

2023 PWD Jamboree

Hosted by: Movers & Shakers Portuguese Water Dog
Club of the Carolinas

Two Days of Water Trial Events:
Friday, October 20th & Sunday, October 22nd

Lake Keowee
High Falls County Park
671 High Falls County Park Rd
Seneca, SC



Judges:

John Brock – Cumming, GA
(John Ellery – Provisional)

Alan Reisdorf – Athens, GA

Entries Open ONLINE ONLY at PERFDOG
Tuesday, August 15th, 2023, at 8:00 am EDT
Method of Entry is First Received

Entries Close: Monday, October 2nd, 2023, at 5:00pm EDT
Entry Limits: 35 Dogs or 8 hours of judging whichever is greater per Judge

Day of Trial Entries will be accepted if space is available.
Priority will be given to Regular Entries.

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Movers & Shakers Water Trial Host Committee

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| Trial Co-Chairs | Martha Ruskai / Kent Nelson |
| Trial Secretary | Colleen Bragg |
| Chief Ring Stewards | Jeremy Bragg / Kim Kluckman |
| Equipment Manager | Irv Smith |

Movers & Shakers Club Officers

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| President | Beth Mercier |
| Vice-President | Toni McHugh |
| Secretary | Kim Kluckman |
| Treasurer | Beth Dixon |
| Directors | Marcia Bingham Maggie Martin Ken Melson Nancy Nelson Jennifer Wenk |

PWDCA Officers & Board Members

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| President | Scott A. Henley |
| Vice President | Milan Lint |
| Recording Secretary | Elaine Suter |
| Corresponding Secretary | Melina Harvey |
| Treasurer | Annie Smith-Jones |
| Directors | Margaret (Meg) DeFore Martha Thomas Julie Parker Laura Taft Mary Beth (Betsy) Turner |

Trial Questions

General Questions:

Martha Ruskai, Trial Chair, martharrnc@msn.com or 336-287-6922 (text, if possible, just tell me who you are)

Kent Nelson, Trial Co-chair DiamondLake@mich.com

Entry Questions: Colleen Bragg, Trial Secretary, ptolemyk9@gmail.com or 304-389-5126 (text, if possible, just tell me who you are)

Trial Information

Entries Open: 8:00am EDT, Tuesday, August 15th, 2023, **ON-LINE ONLY** at PerfDog.com .

Method of Entry is First Received! Entries prior to the Opening date and time WILL NOT be accepted.

Entry Cost: \$45 (includes \$3 PerfDog non-refundable service fee)

Entries Close: 5:00pm EDT, Monday October 2nd, 2023

Entry Limits: 35 Entries or 8 hours of judging per day

Trial Secretary

Colleen Bragg – ptolemyk9@gmail.com

- If on site, please text 304-389-5126, just tell me who you are.

Trial Location

High Falls County Park
671 High Falls Rd
Seneca, SC

Judges

John Brock – Cummings, GA
(John Ellery – Provisional)

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Judging Times

Judges' briefing will begin at 7:45am and 8:00am each day, staggered by trial site which is to be determined. Lunch and other breaks will be at the discretion of the judges.

As a guide, the following are time estimates for each level:

Junior – 10 minutes

Apprentice - 15 minutes

Working - 15 minutes

Courier - 20 minutes

Masters - 20 minutes

Lodging

Please see pwdjamboree.org/lodging/ for lodging options.

Meals

Lunch food truck will be on site each day during lunch time, Welcome Dinner & Meet the Judges & OHA Friends Dinner will be on Friday night, and an Awards Banquet Dinner will be on Saturday night.

Please go to pwdjamboree.org/meals/ for more information on Meals.

Photographer

Frederick Choi will serve as the official PWD Jamboree Photographer. Please sign up online at pwdjamboree.org

Running Order

The running order for participants in each level will be determined by lottery, except for bitches in season (please see bitches in season section). A judging program will be e-mailed to participants after the closing date. Order of judging each level will be: Masters → Junior on Friday and Junior → Masters on Sunday. This is subject to change depending on entries received.

Equipment Check-In

Check-In will be available Thursday, October 19th from 9:00am – 3:00pm. Please get your equipment checked as soon as possible!!!

Equipment Check-in Day of trials will be 7:30am – 10:00am.

You cannot check in with the Trial Secretary for your number until your equipment has been checked!

Practice Day

The trial sites will be available for practice in 10-minute increments only for dogs entered in the Jamboree Trials. Starting at 8:00am on Thursday, October 19th, 2023. A JotForm will be sent to participants prior to the event for signups.

