

2023 PWDCC Water Trial Premium

Portuguese Water Dog Club of Canada

in conjunction with

Alberta Portuguese Water Dog Club

Dickson Point in the Glennifer Reservoir Provincial Recreation Area, Alberta



3 - One Day Trials August 11-13, 2023

Trial entries are limited to either 35 teams per day, or the maximum time allotted as per the PWDCC Guidelines depending upon entries received. There are no limits on the number of teams in each level, rather, entries will be accepted until either 35 Teams or 7 hours of Judging have been reached. There will be no same day move ups unless space and time allows.

Entries must be received on this [2023 PWDCC Water Trial Premium in Conjunction With APWDC - Google Forms](#) Late, and day of trial entries will be accepted space permitting by form, with e-transfer or cash only as payment options.

Please note: All competitors are expected to participate in either the set up or the clean up of the trial

Entries will open June 15, 2023 12:00pm MST

The closing date is July 24th, 2023 @ 9 pm MST

Only entries received by the closing date will be included in the catalogue. This trial is being held under Portuguese Water Dog Club of Canada Rules and Regulations.

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WATER JUDGE

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2023 Water Trial Schedule 3 trials

Friday August 11th, 2023 Trial #1

9:00 - 12:00 Scheduled Warm Ups
11:30-12:00 Equipment Check In
12:00-12:30 General briefings/ Judge's Briefings

13:00-16:00 Working & Courier

** unofficial Veterans Class** post courier

Saturday August 12, 2023 Trial #2

08:30 Equipment Check In & General Briefing /Judge's Briefings

09:00 1st Dog - Junior

Classes will run JWD, AWD< Courier & MWD (no WWD)

Potluck dinner to start 1/2 hr after trial completed

Sunday August 13, 2023 Trial #3

08:00 Equipment Check in

08:30 Judge's briefing

09:00 1st Dog - Masters

Classes will run MWD. WWD, AWD, & JWD (no courier)

Site pack up will occur immediately following the presentation of the ribbons

Times are subject to change based on the number of entries. There will be only one equipment check in time in the morning.

Start times will be forwarded to exhibitors by email

Entry Fees:

\$55 - regular entry for JWD, AWD, WWD, CWD & MWD

\$25 - senior challenge

\$70- Entries received after closing date

\$70 - Same day move ups

\$10 - Warm-ups - Friday Aug 11, 2023

Notice to Exhibitors

Judging will proceed in catalogue order. Any exhibitor missing their assigned order will be allowed to participate at the judge's discretion after all other dogs have been judged. A lunch break and other breaks will be scheduled at the judge's discretion. Below are levels being offered, please refer to registration form for exact test days.

For reference the typical times per dog are:

- Junior: 10 minutes each
- Apprentice: 15 minutes each
- Working: 15 minutes each
- Courier: 20 minutes each
- Masters: 20 minutes each

Please ensure that you are ready to begin your three minute warm-up when the dog proceeding exits the ring.

EQUIPMENT CHECK-IN

The equipment check-in time will be provided to exhibitors along with the trial start time after entries close. Please get your equipment checked in as soon as possible. Please ensure that you bring all of the articles required for your level including your dog's harness and the handler's and steward's lifejacket and footwear.

All exhibitors and substitute stewards are required to wear CSA/USCG approved life vests and closed-toe footwear. No Exceptions.

Exhibitor numbers will be handed out by the equipment check-in steward after the equipment has been approved.

WHAT TO BRING

Crates and/or x-pens as you will not be permitted to leave dogs in the parking lot.

Towels for you and your dog, shade tents (Staked or weighted), rain gear, drinking water, etc. etc.

All required water trial equipment, including approved life vest and closed toe shoes.

**** Please note there is NO POTABLE water at the site**** Ensure you bring enough for you and your dog for the entire day

UNOFFICIAL SENIOR CHALLENGE

We are excited to offer an unofficial class of Seniors on Friday August 11th after the official trial has been completed. This class is open to all seniors 9 years and over and will consist of 4 exercises listed in the detailed information at the end of the premium. **Our judge for the event will be ? from ??**

TEST SITE

The test areas will be clearly marked, as well as areas for spectators, crating of dogs, and practice or warm up areas.

Please help to ensure that all competing teams have the best opportunity for success by remaining quiet and still while teams are being tested.

To be fair to all teams, during the trial other than the permitted 3 minute warm up period in the test area, no warm ups or swimming of dogs shall take place WITHIN SIGHT of the test area.

Dogs in the spectator area must be on leash or crated and controlled at all times.

Only the dog actively working will be allowed in the test area. During warm ups only the dog working shall be within the test area or the buffer space.

Dogs should not be in the vicinity of the judges table or the entry/exit gate of the ring.

MOVE UPS

Those teams earning a title and wishing to move up should see the Trial Secretary as soon as the first title is earned. Same day move-ups are at the discretion of the Judge and as time and numbers allow.

