

Beginner Draft Dog

New Optional Titling
Class

Beginner Draft Dog (BDD)

New Division of Draft Work for Newfoundlands

Designed in response to feedback from members, judges and draft enthusiasts to give a full experience of draft work to build skill and confidence.

All exercises performed on leash

Can be offered as part of any draft test

Course design elements will allow for “nesting” and ease of set up for committees - only additional material is a 15 ft leash

Open to all dogs 18 months of age and older

Preference as always to dogs without
any draft title

Not a requirement for entry into
Draft Dog Division



Clubs need only to add one 15 ft leash to their Equipment for a test

Exercises

(Please see full regulations linked at the end of the slideshow)

On Leash - Basic Control and Recall

Harnessing/Hitching - harness close to cart, no back

Maneuvering includes: wider narrows, wider 90 degree turns (36 inches), circles, removeable obstacle that does not have to be returned, a stop and a back.

One Minute Stay on leash in cart

Freight Load (less weight 10-20 pounds)

½ Mile Freight Haul

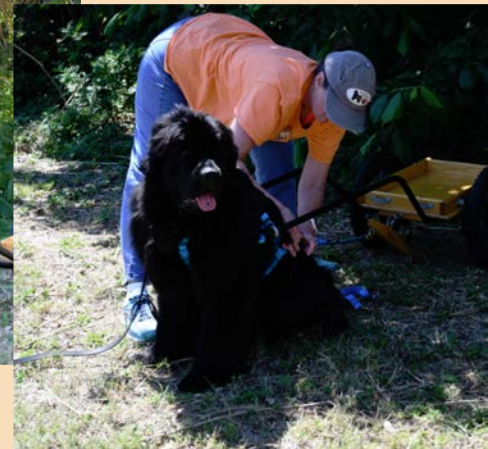
What a loose leash looks like for basic control:

It can look like this:

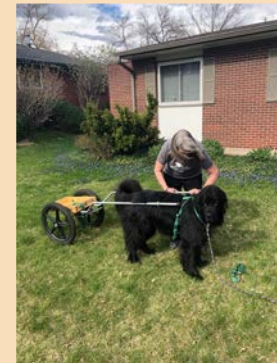


Harnessing area is “handler choice”
Within 6 feet of the cart:

It can look like this:
Handler next to cart
Dropped Leash (standing on it)



It can also look like this:
Handler right in front of cart
Leash draped over back of dog

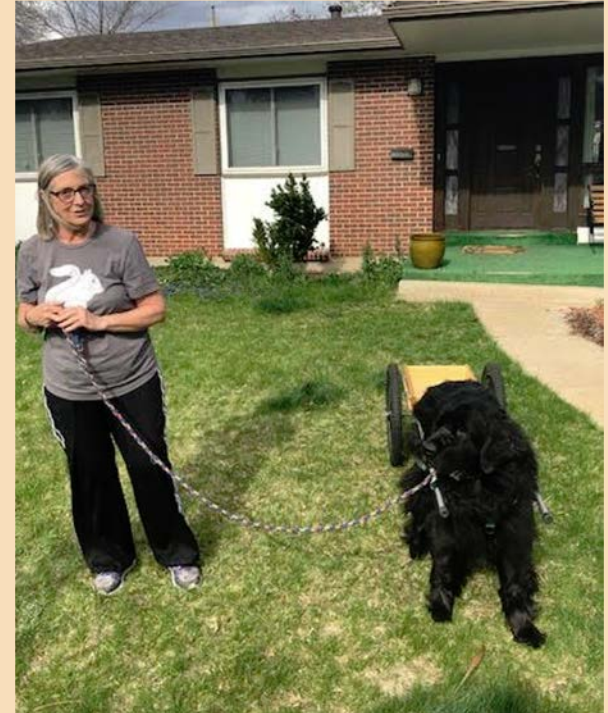


On leash work

- 6 ft leash required provided by handler
- Purpose of the leash is safety not guiding the dog
- Leash must be held by the handler in hand
- There are three places where the handler can place the leash on the ground next to the dog or drape over it's back:
 - During harnessing to put on the harness
 - during the removable obstacle to move the object
 - during the freight load to load freight
- handler is encouraged to use voice commands and their movement to keep the leash loose

Regulations state the dog must remain on a loose leash for the majority of the time.

(Similar to Rally Novice on leash work)



A Tight Leash looks like:

Either fully extended and tight... or bunched up in your hand but also tight.



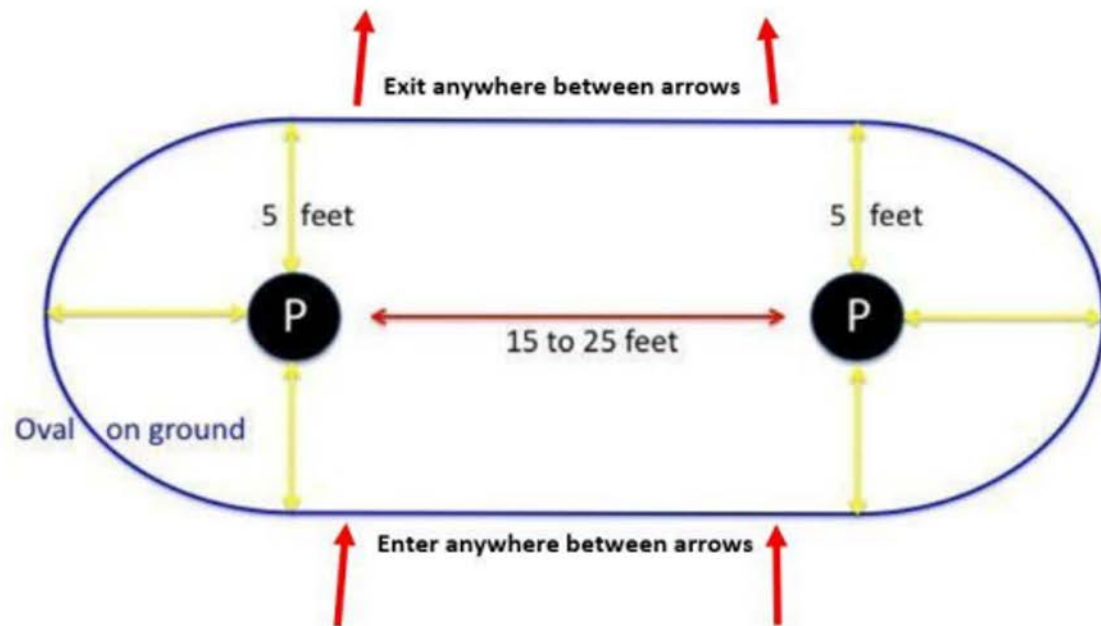
Beginner/
Draft Dog/
Excellent
can now be all
one event

Regulations have been
combined into one document.
The three divisions are now
parts of the same test.

Draft Dog division stays
unchanged. Please review
the common regulations
applying to all divisions

A few minor DDX changes

- entrance and exit to oval clarified
- back up through narrows now allows the dog to pass the end of the narrows and not be failed for that
- directions on the U turn, the figure 8 and the serpentine decided by judges
- dog does not need to stay standing during weight exchange
- moving stand wording clarified



[Click here to view the
regulations](#)

**Happy
Carting!**