Practice will **end PROMPTLY at 3:30 pm** for site set up. Please be courteous to your fellow exhibitors by volunteering to land steward, boat steward, or row for other teams during this time.

There will also be a full-time practice site with a boat available to exhibitors during the trials around the corner from the Trial Site. This is a “practice at your own risk” site. There are no rowers or stewards provided. Off leash trained dogs may be off leash at this site, however it is recommended to use a floating/water safe long line for questionable dogs.

Trial Site

The test areas will be clearly marked, as well as crating, spectator, parking, and practice areas. Only dogs actively being judged are allowed in the test areas. Dogs are required to be on leash unless they are being judged or in a designated "off-leash" area. Retractable/flexi leash are not permitted on show grounds for safety reasons.

Volunteers

Our trials cannot be successful without volunteers. All experience levels are welcome and needed. If you can volunteer, or would like to learn, please complete the [Volunteer Form](#).

New this year, all Volunteers MUST also complete the Participate Agreement, if the volunteer is not otherwise exhibiting their dog in the Water Trials. This can be found in the "Extras" section of PerfDog at no cost to the individual volunteer.

For more information regarding volunteering, please contact Jeremy Bragg at couzen@gmail.com.

Veterinarians

Walhalla Veterinary Clinic 314 Highway 11
South, West Union, SC Hours: M-F 8:00am-
5:30pm; Saturday 8:30am – Noon

Emergency Veterinarian
Upstate Vet Emergency, Greenville, SC,
Open 24 Hours

Notice to Exhibitors

The water trials will be held in accordance with the provisions of the PWDCA Water Trial Manual, 2023 edition. Copies of the manual may be downloaded free of charge from the PWDCA Website (www.pwdca.org)

Eligibility

The minimum age of handlers is 9 years old. Participants under 18 years of age must have a parent or legal guardian present at the trial site while they participate. The minimum age of dogs is six months old. Dogs six months old, but under one year old must earn a Junior Certificate before entering at the Apprentice level.

A dog may only be entered and exhibited once at any test level each day. A dog must have an Apprentice Water Dog (AWD) title to enter the Working Water Dog (WWD) level, a WWD title to enter the Courier Water Dog (CWD) level, and a Courier Water Dog Excellent (CWDX) title to enter the Master Water Dog level. A Junior Water Dog Certificate is NOT required to enter the AWD level provided the dog is over one year of age.

An owner or handler must notify the Trial Secretary if a dog earns a water title or certificate after the dog has entered this water trial.

Acceptance of Entries – Fees, Opening Date, Closing Date

ENTRIES WILL **ONLY** BE ACCEPTED ON-LINE AT PerfDog.com. Please create a PerfDog account prior to entering your dog!!! If you need assistance in completing the on-line entry,

please contact Colleen Bragg at ptolemyk9@gmail.com or 304-389-5126. Perfdog.com/help is also a great resource.

- Entries OPEN on Tuesday, August 15th, 2023, at 8:00am EDT
- Only properly completed entries will be accepted
- A dog may only compete ONCE per trial day
- Entry fee is \$45 per entry. This includes the \$3 PerfDog service fee that is paid by the exhibitor

Properly complete entries will be accepted in the order they are received up to 35 entries or 8 hours of judging time per judge whichever is greater. The host club has the right to refuse any entry for any cause they deem sufficient.

Entries Close: Monday, October 2nd, 2023, 5:00 EDT. Entries MAY NOT be accepted, changed, or substituted after this time. All acceptable entries must be received by this date and time.

Wait List

After 35 entries or 8 hours of judging per judge per day is reached, a wait list will be created by 'first received'. Entries will be moved off the wait list, in the order they were received, if space becomes available. If a space is available, the Trial Secretary will notify the competitor by email, through PerfDog of the available space. **The competitor has 48 hours to accept and pay for the space to be accepted into the Trial.** If the space is not accepted and paid for within 48 hours of the notice, the space will no longer be available to the competitor and the space will be offered to the next competitor.

PLEASE MAKE SURE support@perfdog.com is in your address book to ensure you get trial important communications in your e-mail!

Refunds

Prior to close of entry: Entries and activities may be cancelled or changed online prior to the close of entry, with refunds (less the PerfDog Process Fees) available to keep as PerfDog credit or refund to Credit Card.

After close of entry: Entries and activities may be cancelled after the closing entry, with a refund available, (less the PerfDog Processing Fees) provided the space can be filled by a team on the waiting list.

