena Gal (Xena) handled by Sharyn Jeter
 CH Saltydog's Devon DD (Devon) handled by Gaby Cohen
 CH Kevaura's Got Milk WRD DD (Nikki) handled by Robin Welter. Requalifier

WRD Qualifiers -Saturday

Great Basin Princess Sara Bear RN WD DD CGC (Sara) handled by Linda Kennard
 CH Nakiska's Lord of the Ring WD DD (Viggo) handled by Dawn Druge
 Olympics Chester's Midnight Star WD2 DD CGC (Chester) handled by Erin Palmer **WD requalifier** on Sunday
 CH Fairweather's Quick Around the World WD (Quick) handled by Erin Palmer
 Black Watch Hooded and Cloaked CD DD2 WRD1 (Lex) handled by Dana Kuo
 VN WA CH SaltyDog's Miss Mischief CDX TDD WRD WRDX

WRDX Qualifiers

VN WA CH Nakiska Shines at Aukai CDX TDX RE WRD TDD (Twinkle) handled by Cherrie Brown
 VN WS CH Fairseas Good Day Sunshine CDX WRD8 TDD3 DD3 (Soleil) handled by Shauna Conley- requalifier
 /WRD requalifier on Sunday

HAPPY BIRTHDAY NCNC NEWFS!		OWNER
9/6/1999	VN AM/CAN Ch Respons A.K.A. Cookie (Athena) WRD, CD, TDD	Kevin & Laura Gallagher
9/6/1999	Merlin's Black Magic (Merle)	Keith & Sandy Mendia
9/11/2001	Capriccio's You've Got A Friend (Wookie)	Arthur & Debbie Raymond
9/11/2001	Ch Capriccio's Courage Under Fire (Tank) TDI, CGC, TDD, CD	John & Gina Bonnell
9/11/2001	Capriccio's Fire and Rain (Magic) DD, CGC, CD	Catherine & Jon Lamoureux
9/24/2001	Just Kirby	Carmela & Dwight Ely
9/17/2003	Shash	Michael Reyer/Ursula Cabalzar
9/6/2004	Ch Kevaura's Dec of Independence (Indy) DD1, WD, WRD, CGC, TDI	Roland & Terry Parker
9/6/2004	Kevours Doppeldock	Dianna & Paul Brink
9/6/2004	Ch. Brody WD, DD	Kathy Mitchell
9/6/2004	Ch. Kevaura's Got Milk (Niki) WD, DD	Kevin & Laura Gallagher
9/14/2004	Osa's Tootle Loo Lula	Linda Parker
9/23/2005	Springhaven's Ruby Skye	Kristy Sieverson
9/1/2006	Bear	Sabine Schenck
9/20/2006	Osa's Twisted Sister	Linda Parker
9/4/2008	Socorro's Giant Squiddy (Inky)	Jenni Lott
9/10/2008	Oceano e Karableu Ecco Domani per Acqua Terra	Rick & Donna Humphreys
9/2/2009	Waterbear's The Real Thing	Pamela Jackson
9/6/2009	Fireside's Sea-Sea Ryder Wind Sails to Karableu	Rick & Donna Humphreys
9/12/2009	Royal Flush's Calamity Jane	Dale & Edie Koster
9/18/2009	Kakiska's Donner Summit	Emma Taylor
9/19/2009	Salty Dog's "Bella" Noche	Colleen Cahill/Jerry Kinkade
9/19/2009	Winnie	Nick & Janine Hallas
9/19/2009	Saltydog's Dorothy Ann (Doe)	Donna & Bill Masters

