

## PREMIUM LIST

Entries Open Immediately. Entries Close Wednesday, September 13, 2023, 6:00 p.m. PDT

# DUCKTOBERFEST WATER TRIAL

Hosted by Portuguese Water Dog Club of Northern California  
Friday - Sunday, October 6-8, 2023



Lake Camanche Recreation Area - North Shore Primitive Campground, Lone, CA

**Judge: Suzanne Malick**  
**Beaverton, OR**

Friday, 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. – Juniors\*  
Saturday, 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. – Apprentice thru Master  
Sunday, 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. -- All Levels

### To Enter: PerfDog Trial Online Entry System

We are using [www.perfdog.com](http://www.perfdog.com) to accept all entries. For help entering online, contact [support@perfdog.com](mailto:support@perfdog.com). Enter online and pay with a credit card. Or, mail entry forms with a check payable to PerfDog for receipt no later than close date: **6:00 pm, Wednesday, September 13, 2023**. Mailing Address: PerfDog, 539 W. Commerce St. #560, Dallas, Texas 75208.



## Portuguese Water Dog Club of America, Inc.

### Officers

President.....Scott Henley  
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## Water Trial Committee

Kathy Souza • Elaine Rasmussen • Judy Berger • Kathy Simmons • Carl Craig • Janis Welsh

Water Chair.....Kathy Souza  
Chief Steward.....Casey Ingram  
Volunteer Coordinator.....Judy Berger  
Hospitality.....Kathy & Elaine & Team  
Equipment.....Carl Craig  
Goody Bags.....Lisa MacKenzie  
Trial Secretary.....Elaine Rasmussen,  
7900 Pineville Circle, Castro Valley, CA. Email: [pwds4life@gmail.com](mailto:pwds4life@gmail.com)

## Water Committee Members

Kathy Souza, Elaine Rasmussen, Carl Craig, Susan Craig, Janis Welsh, Lisa MacKenzie, Becky Morin, Linda Kelly, Ann Gaskell, Judy Berger, Kathy Simmons, Casey Ingram

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Friday/Saturday trial is ONE trial held over two days, and Sunday is a one day trial. You may only enter ONE level per dog for each trial. The trial committee reserves the right to move Juniors to Saturday should the number of entries warrant it.

Oct 6 • Oct 7, 2023 ..... Junior (Friday Only) • Apprentice to Master  
October 8, 2023 ..... Master Water Dog to Junior

## Entry Limit

Friday: Limited to 15 dogs

Saturday/Sunday: Not to exceed 35 dogs and 8 hours of judging per judge, per day.

*NOTE: The Water Trial Committee reserves the right to lower the number of teams for each trial should the make-up of the levels for that day exceed 8 hours of judging.*

## Waiting list

Entries are accepted via PerfDog. Should entries exceed entry limit, a waiting list will be established based on date and time of entry receipt by [www.perfdog.com](http://www.perfdog.com). Those on the waiting list will be notified.



## Day-of-Trial Entries

If space and time allow, day-of-trial entries will be accepted with an additional fee of \$5 per entry.

## For-Exhibit-Only Entries

For-exhibit-only entries will be accepted as long as space and time allow.

## Veterinarian On Call

Acorn Hills Animal • 80 Ridge Rd C, Sutter Creek, CA 95685 (209) 267-5554

## Accommodation Options

**Lodging** – Lodi, Jackson, Sutter Creek (Contact hotel regarding their pet policy):

- Motel 6, 1140 South Cherokee Lane, Lodi, CA 209-334-6422
- Candlewood Inn and Suites 1345 E Kettleman Ln, Lodi, CA, 209-333-3355
- Lake Amador Resort, 7500 Lake Amador Drive, 209-274-4739
- Best Western Amador Inn, 200 S State Highway 49, Jackson, CA 1-800-780-7234
- Holiday Inn Express Lodi 1337 East Kettleman Lane, Lodi, CA 209-210-0150
- Outdoorsy, Air BNB, VRBO (condos, cabins, or have a trailer delivered to Blue Oak campsite)

## RV/Tent Campsites and Cabins at North Shore, Lake Camanche

We suggest you view campground map on next page and/or visit [Discover Lake Camanche](#) and scroll to North Shore to see all campground maps. We recommend Blue Oak Campground as it has the most amenities (see below).

