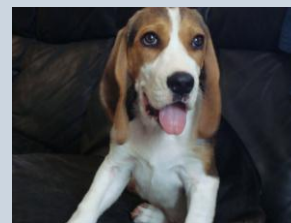


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Irish Setters by Daria Olko



**Join us for
"Lawmaker -
Pawmaker" Day,
March 27, 2012**

See page 2 for details!

A Special Message from Us

Happy New Year from the Federation of Maine Dog Clubs!

Many positive changes took place in Maine's animal welfare community in 2011. We're excited to work with our delegates and lawmakers in 2012 to build on our success. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us on March 27, 2012 for a very special event in Augusta. See page 2 for more details.

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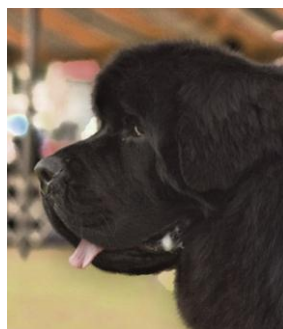
FMDC Gets Generous Gift

A generous donation from a regional New England organization "to help with your efforts in ensuring that purebred dog ownership remains available to everyone" thrilled FMDC president Nancy Daniels recently.

"I'm so grateful folks are paying attention to our efforts in Maine and coming forward to support us. This is just wonderful!"

In a November 16th letter to FMDC, the Newfoundland Club of New England,

study, breeding, exhibiting, and advancement of purebred dogs, the American Kennel Club represents more than 5,100 dog clubs nationally, including 33 clubs in the state of Maine.



Inc. wrote, "In a recent Board of Directors meeting the Newfoundland Club of New England authorized the enclosed check."

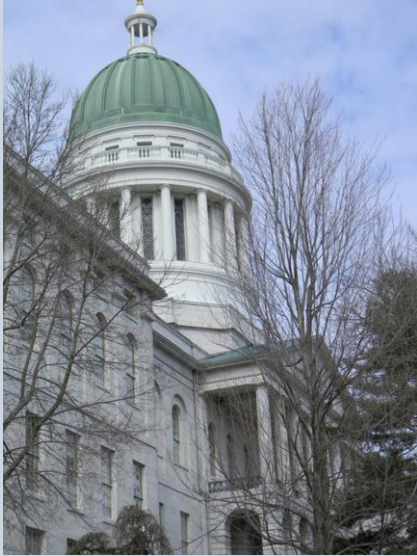
The donation will be used in part for FMDC's 4th Annual "Lawmaker-Pawmaker" Day on March 27, 2012.

A wonderful gift! Thank you!

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The Samoyed breed is known for its smiles! Photo Jet Clough.



Maine's State House in Augusta.

“Lawmaker-Pawmaker” Day March 27, 2012

Please join us for a very special event on Tuesday, March 27, 2012 in the State House in Augusta.

The 4th Annual “Lawmaker-Pawmaker” Day will kick off with a continental breakfast at 8:00 am. A press conference, a guest speaker, and a special presentation will round out the day by 1:00 pm.

Make sure your Maine dog club is represented at this special event bringing Maine’s lawmakers face-to-face with Maine’s dog breeders. Take part in this exciting and fun public education event and satisfy AKC requirements for your club at the same time!

Space is limited. Maine state law limits the number of tables allowed in the historic Hall of Flags to 15.

Please contact FMDC secretary Jay Kitchener at jay.kitchener@yahoo.com to reserve your table today.

FMDC Breeder & Rescue Directory

It’s time to renew your Breeder and Rescue listing, and it’s online!

Please visit our website at www.fedmedogclubs.org to print your paperwork, and send it in. It’s that easy!



Animal Welfare Advisory Council

Maine’s Animal Welfare Advisory Council is a rare breed. Created in 1991 together with Maine’s Animal Welfare Program, no other New England state has this level of government dedicated to influencing public policy for animals.

The Animal Welfare Advisory Council consists of 14 members appointed by the Governor.

Several seats are currently vacant including representatives for municipalities, boarding kennel license holders, and licensed pet shops.

The next AWAC meeting will be February 16, 2012 in Augusta. Meetings are open to the public.

Please visit www.maine.gov for more information.



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**Dogs aren't our whole
lives, but they make
our lives whole.**

Roger Caras

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