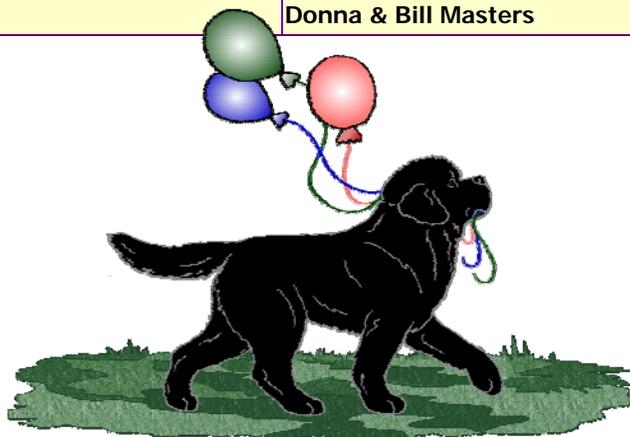
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Veterans in the Show Ring

"I see that the *Smiths* have entered their dog in the Veterans Class. Apparently there is no one in this Club who knows that it is customary to offer a round of applause for those that are entered. Six months ago, at this same show, I entered my Veteran Dog in this same class. Not one person applauded. Not one person came up and said anything. Not one person came over to give him a kind word or a pat. Not one person made him feel he belonged again.

He was no threat to anyone. He wasn't going to beat anyone, take any points, or win anything. He was just an old dog who thought he was special again - back in the ring for the first time in many years. Maybe he even recalled his "Glory Days". He would have loved to have met anyone there. He would have welcomed you like an old friend. You didn't have to say anything nice about him if you didn't want to. But just in case you can't think of anything to say about a Veteran Dog, here are some suggestions: "It was nice to see him out there". Or go up to him and tell him he's a "Good Boy". Or tell his owner that you are glad that they brought him. Those aren't exactly compliments, but they will please his owner and make him glad that they brought him. I don't think that's asking too much. One day, all too soon, all your beautiful young dogs will be old dogs too. Maybe one day you'll enter them in a Veterans Class. And I hope that you do. Or, like many of us, you remember that old friend, now gone, and wish you still had

the chance. They deserve it. It may be their final time in the sun - their last time out in front of people. Their last time to ever be in the ring. My old dog is a Fool. He thought he was wonderful that day. He thought he belonged. Instead, he was ignored. I have thought about this for 6 months now, and wasn't going to say anything. But on his behalf, and that of any other Veteran, I hope that something like this never occurs again. As a Club of (Breed) Fan-ciers, you should feel ashamed. Even if you dislike the dog or his owner, at least show Good Sportsmanship and do the Right Thing. Show others that you have respect for your breed. Make that Veteran Dog feel wanted and special again. Let him know that you are glad to see him. It will make his day. You may never get the chance again. Thank you."

As Lynda began reading it, the hush that fell over the room was incredible. Bless her heart, my friend Lynda broke into tears as she struggled through reading this. EVERYONE in the room lowered their heads, and many of them began to cry also, including the President (who is a man). I tried my best to hold my head up and refrain from tears, again. The President strode over to where I was sitting and in a broken voice said "Terry..... ..I am SO sorry. He is such a wonderful dog. There is no excuse for what happened to you. And to him." As I started to say that I "wasn't going to say anything" again, the room nearly burst with everyone

trying to talk at once. The discussion that followed was both eye-opening and of valuable purpose. Many came up to me in tears, with hugs and apologies. I am a very private and shy person, not given to sharing my deepest feelings easily. This had been an incredibly difficult thing for me to do, but in honor of my Veteran and all the others out there, I felt it must be done. Was it worth it?

When *Mr. Smith* took his lovely 12 1/2 year old dog (neutered due to testicular cancer) into the ring, our entire membership remained - and applauded and "whooped and hollered" him with every move. The Judge moved to the center of the ring on his final go round and applauded, as did her ring stew-ards. Others nearby, watching other breeds, came over and remarked on how wonderful it was to see a Veteran being treated like that. Many (including me) asked to take his picture. Everyone complimented him and his owners. If only my old dog had enjoyed such a day... Was it worth it? You tell me... Sorry for the length of this, but so many in other breeds who heard about what happened have already asked me for a copy of my written paper that I thought perhaps it was something that needed to be shared.

