***Water Training Workshop – Water Trial***

***Junior & Apprentice Levels***

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**Workshop: June 22, 2024 9:00am - 5:00pm**

**Water Trial: June 23, 2024 7:00am – 5:00pm**

***To enter water trial, visit*** ***www.perfdog.com***

***Get your paws wet! Train on Saturday, Trial in Junior or Apprentice Levels on Sunday!***

**Water Trial & Workshop Registration Deadline**

**Wednesday, May 29, 2024, 6:00 PM**

***Location:***

*Rancho Seco Recreational Park,14960 Twin Cities Road, Herald, CA – at the Dog Beach!*

***What****:*

Sixteen working teams will receive land-based and in-the-water training. There will be unlimited auditors. All are welcome to attend.

***Why:***

Join us for a lakeside workshop to learn what’s needed for water work! The workshop will be specifically geared toward your team and the training exercises you most need to be successful. Focus will be on specific solutions that will help you and your PWD be successful at any level:

*• Breaking down water tasks to their individual components*

*• Making it fun - training games and techniques*

*• Transitioning from land to water successfully*

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***Who:*** *Instructor – Karen Pratt, PWDCA Water Trial Judge*

Here’s your chance! Learn new skills; fine-tune any problematic areas:

* *Are you practicing the basic obedience skills necessary for water work exercises?*
* *Have you struggled transitioning from land-based training to “in the water” work?*
* *Are you and your dog “stuck” on exercises that keep you from being successful at the entry levels in water trials?*

It is suggested that participating dogs have at least completed puppy kindergarten (or equivalent).

***What We’ll Cover:***

**Beginning Water Work Skills**

**(Junior & Apprentice Levels)**

Land training games, tips and techniques (as described above) and everything you need to know about water practice and trialing, including water equipment, basic rules/water trial etiquette, retrieving skills (take, hold, give, stay) and what to expect at your first water trial.

**You will learn many techniques for working with your PWD and be preparing for advanced levels! Included are:**

* Land Games to play to train behaviors
* ****How to train your dog to jump from a boat and safely board a boat
* Working on control with distractions (+/- theory)
* Rewards (intended and unintended!)
* Nailing the Retrieve
* Using Commands

**Covered if time allows:**

* Training Games, in and out of the water
* Vectoring
* Proofing
* Discrimination & Marking
* Transfers, send to person (boat)



***What to Bring:***

**Working Teams**

Working slots are open to those attendees whose PWDs are comfortable sitting in a crate during the lecture part of instruction. No exceptions for the safety of all participants. Please bring your own crate. One dog per handler.

**Working Team Equipment**

* Collar and/or harness and 6' leash
* Long line (leash) for working at distances
* Water harness (working teams)
* Dog crate, something to cover your crate if your PWD becomes restless (towel is fine)
* Water Bowl
* Soft, high value training treats (3-4 different types, cut into pieces not larger than a pea)
* Favorite toy
* Junior/Apprentice water equipment if you have it. Retrieving bumper, underwater retrieve article, float line. www.4mypwds.com has a full range of equipment

**Auditors**

Audit slots are meant for those who are attending for the lectures and would prefer to learn by watching the working teams.

**People**

* ****Drinking Water
* Lunch
* Shade if you have it, plan on sharing
* Comfortable chair
* PFD, this is required of all participants entering the water
* Closed-toe shoes (sneakers, mocs, water shoes; suitable for entering the water safely) No flip flops or sandals
* Notebook & pen or pencil



**Workshop Registration and Payment**

Please visit https://form.jotform.com/241126152846150 to sign up for the workshop

**Working Slot $60**

**Auditors $45**

**You must be a member of the PWDCNC to participate in the workshop. Forgot to pay your dues? We still love you; you can renew or sign up for new membership here:** **https://pwdcnc.org/club-info/membership-2/**

Maximum 16 working slots; priority by order of registration and payment. Unlimited Auditors.

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| A person smiling for a picture  Description automatically generated**About our Instructor****Karen Pratt, *PWDCA Water Committee Member, PWDCA Water Trial Judge*** I have had dogs all of my life and started showing and training dogs at the age of 7, when my mom started breeding Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers. My first PWD was added to our household in 2002, “Splash.” He taught me a lot about living with the breed - mainly that they all need a job to do – but also that they are very smart, funny, and versatile. I have participated in Conformation, Obedience, Rally, Water, Agility, as well as trained for Therapy and Scentwork.I got "hooked" into water at the 2004 National Specialty; watching these dogs execute tasks that they were historically bred to do still thrills me! It is my honor to be able to serve as a Water Trial Judge for our club, and I truly enjoy every minute of not only watching the dogs work in the water, but also assisting people in their training.Over the past 30 years, I have served on several boards, ranging from social to educational to sports, not to mention PWDs. Volunteering for all of these various organizations has given me an extensive knowledge of leadership and financial needs that are specific to non-profits, and I believe that those experiences translate well to our club.In my professional life, I managed my husband’s medical practice for 10 years. In that role, I was responsible for all things financial, as well as Human Resources, contracting, and Information Technology.I am married to a very patient man who allows me to have fun with our dogs! We currently live with 2 PWD’s - 7 year old Lottie and 4 year old Dylan - and we have two adult children.I've been a member of the PWDCA since 2003, and I enjoy giving back to the breed through judging water trials, teaching water workshops, and volunteering for the club.  |

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