Entry and activity fees shall not be refunded if the dog is absent, excused by a veterinarian or judge, or barred from competition by the action by the Trial Committee.

Please contact the Trial Secretary if you need to cancel your entry, so the next person on the waiting list may be offered your space. Contact the Trial Secretary with any other changes that need to be made to your entry after the closing date.

Bitches in Season

Bitches in season will be judged after **all** other canines have been judged for the Trial (this means both sites if there are more than one trial site). The owner or handler of any such bitch must notify the Trial Secretary of the bitch's condition **before** the start of the day's judging. Handlers may not bring bitches in season to the test area or the surrounding area until they are instructed to do so by the Judge or the judge's designee. During the Thursday practice day, please notify the Practice Coordinator before bringing your bitch into the practice area. The same procedure will be followed for the practice day as for the trials.

Non-Regular Entries

As per the 2014 changes to the PWDCA Water Trial Manual, a dog may enter as a non-regular entry at the same level that he or she has previously earned a title.

Exhibition Only entries will be accepted if the trial does not fill with regular entries. A dog may not be entered as both a regular and exhibition one in the same trial. Post entries including day of trial move-ups by teams who have qualified at their regular test levels, will be accepted up to the previously stated judging limits.

Move Ups (Change of Entry Level)

A regular entry may be moved to a higher test level, or down to Working from Courier or Master, before trial if the dog is eligible for the level change. The Trial Secretary must be notified in writing by filling out a Change of Entry Level form (available at the Trial Secretary's table) no later than one-half hour before judging begins that day.

A regular entry may also be "scratched" for the next day. It is a courtesy to let the trial secretary know that you will not be exhibiting your dog in upcoming trials.

Substitute Stewards

A handler may use his or her own substitute steward. The substitute steward **must** be named and sign the entry form. Substitute stewards must be familiar with the Water Trial Manual and must conduct themselves according to the applicable provisions of the Manual. Request for a change of steward must be made before the start of judging of that level and must be approved by the Trial Secretary and the Judge.

Equipment

Handlers may use their own equipment, if approved, after inspection by the club or judge's designee. Movers & Shakers will provide equipment for use by exhibitors if needed.

Life Vests & Footwear

Handler and stewards, while in the test area must wear a USCG approved type I, II, or III life vest. If the life vest is inflatable, it must be inflated. Closed-toe protective footwear is required to be worn.

Dogs on Leash

Dogs must be kept on leash, or confined in crates, at all times when not being judged. Please ensure crates are in the shade, or under a tent, with adequate ventilation and adequate water.

Dogs are allowed off leash in the "off-leash" play yard with previously agreed upon other dogs or housemates. Flexi/Retractable leashes are NOT permitted on show/trial grounds.

Inclement Weather Policy

If there is lightning and/or thunder during the trial, teams will be required to leave the water. This will be at the sole discretion of the judge. Resumption of the trial is also at the sole discretion of the judge, but no sooner than 30 minutes after the last thunder. Testing will resume where it left off and continue as scheduled. Depending on the total time of the delay, the Trial Chairperson and Trial Secretary will determine if there is sufficient time to complete the trial in the allotted time or whether a "one and done" policy will be adopted.

Dog Aggression Laws & Policies

Movers & Shakers will follow the guidelines set forth in the current PWDCA Water Trial Manual, as well as South Carolina state law.

PWDCA Policies

- Excusal – A judge shall excuse any dog that, in the opinion of the judge: menaces, threatens, or exhibits any sign that it may not be safely approached in a normal manner by the judge or official trial stewards.
 - Signs may include: growling, showing teething, or snapping his or her teeth, and/or rolling his or her eyes.
- Disqualification
 - By Event Committee – Any dog, in the opinion of the Host Water Trial Committee, that attacks a person or another dog at a sanctioned water trial, warm-up day, or during the actual trial, and is believed by the Event Committee to present a hazard to persons or other dogs, shall be disqualified by the Event Committee
 - By the Judge – a judge shall disqualify any dog, in his or her opinion, that attacks any person in the ring, or leaves the ring to attack anyone else or another dog. An attack is defined as a bite or an attempt to bite anyone including its own handler, without valid extenuating circumstances, for example accidentally play biting.

Hyperlinks

- [Entries](#) – Open August 15th at 8:00 am EDT, First Received
- [Substitute Steward Form](#)
- [Water Practice Sign Up](#)
- [Volunteer Sign Up](#)