



Kisses Abound at NCNC Newfipalooza

The North Central Newfoundland Club hosted Newfiepalooza on October 13, 2024 at the beautiful DC Estate Winery in South Beloit, IL. Over a hundred Newfoundland dogs and their owners came from IA, IL, WI, IN, MI, KS, MO and MN for a day full of fun to raise money for Newfoundland Rescue. It was important to the NCNC Family to help bring awareness to dog understanding dog behavior and educating all owners on identifying signs of anxiety in dogs and to help do

Teach a Dog a Trick session attendees Sue Sentowski and “Mera”. Photo credit: Kristin Julcher

this, every dog was outfitted with a colored bandana to help identify where the dog sits on the sociability scale.

The Newfs were in heaven, enjoying the cool, windy weather and taking part in a jam-packed schedule of education, dog crafts, parades, product vendors, food trucks, games and more. The educational programming was hands-on and included scentwork, trick, health topics and a rescue overview, put on by speakers Sue Sentowski, Danielle Rimkus, Ann Johnson and Mary L Price.

New this year was the Rescue Parade, where we honored all rescue dogs and their owners. After all, rescue is what this fundraising event is all about. Also featured was a rowdy and fun, Working Dog Team Relay, where teams competed to earn points, displaying their prowess in rally, obedience, water work and draft exercises. There was quite a bit of fun competition between the teams as they raced around, impressing the huge group of onlookers with their skills!



Working Dog Team Relay Winners. Photo credit: Kristin Julcher



Official event group photo taken with various participants who wanted to be in photo. Photo credit: Cissy Sullivan CissyPictureThis

There were prizes and smiles galore throughout the day as Newfs got their groom on with ear and foot trims by Kayla Baudhuin and Louis Bertrand, were captured beautifully in photos by Cissy Sullivan and even earned prizes in the Halloween costume parade contest. Volunteers collaborated and came together from multiple regional clubs including NCNC, River King Newfoundland Club, Heart of America Newfoundland Club and beyond to make the event a success.

Highlighting the event were over 50+ raffle baskets up for bid, with all proceeds going to NCNC Rescue. Newfiepalooza 2024 was a resounding success. It was heartwarming to see news of the event spreading and so many Newf owners and prospective owners coming together to celebrate the breed, meet other owners, have fun and raise a record amount of money for NCNC to continue its great work of helping our Newfs in need. It was certainly a special day and NCNC hopes to see the event grow even more in the future!

Rynn Johnson for
North Central Newfoundland Club