

PREMIUM LIST

Entries Open May 1, 2024. Entries Close Wednesday, May 29, 2024, 6:00 p.m. PDT

PWDCA Sanctioned Water Trial Hosted by Portuguese Water Dog Club of Northern California Sunday, June 23, 2024



Rancho Seco Recreational Park,
14960 Twin Cities Road, Herald, CA 95638

Judge: Karen Pratt
Colleyville, Texas

Sunday, 7:00 a. m. to 6:00 p.m. -- All Levels*with first preference to Junior & Apprentice entries

*This Trial is focused on serving those teams at the Junior & Apprentice levels. Junior & Apprentice Levels have entry priority. All other level entries will be placed on a waiting list by date and time received, subject to time availability.

To Enter: PerfDog Trial Online Entry System

We are using www.perfdog.com to accept all entries. For help entering online, contact 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, May 29, 2024**. Mailing Address: PerfDog, 539 W. Commerce St. #560, Dallas, Texas 75208.

Portuguese Water Dog Club of America, Inc.

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President.....	Becky Morin
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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.....	Judy Berger
Volunteer Coordinator.....	Kathy Souza
Hospitality.....	Kathy & Elaine & Team
Equipment.....	Carl Craig
Trial Secretary.....	Elaine Rasmussen,
7900 Pineville Circle, Castro Valley, CA. Email: pwds4life@gmail.com	

Water Committee Members

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

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Entry Limit

Not to exceed 35 dogs and 8 hours of judging per judge, per day. You may only enter ONE level per dog for this trial.

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

Waiting list

Entries are accepted via PerfDog. Should Junior and Apprentice entries exceed entry limit, a waiting list will be established based on date and time of entry receipt by www.perfdog.com. If your entry opens, you will be charged by PerfDog and notified. Junior & Apprentice levels have entry priority; all other level entries will be placed on a waiting list behind Junior & Apprentice levels. If your level opens, you will be charged by PerfDog and 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. Priority will be given to Junior and Apprentice entries.

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)

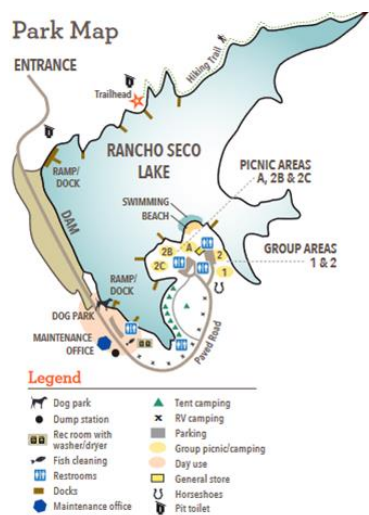
Directions to Rancho Seco Recreational Park – Trial is at the Dog Park

To North Shore: From **Sacramento** go south on **Highway 99**. Take Exit #277 to Twin Cities Road east. The park is clearly marked to the right of the road.

From **Stockton, Lodi**, or anywhere else to the south, follow Highway 99. Take Exit #277 to Twin Cities Road east. The park is clearly marked to the right of the road.

Camping and day use fees and information about the park: <https://rockymountainrec.com/lake-facilities/listing/rancho-seco-recreational-area>

For those camping, the day use fees are only paid for the first day of your reservation.



Notice to All Participants

Trial Site Overview: Our water trial site is located on a fairly flat, man-made lake. We will be using a fenced dog park with mown grass area all the way to water's edge. There are some shade trees at the trial site, and room for shade structures.

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 accommodation at the park. There is a \$3 per day per dog fee.

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 PWDCNC.

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 PWDCCA 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 [PWDCCA 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 Title 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.

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 June 5, 2024. Email requests are acceptable. However, for inclusion in the catalog, move-ups must be received no later than the closing date, May 29, 2024.

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 PWDCCA

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 May 29, 2024.** 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 PerfDog processing fee, for a total of \$58.00. Entries may be cancelled or changed online prior to closings date, with refunds (less the \$3.00 Processing Fee per entry) available to keep as PerfDog credit, refund to credit card, or mail via check (less a \$3 Check Fee). Entries and extras may be cancelled online after the closing date, but no refunds will be given. No refunds if 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 June 5, 2024. 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 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.



Tentative Schedule

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

Saturday		Sunday
7:00 am	Site set-up, coffee, snacks	Site Set-up, coffee, snacks
7:45 am		Equipment Check-in for Junior & Apprentice
8:00 am		Junior briefing followed by judging
TBD		Apprentice briefing followed by judging
TBD		If time and entry restrictions allow, additional levels briefings followed by judging
TBD		Site take-down – please help!

Volunteers – We need YOU!

We'll need volunteers for both the Trial and the Workshop. Water trials are great fun; but they can only take place with the help of dedicated volunteers. We need your help!

Get your feet wet and learn everything there is to know about participating in a water trial. 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, or for questions regarding all other volunteer positions, email **Kathy Souza** at pwdlover@pacbell.net



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

Water Dog Exercises for Competition

Want to learn more about working in the water with your PWD? Need assistance completing your 1st Water Trial entry? Visit www.pwdcnc.org for info about water practice, training and trials and/or contact Kathy Souza, Water Chair, at pwdlover@pachell.net about the PWDNC's water program

Level 1 Junior Water Dog Title

- Retrieve dummy from shore (25 feet, 1 minute)
- Board boat and ride with handler (30 seconds, 30 seconds)
- Handler calls dog from shore to boat (60 feet, 2 minutes)
- Measured swim with handler (20 seconds, 1 minute swim)

Level 2 Apprentice Water Dog Title

- Under water retrieve (1 minute)
- Retrieve dummy from shore (60 feet, 2 minutes)
- Dummy carry, boat ride & recall (30 seconds, 1 minute, 30 seconds)
- Retrieve float line from shore (60 feet, 2 minutes)
- Measured swim with handler (20 seconds 2 minutes)

Level 3 Working Water Dog Title

- Gear Bag Drag (25 feet 1 minute)
- Retrieve dummy from boat (50 feet, 2 minutes)
- Retrieve 3 overboard articles (3 minutes)
- Retrieve dummy between 2 boats (25 feet, 1 minute)
- Blind retrieve of float line from boat (50 feet, 2 minutes)

Level 4 Courier Water Dog Title

- Courier Pouch exchange (50 feet, 2 minutes)
- Blind retrieve float line from shore (60 feet, 3 minutes)
- Directed double retrieve from boat (3 minutes)
- Retrieve fishing net from boat (3 minutes)
- Buoy ball placement (60 – 70 feet, 3 minutes)

Level 5 Master Water Dog Title

- Double Directed Retrieve between boats (20 seconds, 2 minutes)
- Shore retrieve with discrimination: gear bag or float line (2 minutes)
- Net retrieve with dummy distraction(3 minutes)
- 3 way exchange: stewards boat with pouch, to shore with nothing return to handler with float line or to shore with nothing, to stewards boat with gear bag , handlers boat with pouch (3 minutes)
- Over board article & placement: gear bag or fender and buoy ball placement (3 minutes)