**All accommodations below can be reserved by contacting Kathy Souza for details. Sites fill up quickly, so reserve now!**

- **Primitive Campground:** RV/Tent Campsites at the trial site can be reserved for \$21.25/night (2 night minimum = \$42.50). There is no running water or other amenities, other than porta potties. Driving and parking area is dry lakebed, surface alternates between hardpan, low vegetation and loose sand.
- **Blue Oak North Shore Campground:** RV/Tent campsites are just a few miles from the Primitive trial site. They vary in size and cost approximately \$21.25/night (2 night minimum = \$42.50). While there are no electrical, water or sewer hookups for RVs (dry camping only), fresh water, shade sites, bathrooms & showers are available at Blue Oak campgrounds. Generators are allowed and a RV dump station is located there.
- **Limited Cottages (North Shore):** These accommodations fill up fast; ask to be put on a waiting list.

## Directions to Lake Camanche

To North Shore: From **Sacramento** go south on **Highway 99**. Just south of **Galt**, turn on **Liberty Road** and follow it east to **North Shore Parkway**.

From **Stockton**, **Lodi**, or anywhere else to the south, follow Highway 99 to Lodi and then go east on Highway 88/Waterloo Rd. At the Highway 88 and Highway 12 junction, continue on 88 North toward Jackson. Turn right (east) on Liberty Road (which turns into Camanche Parkway North). Liberty Rd to the park entrance is approximately 7.4 miles, where you'll see a park sign on your right. Turn right onto Camanche Rd and proceed to the park gate.

Check in at the North Shore Park Gate (be sure to tell them you're with the PWDNCN), get a map and follow the signs to Primitive Campground.



## To Primitive Campground (see map below):



## Notice to All Participants

**Trial Site Overview:** Our water trial site is located on a fairly flat, dry lakebed whose surface alternates between hardpan, loose sand and low vegetation. You will approach on paved roads and transition to dirt and sand to arrive at the actual trial site. There are no shade trees at the trial site, so please bring a shade structure for you and your dog(s). There is no running water at this site. Running water is available at Blue Oak Campsite.

**Security:** Limited security at trial site provided by the Park. Leave your setups at your own risk.

**Parking:** Park entry/parking fees are \$12.00 per day if you do not reserve accommodations at the park.

**Site Rules and Conditions: No dogs allowed off leash except for dog being tested.** Dogs must be on leash or confined to crates at all times except when participating in a warm-up session in the trial ring or being judged. Participants are responsible for picking up after their dogs.

**Equipment:** Participants may use their own equipment if approved after inspection by the judge or designee. Additional or substitute equipment will be provided by the PWDCA.

**Mandatory - PFD and Footwear:** Any person working a dog in or near the water and any substitute steward must wear closed-toe footwear and a USCG-approved life vest.

**What to Bring:** Extra water for you and your dog, crate, USCG-approved life vest, closed-toe footwear, towels, foul weather gear, trial equipment, leash, water dish, dog food, poop scoop, bags, etc. Shade structures and chairs are necessary as there is no seating or natural shade close to the trial site.

**Rules and Regulations:** The trial will be held in accordance with the most current provisions as set by the PWDCA Water Trial Manual and addendum. Each participant is responsible for familiarizing themselves with said regulations. Copies of the Water Trial Manual may be downloaded from [PWDCA Water Manual](#).

**Eligibility:** A dog must be at least six months of age on the day of the trial to enter the Junior Water Dog level and one year of age to enter the Apprentice level and above, unless the dog has successfully passed the Junior level. Handlers and substitute stewards must be at least 9 years of age. A Junior Water Dog certificate is not required to enter the Apprentice Water Dog test unless the dog is under 12 months old. A dog must have an Apprentice Water Dog title to enter the Working Water Dog test, a Working Water Dog title in order to enter the Courier Water Dog test and a Courier Water Dog Excellent title to enter Master. A dog may be entered and exhibited only once, at one test level, at the Water Trial.

Both regular and non-regular entries will be accepted for the Water Trial. Both may qualify and receive awards. A regular entry is any entry in Master Water Dog or any other test level where the dog has not earned a title/certificate before September 8, 2023. This includes a level where a dog earns a title/certificate on or after September 8, 2023, so long as the dog is not shown at a higher level before the Trial. A dog may be a non-regular entry only at the level of the highest title it has earned at any time before the Water Trial. **AN OWNER OR HANDLER MUST NOTIFY THE TRIAL SECRETARY IF A DOG EARNS A WATER TITLE OR CERTIFICATE AFTER THE DOG HAS BEEN ENTERED IN THIS WATER TRIAL.**

**Acceptance of Entries:** The club has the right to refuse any entry for any cause which they deem to be sufficient.

**Move-ups prior to Close Date:** Eligible dogs may be moved up to a higher test level if the trial secretary has received a written request at any time before 6:00 p.m. (PDT) on September 20, 2023. Email requests are acceptable. However, for inclusion in the catalog, move-ups must be received no later than the closing date, September 13, 2023.