Amazing how quickly word spreads amongst us dog people. It's often said "You can't teach an old dog new tricks". But I know one old dog who taught something of great value."

Hi,
Thought you may want to see some pics of Gus. He came from newf rescue last year to live with Bob & Samantha Westgate, plus brother Russer. We couldn't be happier with his joining our family. Sam



Walnut Festival Parade - 9-18-10

By Walt Parsons

Once again NCNC and their Saintly friends will be entertaining the good citizens of Walnut Creek with their big furry friends. All small children are warned to keep ice-cream cones out of the reach of those L O N G tongues.

We meet about 4:30 PM with the parade starting at 6 PM. Following the parade all participants both furry and otherwise are invited to a BBQ at the Parsons' home in Walnut Creek. Note: We've requested an early slot in the parade to protect our dogs. If we don't get an early slot we will cancel. For more information and to indicate

you'd like to participate please contact Walt Parsons at waltparsons@gmail.com

A BIG HAPPY 10th BIRTHDAY TO CH. BEARHOLLOW'S FIRST BORN CD "DEWEY"



Where's MY Cake?

YUM!!



No Fingers Were Lost lost...

Wishing a very Happy 11th Birthday to:

- Ch Capriccio's Autumn Leaves (Autumn),
- Ch Capriccio's Jeepers Creepers TDD (Joey),
- Capriccio's And The Angels Sing TDI (Jake),
- Capriccio's Tangerine (Bacchus),
- Capriccio's I Wanna Be Around (Homer)
- Capriccio's Midnight Sun (Nemo)
- Capriccio's Early Autumn (Shamus).

Their dam, Ch Capriccio's Adagio CD, TDD (Gigi) lived to be 14 years 3 months; and their sire, VN WA CH Aukai Maui Of Antares CDX, TDx, WRD, TDD and I think some rally titles too, lived to 12 yrs plus, a tribute to good genes, good medicine and wonderful owners.

~ Pam



Italian School of Canine Lifeguards

CIVITAVECCHIA, Italy — They leap from helicopters or speeding boats, bringing aid to swimmers who get into trouble off Italy's popular beaches.

For these canine lifeguards, the doggie paddle does just fine.

Hundreds of specially trained dogs from Italy's corps of canine lifeguards are deployed each summer to help swimmers in need of rescue.

These "lifedogs" wear a harness or tow a buoy that victims can grab, or a raft they can sit on to be towed back to shore, and unlike their human counterparts, they can easily jump from helicopters and speeding boats to reach swimmers in trouble.

With millions flocking to Italy's crowded beaches each summer, the Italian Coast Guard says it rescues about 3,000 people every year – and their canine helpers are credited with saving several lives.

It takes three years for the canines to reach expert rescue status, and currently 300 dogs are fully trained for duty, said Roberto Gasbarri, who coordinates the Italian School of Canine Lifeguards program at a center outside of Rome in the seaside town of Civitavecchia. "Dogs are useful in containing the physical fatigue of the lifeguard, to increase the speed at which casualties are retrieved, to



increase the security of both the casualty and of the lifeguard," Gasbarri said. "The dog becomes a sort of intelligent life-buoy. It is a buoy that goes by itself to a person in need of help, and comes back to the shore also by himself, choosing the best landing point and swimming through the safest currents," he said.

The Civitavecchia center is one of a dozen around the country for the school founded more than 20 years ago in the northern province of Bergamo by Ferruccio Pilenga, whose first trainee was his own Newfoundland.

The school will train any breed, as long as they weigh at least 30 kilograms (66 pounds), but Labradors, Newfoundlands and golden retrievers are most commonly used because of their natural instinct for swimming. Each dog works in tandem with a human lifeguard, who also acts as the animal's trainer.

"Being retrievers, they set out to pick up anything we tell them, be it a human being, an object, or a fish, and they bring it back to the shore," said lifeguard Monia Luciani. "They do not associate it with a physical activity, but it is rather a game for them."



