

Subject: Statement for the press

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The Newfoundland Dog is universally known in the dog world as the Gentle Giant. In the American Kennel Club standard, sweetness of temperament is the hallmark of this breed.

As the Westminster Kennel Club states, the Newfoundland is a large, strong, active dog equally at home in the water and on land. Her unique gentleness, even temper and devotion make her an ideal companion for child or adult. She impresses the eye with great strength, dignity and pride.

The Newfoundland Club of Seattle, and Newfoundland fanciers across the globe, were shocked and saddened to learn of the heartbreaking shooting death of Rosie a 3 1/2 year old female Newfoundland.

While the club understands that an investigation into the occurrence is underway, we wish to encourage in the strongest possible terms that a thorough and independent review of this event take place, and that measures be put in place to assure the community that in the future their beloved family pets will be dealt with in a humane and professional manner.

We would also like to highlight the senseless tragedies that can occur, when budget cuts force law enforcement to work without 24/7 support from trained Animal Control specialists, and we would encourage every jurisdiction to keep Rosie in mind when making budgetary determinations that can impact the families in our communities, and their pets.

In closing, we would like to quote Lord Byron, who wrote of his beloved Newfoundland Dog, Boatswain, that he possessed:

"Beauty without Vanity,  
Strength without Insolence,  
Courage without Ferocity,  
and all the virtues of Man without his Vices."

Background:

The Newfoundland Dog originated in the Canadian province whose name he bears. Working alongside fishermen, he is a water rescue dog and draft dog. Newfoundland Dogs measure between 25" and 30" tall at the shoulder and generally weigh between 100 and 155 pounds. They love to be near their families, and are usually kept as house dogs. Newfoundland Dogs require regular grooming to keep their double coat from matting. Daily exercise and conditioning will keep a Newfoundland Dog healthy, and care should be taken to avoid obesity.

The Newfoundland Club of Seattle represents over 100 Newfoundland fanciers in Washington State and has been celebrating the unique attributes of the breed in the northwest for over 30 years. NCS is one of 25 Regional Clubs of the Newfoundland Club of America which, since 1930, has served to preserve, protect and promote the Newfoundland Dog.

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