Same day move-ups will not be allowed on Sunday.

ENTRIES

We are pleased to offer this [2023 PWDCC Water Trial Premium in Conjunction With APWDC - Google Forms](#) entry only. Payment can be made by e transfer, cheque or money order. eTransfer is preferred.

WAIT LIST: If entries exceed all available time a wait list will be regular entries a priority followed by non-regular entries and FEO entries.”

VOLUNTEER COMMITMENT

If you are trialing a dog, it is expected that you commit to volunteering for one class each trial. We are only able to host trials when we have enough volunteers to help. Please indicate your availability and preferred volunteer position on your entry form. Entry forms with no volunteer commitment will not be processed.

IMPORTANT NOTICES

1. Be sure to read and sign the waiver on the entry form.
2. Entries must be made on the online form provided, & payment must be received within 24hrs of registration, otherwise registration will be considered not complete. If you are having problems with the entry form, please contact Trial Secretary. If you are mailing in your payment, please indicate that on your entry form under "amount being sent ". Payment not received in 7 days via post will be considered incomplete
3. Entries will be accepted on a date received first come basis. Entries will close when the limits are reached, even if this occurs before the closing date.
4. Entries will be accepted after the closing date if space is available, but may not be cancelled, altered, or substituted after the closing date. The club assumes no responsibility for wrong or incomplete information on the entry forms.

5. No refunds for entry fees will be given past the closing date. Entry fees shall not be refunded in the event of a dog being absent, disqualified, excused, or barred from competition by action of the trial committee or judge, or because it has been entered incorrectly. Bitches in season will be allowed to compete at the end of the trial regardless of level.
6. Returned cheques do not constitute a valid entry fee.
7. U.S. funds accepted at par.
8. A confirmation of entries will be sent including a judging program via email to the party/address designated on the entry form.
9. Dogs must have reached the age of 6 months old on the day of Trial to be eligible to compete in Junior water dog level, and one year of age to enter the Apprentice level unless he/she has successfully passed the Junior level.
10. Handlers must be at least 9 years old on the day of the Trial to be eligible to complete. Parents or Guardians of Handlers or other participants under 18 years old must co-sign the Entry Form and be in attendance at the site with anyone under 18 year old.
11. All persons in or near the water must wear a CSA/USCG approved life vest and protective footwear. No Exceptions.
12. Substitute Stewards may perform any or all the functions otherwise assigned to a steward during a handler's test, provided the individual has trained with the handler and dog before the trial. A substitute steward should be named in the handler's official entry, or at the discretion of the Judge and/or Trial Secretary, may be approved on the day of the trial no later than the end of the Judge's briefing for the test level that the handler is competing in. The substitute steward must sign an official entry form including the Waiver/Indemnification/Release.
13. Multiple entries for the same dog will be allowed at the trial. A dog may enter both Junior & Apprentice; or WWD & CWD for dogs that have already earned WWD but not WWDX.
14. A dog must have an Apprentice Water Dog (AWD) title to enter the Working Water Dog (WWD) level; a Working Water Dog title to enter the Courier Water Dog (CWD) level; A CWDX title to enter Versatility. A Junior Water Dog Certificate is NOT required to enter AWD level, but see #9
15. Substitute Stewards shall be responsible for knowledge of the Water Trial Rules and Guidelines and shall obey the Trial Judge.

16. Move-ups before the Trial: Regular and non-regular entries may move up to a higher test level, if eligible, by notifying the Trial Secretary before the Trial begins.
17. Successful teams will be allowed to move up to the next trial level (Saturday only) after receiving consent from the Trial Judge and the Trial Secretary and paying the appropriate fees. The fee for same day move-up is \$70.00. Only cash or e-transfer will be accepted.
18. On Friday August 11th, 2023 there will be an opportunity for registered trial participants to practice from 9-12pm. Grounds will not be available after 4pm on Thursday August 10th. No team may be in the test area after it is set-up, to practice or for any reason, whether it is on the day of the trial or the day before.
19. Dogs not being tested must be quietly controlled in the designated areas.
20. You are responsible for cleaning up after your dogs and yourself. All trash must be removed from the site. There are receptacles available.
21. There will be toilets (non flushing)and changing space for participants. Bring all items necessary for your personal comfort and that of your dogs. There is no concession on site and no potable water. Please ensure you bring enough for you and your dog.
22. There may be other dogs and people not associated with our event at the campground during our trial, so please be considerate.
23. All rights to video tape, televise, advertise, photograph, promote or otherwise exploit this event are vested in the host club. All persons and animals in attendance who appear in any resultant effort grant the use of their likeness and voice without further consent.
24. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to let the show chairperson know that he/she does not wish to be included in any photos.