**Move-ups for Sunday:** After passing on Friday or Saturday, move-up requests for Sunday will be considered at the discretion of the judge and the water trial committee as long as judging time does not exceed 8 hours and 35 dogs per day. Move-ups are not automatic; you must submit your request to the Trial Secretary. Move-ups will work after the last regularly scheduled dog in the class.

**Substitute Stewards:** A participant may use his/her own steward and the substitute steward must be named on the entry form. Requests for any change in steward must be approved by the Trial Secretary and Judge. Substitute stewards must conduct themselves according to the PWDCA Water Trial Rules and Regulations. **Should a substitute steward not be named on entry form, a club steward will be assigned. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

**Closing Date:** Fees for entries include a Processing Fee. Mail-in entries will not be accepted unless they include the Participation Agreement on the entry form, are properly completed and signed, and include the appropriate fee. Online entries will not be accepted unless they are properly completed, and the appropriate fee has been paid. **ACCEPTABLE ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE CLOSING DATE, 6:00 p.m. (PDT) on September 13, 2023.** After this time entries may not be accepted, cancelled or substituted. Entries may NOT be hand delivered, faxed, or telephoned. If using Express Mail or courier service, "no signature required" for delivery must be specified.

**Entry Fees/Refunds:** Regular Entry Fee is \$55, plus \$3.00 PerDog fee. Senior Dog Challenge entry is \$15 plus \$2.00 PerDog fee. An entry may be cancelled or changed online prior to close date, with refund (less the \$3.00 Processing Fee) available to keep as PerDog credit, refund to credit card, or mail via check (less an additional \$3 Check Fee). Entry fees shall not be refunded after close date, in the event the dog is absent, excused by a veterinarian or judge, or barred from competition by action of the Trial Committee. If because of riots, civil disturbance or other acts of God beyond the control of the management it is impossible to open or complete the trial, no refund of entry fees will be made.

**COVID Rules for entering these trials: DO NOT COME IF YOU FEEL SICK!!!** (In this situation, if the club is able to fill your entries from the waitlist, your entry fees will be refunded). **COVID 19 Best Practices:** 1. Participants are required to follow state, local and facility guidelines that are in effect at the time of the event. 2. You may be required to wear a mask while outside your car if so required at the time of the trial. You may be required to wear a mask if so required by the county, state or federal requirements while competing with your dog. You must bring your own mask!

**Order of Judging and Judging Program:** The order of judging will be determined by a random drawing on or about September 20, 2023. We encourage you to enter early. A judging program containing the order of judging of teams will be emailed to each entrant with the final entry confirmation.

**Bitches in Season:** Bitches in season will be exhibited at the end of the day. The owner or handler of such a bitch must notify the trial secretary of the bitch's condition before the start of the trial. Bitches in season shall not be brought to the test area or the surrounding area until their handlers are instructed to do so by a judge or judge's designee.

**Awards:** Dogs which successfully pass all exercises required in their test level will receive a rosette and the applicable certificate or title from the PWDCA, Inc.

**Rights:** All rights to televise, tape, advertise, photograph, promote, or otherwise exploit this event are vested in the host clubs or their assignees. By attending the event, all persons in attendance grant permission (without need of any further consent) for the use of their and their animals' likenesses and voices in any resultant product.





## Senior Water Dog Challenge



Do you have a senior (age 8 years or older) PWD that loves to work in the water but is now retired from water competition? Well, the 2023 PWDCNC Water Trial has the perfect event!

PRIZES will be given to all pre-registered entrants. We anticipate being able to accommodate 10 teams. Preferred entry will be given to oldest dogs first then descending order of age. As there is no title or certificate involved there will be a volunteer judge in the ring to direct the team to perform the exercises but there will be no scoring. The only goal is to have FUN with your dog!

Handlers will be allowed to use treat/toy rewards and Seniors can wear life jackets. Premium located at the back of this packet. Entry is \$15 plus \$2 PerfDog fee. Please enter your senior at [www.perfdog.com](http://www.perfdog.com)

### Tentative Schedule

To facilitate more entries on Saturday, Juniors MAY be judged on Friday afternoon. We are hoping that this will allow more flexibility in scheduling on Saturday.

Get your entries in early! All times are approximate and will be updated after closing. A final schedule will be emailed with your confirmation.