Bummer & Lazarus



Bummer and Lazarus were two stray dogs that roamed the streets of San Francisco, California, USA, in the early 1860s. Recognized for their unique bond and their prodigious rat-killing ability, they became a fixture of city newspapers, were exempted from local ordinances and immortalized in cartoons.

San Francisco, in common with other cities in the United States at the time, had a problem with free-ranging dogs. In Los Angeles in the 1840s dogs outnumbered people nearly two to one, and while the situation in San Francisco had not reached this extreme, the large numbers of strays and feral dogs did cause problems. Dogs were regularly poisoned or trapped and killed. Nevertheless, if

a dog turned out to be a good ratter or distinguished itself in some other way it was still possible for it to survive.

Bummer was a black-and-white Newfoundland or Newfoundland cross who established himself outside the saloon of Frederick Martin in 1860 and quickly proved to be an exceptional rat-killer. His ridding talent spared him the fate of the former owner of the territory, Bruno, who had been poisoned with strychnine shortly before Bummer's arrival. He scraped a living begging scraps from passers-by and the patrons of the saloon and other establishments along Montgomery Street. In 1861 he was joined by another dog, after rescuing him from a fight with a larger dog. This dog was injured in a bad way, with a deep wound on his leg, and was not expected to live. Bummer coaxed him to eat, brought back scraps from his scavenging missions and huddled next to him to keep him warm during the night. The injured dog quickly recovered and within days was following Bummer as he made his begging rounds in the streets. His remarkable recovery earned him the name Lazarus, and he proved to be an even more prodigious ratter than Bummer. As a team they turned out to be exceptional, once finishing off 85 rats in 20 minutes. Their ridding talent and unique bond was seized upon by the city's press. Martin's saloon was a favorite haunt of newspapermen and journalists, so, with the dogs a fixture outside the bar, they never had to travel far for a story. The exploits of the dogs were recorded in detail in the *Californian*, *Daily Alta California*, *Daily Morning Call* and *Daily Evening Bulletin*, the editors vying with each other in their attempts to endow the pair's Bummer and Lazarus 2 adventures with thrills and parallels to the human condition. Bummer was portrayed as the gentleman, down on his luck, yet still faithful and conscientious, while Lazarus, the mongrel, was cast in the role of the sly and self-serving fairweather friend. When Bummer was shot in the leg after only a couple of months, and Lazarus left him to run with another dog, it suited the press no end: Bummer was said to be feeling the sting of ingratitude at the desertion of the cur he had saved from death. Lazarus' return when Bummer recovered only added to the excitement. The two dogs had the run of the streets, and when, on June 14, 1862, Lazarus was taken by a new dog catcher, a mob of angry citizens demanded his release, petitioning to have the pair declared city property so they could wander the streets unmolested. The city supervisors released Lazarus and declared he and Bummer were exempt from the city ordinance against strays. A week later the two were reported to have stopped a runaway horse. Despite their reputations, the two could be vicious: Bummer was a sheep killer and regularly fought other dogs in the street occasionally assisted by Lazarus (although normally Lazarus would restrict himself to barking encouragement). They also ransacked shops when they had entered unnoticed and been locked in by the owners.



The two dogs were sometimes seen in the company of the "Emperor of the United States", the eccentric Joshua A. Norton, and a popular legend made him their owner. However, no contemporary records make any mention of Norton being the owner and only one newspaper report made any connection between him and the dogs. The rumor may have arisen because the cartoonist Edward Jump frequently featured the three together, most notably in *The Three Bummors* which showed Norton eating from a heavily laden buffet table while the dogs wait patiently for scraps. Norton was apparently outraged when he saw the picture displayed in a shop-front window: the imperial dignity was affronted by the depiction of His Majesty in the company of lowly dogs. Despite the apparent antipathy felt by Norton for the dogs, the close association was still being claimed in the 1950s: Bummer and Lazarus went everywhere with him. No theatrical performance opened in San Francisco from 1855 to 1880 that three complimentary tickets for the first row of the balcony were not put aside for Bummer and Lazarus and Norton I, Emperor of the United States. —Samuel Dickson - San Francisco is My Home

