

Dog owners introduce their Newfoundland dogs to the crowd during Seaman's Day. More photos of Seaman's Day online at www.dailyastorian.com

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Newfoundlands in history

Sally Freeman, who works at the park, led the afternoon filled with history about Seaman's life. Freeman explained how Lewis' journals went in-depth about different ways Seaman hunted, herded and even acted as a diplomat while impressing parties that the expedition met along the way.

Today, a lot Newfoundlands are trained for water rescue as they have evolved to be great swimmers. "See here," Freeman said, pointing at one of the dog's paws, "they don't have big spaces like we do, they have webbed feet."



Danny Miller/The Daily Astorian Elise DeChaine Ghiglieri feeds treats to Newfoundland dogs during Seaman's Day.



Danny Miller/The Daily Astorian Ghallagher, a Newfoundland from Portland, rests during Seaman's Day on Wednesday at Fort Clatsop. day, each of the dogs still flopped down or dug at the bark in search of a cooler surface.

"I don't know where he learned this, but Wookie will get in the bathtub and bark until someone brings him a bucket of ice. Then he rolls around in it," said Jill Boivin, Ben's mother.

Part of the family

Each handler had a story about an eaten television remote or their pet escaping, but ultimately said what great companions they make.

"They are very peaceful, calming creatures," said Forgey.

Returning visitors and new faces

Some of the crowd happened across Seaman's Day unknowingly when they came to see Fort Clatsop. Others, like Girl Scout Troop 10131, made the trip specifically for the event. The park had a kid's section where young visitors dressed like dogs with face painting and floppy paper ears.

Zoey Koehler was one of the young attendees with the scouts on a trip from Siletz. The group timed the trip so they could get their Lewis and Clark badges and see the big dogs. "They're huge! But so nice," said Koehler. The 8-year-old doesn't have any dogs of her own, but said seeing the Newfoundlands

e was one of her favorite parts e of the trip.

Big dogs and big messes

One of Pete Forgey's three Newfoundlands, Buddy, is almost 10 years old and the mascot at Lewis & Clark College in Portland.

"There's a couple of drawbacks. If you are a meticulous housecleaner, it's not gonna work," Forgey said of tending to the dogs. Forgey is always cleaning up fur. "I groom him about 15 to 20 minutes a day and then take him to get a bath once a week," he said of Buddy.

Pointing at the Fort, he said, "He could throw drool onto the roof there."

"Nothing is unwashable," Elise DeChaine Ghiglieri said while wiping drool from her pant leg. Like most of the handlers at the Fort, she carried a towel to catch the salivary chains coming from her dog's mouth. "If it isn't, I Forgey. don't own it." Asid

Her dog, Ghallager, weighs almost 160 pounds and had two large trails of drool hanging off his mouth as he smiled at the crowd.

The thick fur on Newfoundlands would have been beneficial for the harsh winters Lewis and Clark faced, but can make living in warmer climates difficult. While clouds provided an overcast cover on WednesAside from occasionally demanding an ice bath and being mistaken for a bear, Wookie has not been a problematic part of the Boivin family.

"He escaped one night and a woman saw him in the street and called 911 reporting that he was a bear," Ben Boivin said. "Thankfully my dad spotted Wookie and was able to run out and explain that he was a just a dog."

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Corp., which hopes to open a Mo's Restaurant there.

Some community members, concerned about parking issues and the possibility of more competition hurting smaller restaurants, have flinched at the thought of the Mo's chain moving into downtown Astoria. Others are welcoming the enterprise as a promising economic driver.

A Planning Commission hearing on the family-owned seafood company's conditional use permit is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Aug. 2 at City Hall, Community Development Director Kevin Cronin confirmed.

"I have no one-way-orthe-other on Mo's. It's irrelevant to me," Tuter said. But the Englunds have been "great people and really easy to work with, and we've appreciated the time we've had in their facility, that's for sure. It's been good to us."

'Not a new rodeo'

Astoria Vintage Hardware, which refurbishes and resells

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Paul Tuter co-owner of Vintage Hardware

antique pieces of furniture and architecture, moved into the Englund building Mother's Day weekend of 2014. The Bargains Galore space will be the shop's fifth home in eight years.

"This is not a new rodeo for us; we've done this before," Johnson said.

Though she and Tuter weren't looking forward to moving again, they will have a long-term lease with Brugh. Johnson said the new space will meet all of the shop's needs.

"Even though it's smaller than what we have currently, we will be able to work within the boundaries, the square footage," Johnson said.

Because the site lies between Marine Drive and the

Astoria Riverwalk, the hardware store will have similar visibility.

Astoria Vintage Hardware will likely move in increments over the next 2 1/2 months, Johnson said. There's a sign-up sheet at the business for people to write down how they can help.

After word got out that the store faced eviction, the community stepped up to offer leads and suggestions. "Everyone has been so amazing and helpful," Johnson said.

The Daily Astorian spoke with Brugh, but he declined to speak on the record.

"We've been doing everything that we can to try to find a place," Tuter said. "And, unexpectedly, it walked in the front door."



People walk past Bargains Galore on Wednesday in Astoria. Bargains Galore, located at 1162 Marine Drive, will be the new location of Astoria Vintage Hardware.

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