PLEASE PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOG

Water Trial Location, Directions and General Information

Directions to Trial Site from Edmonton, AB:

Take AB-Hwy 2S

Take exit 401 hwy11W toward Rocky Mountain House

Keep right at fork, follow signs and merge onto AB-11W

Turn left onto AB781-S (signs for Innisfail)

Turn right onto AB-54W

Turn left (south) onto Range Rd 31

Go straight south to Dickson, AB

At the end of the pavement turn left onto Dickson Point

Follow road past campgrounds, turn right , go past trout pond to parking lot. Trial will be across grassy area.

Directions to trial site from Calgary AB:

Take AB-Hwy2- N

Take exit 365 toward AB 54W

Turn left (south) onto Range Rd 31

Go straight south through Dickson AB

At the end of the pavement turn left onto Dickson Point

Follow road past campgrounds, turn right , go past trout pond to parking lot. Trial will be across grassy area.

Camping: There are un-serviced campsites available at Dickson Point on a first come first serve basis. For other camping options:

<http://www.campscout.com/town/AB0056/>

Motel 6 "Recommended Hotel"

4512 42nd Avenue

Innisfail, AB T4G 1P6

(403) 227-2214

It is a newly renovated property with pet friendly rooms. Rooms feature eco- friendly laminate floors which are water proof and easily cleaned, and sanitized. The property offers free continental breakfast, free wifi, and upgraded channel listings on tv's. They have a vending area, guest laundry, and a work out area. No Pet Fee. There is no extra charge for pets, and we limit the pets to 2 per room unless approved by management.

Other Hotel Options in Innisfail

Best Western 1800-780-7234 \$20.00 Pet Fee

Super 8 1 (403) 227-6001 Pet Fee \$15 per dog

Unofficial Senior Challenge: Rules

Do you have a senior PWD that loves to work in the water but is now unable to compete? Then the APWDC Club Unofficial Senior Water Dog Challenge the perfect event for the two of you!

The challenge consists of four exercises that are based on the traditional PWDCC Water Trial exercises that have been modified to accommodate older dogs that may not have the jumping ability nor the stamina of their younger years. This class is open to all seniors years and over and will consist of 4 exercises listed in the detailed information below. **Our judge for the event will be ?? from ??**

The exercises are as follows and there will be a 1 minute warm up allotted for each entry:

1. Dummy throw – dog and handler stand behind the 3' line, dog is at the handler's side, under control Handler may not hold onto dog at this time. At the judge's direction, the handler throws dummy 35-50' into water. Upon judge's direction, the handler sends dog to retrieve dummy. Dog delivers dummy to the handler's hand after crossing the 3' line. The dog/handler have 2 minutes to complete the exercise.
2. Underwater retrieve – (same as AWD exercise) - The handler and dog enter the water to a depth of water that will allow the dog to complete the task as required. The dog must be at the handler's side (either side), facing the same direction as the handler. Dog and handler will be parallel to shore. The area from the dog's head to the dog's shoulder shall be approximately in line with the handler's hip. On the judge's signal, the handler drops the object in the water at arms length in front of the dog and parallel to shore. The object must sink immediately. As soon as the object sinks, and without further direction from the judge, the handler sends the dog and the dog retrieves the object and delivers it to hand above the surface of the water. The dog/handler have 1 minute to complete the exercise.
3. Gear Bag retrieve –(same as WWD exercise) - On the judge's signal the steward will, in full view of the handler, quietly place the gear bag on land 25' feet away from the team, and move out of the immediate area. On the judge's signal, the handler will send the dog to retrieve the gear bag. The dog may pull or carry the bag, but must deliver it to the handler's hand. The exercise ends with the delivery of the gear bag. The dog/handler have 1 minute to complete the exercise. The dog should be alongside the handler, under control before being sent to retrieve the gear bag. The dog does not need to sit. The gear bag may contain items or be empty.

4. Double Directed Retrieve – Dog and handler remain on the shore while the steward boat rows out to the 50' line in the center of the two markers with the two dummies. Upon the judge's direction, the steward in the boat will throw the dummies in the order decided by the judge. The dummies will be thrown towards shore approximately halfway between the marker and the shoreline. Upon the judge's direction, the handler will send the dog to the first dummy. The handler may then wade out to take delivery of the first dummy at the dog's swimming depth. Once the first dummy is received to hand, the handler will send the dog to the second dummy. The handler may stay in the water or return to shore to receive the second dummy to hand. The exercise is complete once the second dummy is delivered to hand. The dog/handler have 3 minutes to complete the exercise.

***** DISCLAIMERS *****

- This is not a titling nor certificate event for the PWDCC.
- This event is for all Senior PWD's that are unable to compete with the traditional exercises in PWDCC water work. Dogs entered in this event may NOT be entered in the sanctioned water trial.
- The usual equipment regulations will apply (gear, lifejacket, closed toe shoes, dog harness). Dogs may wear a floatation device.
- Senior PWDs must be 9 years of age or older.
- All dogs and their handlers should be prepared to have FUN and enjoy some time together in the water!