

# Newfs Antics By Shelley Millett of New Brunswick

## Living in Canada with Newfoundlands



### In the Beginning: Our First Newfoundland

During our married lifetime already we have had Barney, Sadie, Bogart, Bella, Levi, Khloe and Olivia. All Newfoundland dogs, some mixed, the last three are purebred. Living with a Newfoundland breed is much different than any other I have lived with. They are the most loving breed for those who get to know them. Over the years, we have had the pleasure of being “OWNED” by a “NEWFOUNDLAND”.

You see, when you go and get that beautiful fuzzy puppy that looks like a small bear and you fall in love, and so do they. You become Owned by them. Their intelligence teaches you all their personality antics, and they train you very well. You may think you have it handled and are the pack leader, and have taken them to all the training classes, and spent the time working with them, when in fact as they mature, they indeed are learning all of those things

and all of your weaknesses, and how they can manipulate any situation they want. For example; how many of you can pick up a grown 156 lb Newfoundland off the sidewalk when they decide they are done walking? Or out of a snow bank at 11pm because you want to go to bed, and bring them in from the snow?







We are beyond proud of this little muffin, Daybreaker's Forget Me Not, Khloe. In the last two years she has accomplished becoming a beautiful Grand Champion show dog in Canada, a Certified Child Therapy Dog, has learned to be comfortable pulling a wagon (drafting) and a fabulous big sister to her new sibling. Plus, she has perfect hips and elbows now certified with OFA.



We loved our Newfoundlands and would not trade having them for anything, but I can tell you they are not for everyone. If you insist on your house being clean, your clothes staying neat all the times, or no paw prints on floors, they are not for you. If you do not like drool, they are not for you. If you cannot manage a 200 lb force running from you or coming at you, they are not for you.

**Maritime Assistance Canines**

**Name:** Khloe  
**Breed:** Newfoundland  
**Handler:** Shelley Millett  
Interaction with Children ✓

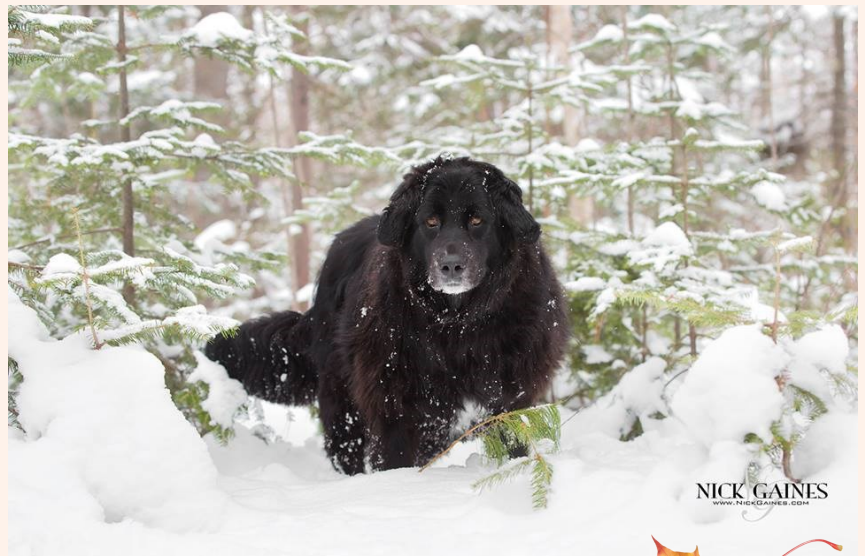
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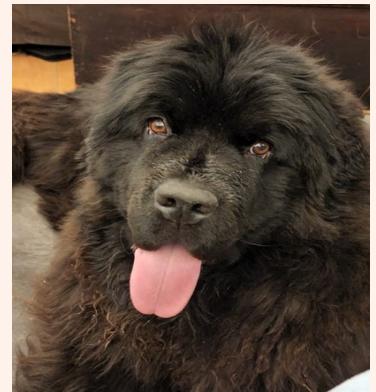
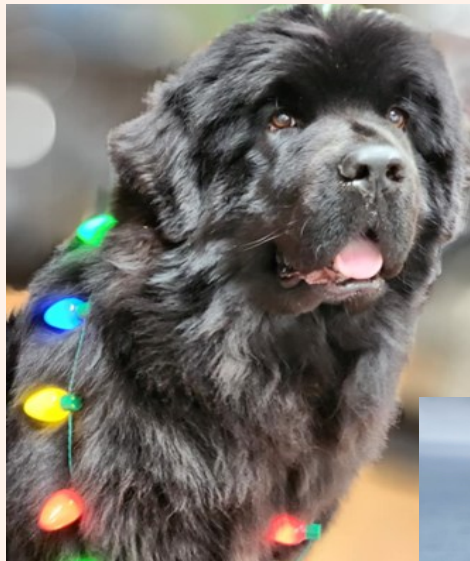
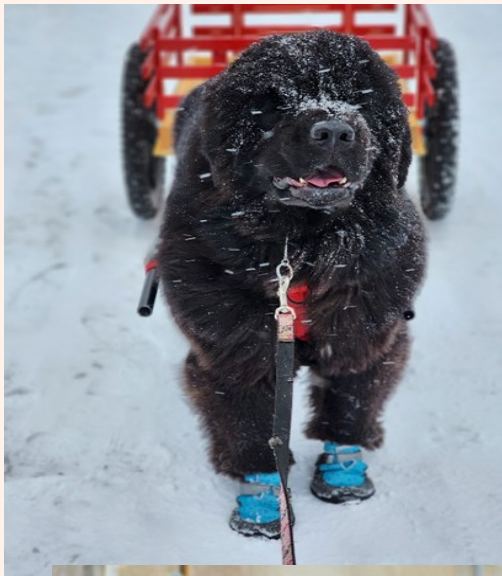


