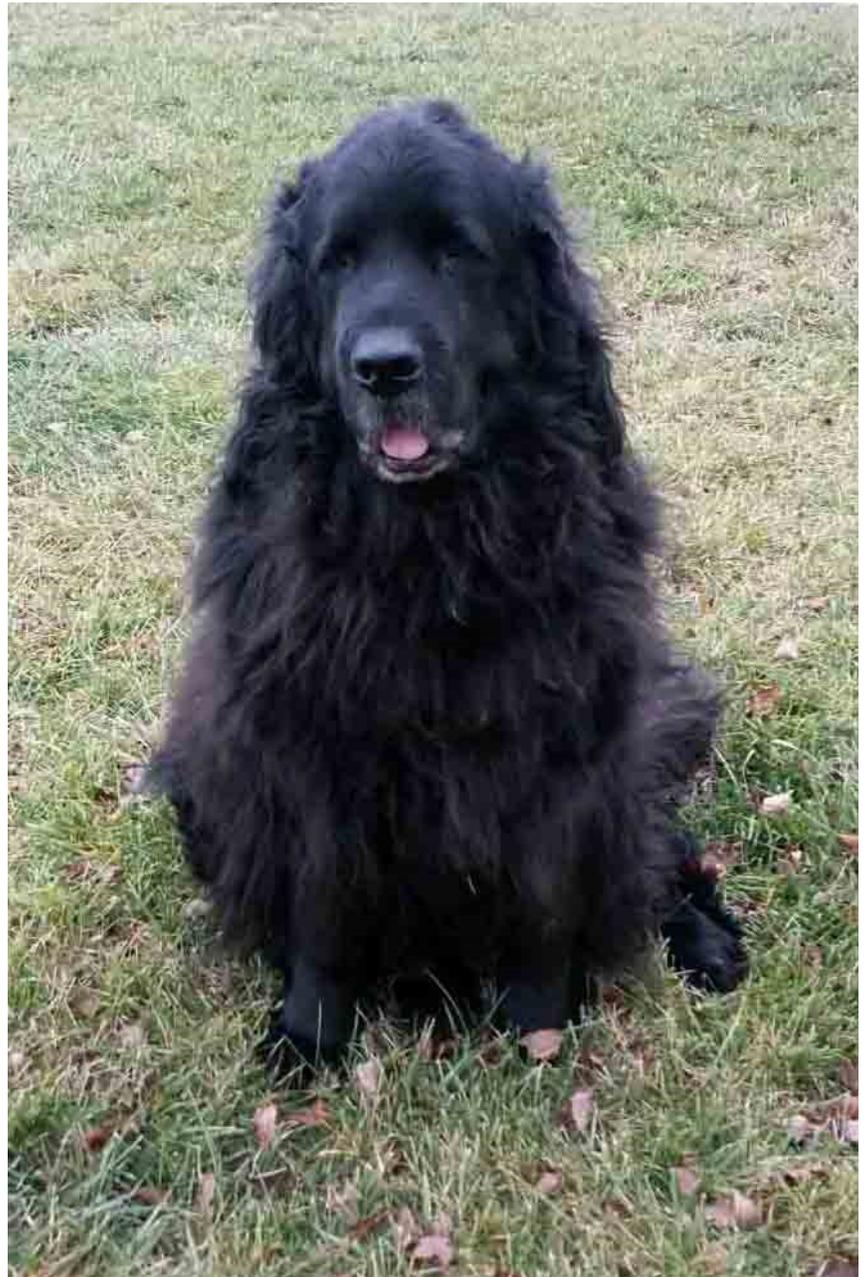


Jett

Once again, Heart of America Newfoundland Rescue has placed a very unusual Newfie, Jett, in our home. We lost our dear Abbie (another Heartland rescue), in May, to heart problems, age 11 1/2 and were looking for another to brighten our lives. Sweet Sly has been with me (another Heartland rescue) for five years, now age 10, with atrial fibrillation, and Daisy Mae (another Heartland rescue) has been with me for 4 1/2 years, now age 12.



Our newest family member is Jett, age 7, whose owner was killed in a car crash. Jett was with 5 other Newfies in that household and they were all adopted immediately, but Jett has ruptured anterior cruciate ligaments in both back legs and finding him an approved home took some time--11 months! To compensate for that lack of strength as he grew, his back developed a pronounced hump. His legs are very wobbly but he runs and plays outside with no difficulty. One can hardly believe that he can run so fast with those legs. He has braces to wear when needed but we hope that day is long off.



The most remarkable attribute about Jett, though, is his size. He stands 32 inches high at the shoulder and the neck and head go up from there. He still startles me at times when he comes up to me unexpectedly and his head is in my arm pit. He has the extra sweet Newfie disposition, fits in the household like he has always lived with us, gets along with Sly and Sadie, and has good manners with his food and guests.

The only challenge he has presented is that if he discovers the front door

open he will take off to the pastures where the cattle are grazing and give them grief. It has only happened once and will not happen again. He has a very regal look the way his head sits on his neck and is very smart. Jett learned my vocabulary and commands with Sly and Daisy immediately. I wish you could see us at bedtime. They will all be sleeping in the family room but when I say, "Let's go to bed, kids," they get up and trot down the hall to the master bedroom to their respective beds. It's really a picture because from the back they look like the three bears Daddy, Mommy and Baby with Jett he largest followed by Sly

and then Daisy.

My home is perfect for him physically because there are no steps anywhere, and all the windows are floor to ceiling so he has wonderful views. We were afraid my slate floors would be too difficult for him, but he has no problem with them. Jett is a happy camper living with his own pack again and we are so grateful to Heart of America Rescue for choosing us to give him his forever home. Jett and I are also grateful to Kim, his foster mother, and Jocelyn for believing we would be a good fit for him.