Lazarus was killed in October 1863. In *San Francisco Kaleidoscope*, Dickson claimed he was kicked by the horse of one of the city's fire engines,[5] but contemporary accounts say he was poisoned by being given meat laced with "ratbane" after biting a boy. San Franciscans put up a \$50 reward for the capture of the poisoner. A wit suggested that he be buried in a place of honor alongside other great men of the city. Jump produced a cartoon of his "Funeral" with Norton as the Pope performing the ceremony and Freddy Coombs,



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another San Francisco eccentric who claimed to be the reincarnation of George Washington, digging the grave. Notable San Franciscans formed the cortege and Bummer looked on mournfully. This may have led to the rumor that large numbers of San Franciscans turned out for Lazarus' funeral. The dog was not buried though, but stuffed by a taxidermist and displayed behind the bar in Martin's saloon. (According to Dickson, Martin paid the taxidermist \$50 to turn the dog over — even though its remains had already been claimed by the city council.) The *Daily Evening Bulletin* featured a long obituary entitled "Lament for Lazarus" in which they praised the virtues of both dogs and recounted their various adventures together.

Bummer continued alone, although Mark Twain reported a year later in the *Daily Morning Call* that he had taken a small black puppy under his wing.[7] Nothing more was heard of the puppy and without his companion, Lazarus, Bummer was of less interest to the press. He died a lingering death in November 1865 after being kicked by a drunk, Henry Rippey. Bummer was still popular enough that, to avoid violence, the city immediately arrested Rippey, but he did not escape popular justice: on learning of his crime, his cellmate, David Popley, "popped him in the smeller".



Bummer's passing did not make the headlines in the same way that Lazarus' death had, but Jump created a new cartoon showing him lying in state while Lazarus tucked into a table of food in the ether above him and rats paid their respects. Mark Twain produced a eulogy for him in the *Virginia City Enterprise* which was reprinted in the *Californian* on 11 November 1865: The old vagrant 'Bummer' is really dead at last; and although he was always more respected than his obsequious vassal, the dog 'Lazarus,' his exit has not made half as much stir in the newspaper world as signalled the departure of the latter. I think it is because he died a natural death: died with friends around him to smooth his pillow and wipe the death-damps from his brow, and receive his last words of love and resignation; because he died full of years, and honor, and disease, and fleas. He was permitted to die a natural death, as I have said, but poor Lazarus 'died with his boots on' - which is to say, he lost his life by violence; he

gave up the ghost mysteriously, at dead of night, with none to cheer his last moments or soothe his dying pains. So the murdered dog was canonized in the newspapers, his shortcomings excused and his virtues heralded to the world; but his superior, parting with his life in the fullness of time, and in the due course of nature, sinks as quietly as might the mangiest cur among us. Well, let him go. In earlier days he was courted and caressed; but latterly he has lost his comeliness - his dignity had given place to a want of self-respect, which allowed him to practice mean deceptions to regain for a moment that sympathy and notice which had become necessary to his very existence, and it was evident to all that the dog had had his day; his great popularity was gone forever. In fact, Bummer should have died sooner: there was a time when his death would have left a lasting legacy of fame to his name. Now, however, he will be forgotten in a few days. Bummer's skin is to be stuffed and placed with that of Lazarus. —Mark Twain

Bummer was also mounted by the taxidermist and placed on display. In 1906, both specimens were donated to the Golden Gate Park museum (now the M. H. de Young Memorial Museum) where they remained in storage until they were destroyed in 1910. On 28 March 1992, a brass plaque commemorating the two dogs was placed at Transamerica Redwood Park, a small park adjacent to the base of the Transamerica Pyramid, the tallest skyscraper in San Francisco.