# **The scoop of the day. Why have a Newf? Why did we continue to get them? How much fun can a Newfoundland Dog be?**



However, if you want to be snuggled, kissed and kept company everywhere you go, they are for you. If you need help getting up, they are there for you. But, they do think they are lap dogs and it doesn't matter their size. They love to eat, watch tv, go for walks and explore, swim, and we have one that does Drafting now. (Pulls a wagon). They are part of the working breeds and were designed to be a working dog in the water and on land, and we have tried over the years to accommodate all of those things. Swimming with a Newfoundland can be a challenge if you like the deep end; they feel the need to save you when you are in at your knees or hips. They make great babysitters or guards (LOL) for kids as they don't let them out of their sight.

Our little Newfoundland girl Khloe has earned her Canadian Grand Champion Title in the Conformation Dog Shows, she is also a Certified Child Therapy Dog and is the one who is learning Drafting. She has lots of personality, she loves to play, be the center of attention both in the show ring and at home. She will often spend time bringing you toys, playing with our youngest and teasing the grandkids with toys. She loves going for walks, pulling her wagon and loves being read to while being scratched under the chin or snuggling next to a child who is learning to read. She has been teaching the newest puppy who arrived over Christmas the ropes and has mothered her when needed to comfort her. She loves to travel and has already been halfway around the world as she was born in Poland and lives in Atlantic Canada.



*Farmer Browns, Khloe,  
Fall 2022*







We have learned a lot from our dogs over the years, they are strong, faithful companions who will guard you or the kids with their life. They enjoy life, they like to play, work hard and relax with their family. They may come with a little drool and need to be brushed and fed good food, but it is worth every bit of it when you see the return from them. They have been a long standing breed for many years and are known to be in the war, in water rescue with coast guards all over the world. They have large web feet and droopy jaws to hold the ropes to bring others to safety without drowning.

Ours have filled our lives with joy, made our lives full and taught us patience, love beyond measure, forgiveness, courage and strength to try something new. You see with a Newf, life is never boring.

At 5-months old and they are bringing you the toilet paper from the bathroom that you thought they couldn't reach, or your favorite socks or slippers. They make these nice holes in the yard and then lay on them so you don't see them, however that beautiful brown stuff all over them tends to give it away. At 10 – 12 years old, you are there for them, snuggling them and helping them when they need it.

If they drool, they drool for a reason. It's warm, you have food they want, they are stressed, or just finished a big drink of water. Some are talented enough to fling it as high as the ceiling, where it sticks until you decide to remove it. I feel that all Newfies have the same lovable disposition, wherever they live in the world. Thank you for reading about my Canadian Newfoundlands, who bring our family so much joy.