Friday		
TBD	Practice – 10 minutes per Dog	
TBD	Site Set-up	
TBD	Equipment check-in for all levels	
TBD / 3:30 pm	Junior briefing followed by judging	
Saturday		Sunday
7:00 am	Site set-up	Site Set-up
7:45 am	Equipment Check-in for Apprentice, Working, Courier, Master Water Dog	Equipment Check-in for all levels, if needed
8:00 am	Apprentice briefing followed by judging	Master briefing followed by judging
	Working briefing followed by judging	Courier Briefing followed by judging
	Courier briefing followed by judging	Working briefing followed by judging
	Master briefing followed by judging	Apprentice briefing followed by judging
	<b>Senior Water Dog Challenge</b>	Junior briefing followed by judging
	Ducky Derby!!	Site take-down – please help!
5:30 pm	Dinner	

## Volunteers – We need YOU!

Water trials are great fun. But they can only take place with the help of dedicated volunteers. We need your help! To volunteer, click this link:

[I want to VOLUNTEER!!](#)

You can choose the job you would like to do (and EVERYONE will have a job). We will make every effort to give you the job that you choose, but please be flexible!! If you have questions about volunteering for stewarding/rowing/anything-to-do-with-the-rings positions email

For questions regarding all other volunteer positions, email

Everyone is hot, tired and anxious to get going on Sunday. Please consider staying to help our volunteers load up club equipment and clean up the trial site.

### Friday Practice Session at Lake Camanche

On Friday, September 30, we will have an open practice at Lake Camanche at Primitive Campground time TBD. Be sure to sign up early for a better chance of getting your preferred time slot! **Fee is \$5.00 per dog; sign up here**

- One boat with a step will be available for use. Each person will have 10 minutes.
- Bring your own steward(s), rower, etc.
- One session per dog, unless unfilled slots.
- One dog in the practice area at a time.

## Don't Duck That Close Date...

Just a suggestion: enter before you head off to the PWDCA National Specialty! You never know...our water trials have been known to fill quickly. It's entirely possible that we won't be able to accept late entries or day-of-trial-entries. So don't wait! **ENTER BY SEPTEMBER 13<sup>th</sup>** via PerfDog and don't forget to order your meals/extras/practice!



**Meals, Duckies, Donations & Friday Practice**  
*Deadline: September 13, 2023*

[Click Here to Order](#)

**Meals:** The club will provide light breakfast munchies, hot coffee and tea for early am participants. Sparkling Limeade will be provided during lunch. There is no running water at the trial site (although there is at Blue Oaks Campground), so please bring your own drinking water. Our caterer will provide Saturday night dinner (\$30/each) and Saturday/Sunday lunches (\$20/each):

- **Saturday Lunch:** Street Tacos (Chicken and Carne Asada), Chips and Salsa, Mixed Green Salad with dressing on the side, Dill Pickle, Homemade Cookies and Sparkling Lime Drink.
- **Saturday Dinner:** BBQ Baby Back Pork Ribs, BBQ Chicken, Potato Salad, Mixed Green Salad with dressing on the side, Corn on the Cob, Homemade Cookies and Sparkling Lime Drink. BYOB!
- **Sunday Lunch:** Pulled Pork, Coleslaw, Ceasar Salad, Chips, Sliced Dill Pickles, Homemade Cookies and Sparkling Lime Drink.



**Note:** We cannot guarantee vegan or gluten free options. Alcohol is allowed.

**Water Ahoy! It's the Ducky Derby!**

Each dog will receive one of our "collectable" PWDCNC duckies in addition to a water task card and PWD Goody Bag. For a \$5.00 cash donation during the trial, you can write the name of your dog on the bottom of the duck and place it in the Ducky Derby. At the end of testing on Saturday, all the duckies will be gathered up and set adrift in the lake. A few talented PWDs will each take a turn swimming out to bring back a duck. First, second, and third place winners will receive a cash prize! There may be a limited number ducks available for visitors to purchase at the trial.

**To Order Meals & Extras, Click the Ducky:**



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of Northern California**

**2023 PWDCNC SENIOR WATER CHALLENGE**

Saturday, October 7, 2023



4:00 – 6:00 PM

**Limit: 10 Dogs, Ages 8 and over**

**Lake Camanche Recreation Area - North Shore  
Primitive Campground, Lone, CA**

**Judge: Judy Berger**

**To Enter Senior Water Challenge**

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## Senior Challenge Rules

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

The challenge consists of three exercises that are based on the traditional PWDC Water Trial exercises. They may be modified to accommodate older dogs that may not have the jumping ability nor the stamina of their younger years. Handler should inform [Kathy Souza](#) via email of chosen exercises prior to October 1, 2023.

### Disclaimers

- This is not a titling nor certificate event for the PWDC.
- This event is for all Senior PWD's that are unable to compete with the traditional exercises in PWDC 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 8 years of age or older. All dogs and their handlers should be prepared to have FUN and enjoy some time together in the water!
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***The 2023 PWDCNC Water Trial  
Is Dedicated to All  
the Talented Member-PWD Water Work Athletes  
we've lost since our 2022 Water Trial.***