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NCNC Meeting Schedule (unless otherwise published)
 Board - 10:30 AM ~ Potluck Lunch – 12:00 Noon ~ General Meeting – 1:00 PM
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September 11 & 12, 2010	Water Tests	Del Valle, Livermore, CA	Pam Rubio 408-847-1641 / pamelar@garlic.com
September 18, 2010	Walnut Festival Parade	Walnut Creek, CA	Walt Parsons 925-934-0775 / waltparsons@gmail.com
September 25, 2010	General Meeting	Santa Clara, CA	Mike & Ursula Reyer 408-985-1887 / chnewfs@yahoo.com
October 29, 2010	Regional Specialty	Dixon, CA	Summer Poris 831-338-1101 / jaimesummer@att.net
November 7, 2010	DraftTest (pending approval)	Lagoon Valley, Vacaville	Laura Gallagher (707) 447-9079 / kevaaura@pacbell.net
December 4, 2010	Holiday Parade	Pleasanton, CA	Walt Parsons 925-934-0775 / waltparsons@gmail.com
December 11, 2010	Christmas Party	TBD	TBD
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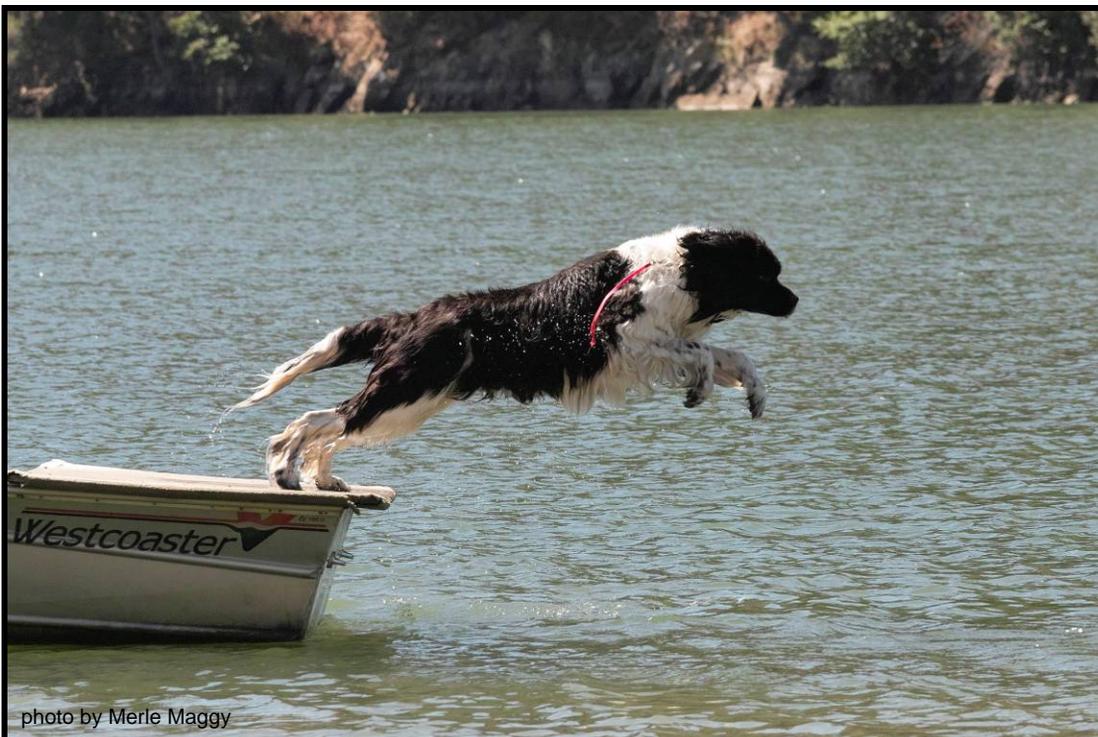


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