

Entries close at the Trial Secretary's Office at 5pm, August 24, 2021  
after which time entries cannot be accepted, canceled, or substituted,  
except as provided in the Notice to Exhibitors.

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**PWDCA WATER TRIAL**

Hosted by  
**Nutmeg Portuguese Water Dog Club, Inc.**



**Eagle Rock Day Camp**  
**Washington, CT 06777**

**Saturday & Sunday, September 11 & 12, 2021**

Junior Certificate, Apprentice, Working, Courier & Master Trial Levels



Judge both days:  
Karen Pratt  
Colleyville, TX

## NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS

The water trials will be held in accordance with the provisions of the PWDC Water Trial Manual, as revised through 2020 (the "Manual"). Copies of the Manual may be downloaded free of charge from the PWDC website ([www.pwdca.org](http://www.pwdca.org)).

**Eligibility:** Minimum age of dogs for Trial: 6 months to enter Junior and one year of age to enter the Apprentice level and above, unless the dog has successfully passed the Junior level.

Minimum age of handlers: 9 years. A dog must have an Apprentice Water Dog Title in order to enter the Working Water Dog test must have a Working Water Dog Title in order to enter the Courier Water Dog test, and must have a Courier Excellent title to enter Master. A Junior Water Dog Certificate is not required in order to enter the Apprentice Water Dog test except as mentioned above.

**Event Secretary:** All entries should be mailed to **Patti Cox, 13 Crescent Dr, Holmes, NY 12531**; Questions regarding the Trial should go to **Patti Cox 347-628-1049** or [patticoxphd@gmail.com](mailto:patticoxphd@gmail.com).

**Entries and Closing Date:** Entries must be made on the Official Entry Form or photocopy thereof. Entry Forms without a signed Participation Agreement ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE. Entries received without fees will not be accepted. Acknowledgment of entries will be made as soon as practicable. Returned checks do not constitute a valid entry fee. A collection fee of \$25.00 will be added to the amount of each returned check. Check should be payable to Nutmeg Portuguese Water Dog Club, Inc.

**Entries close August 24, 2021 at 5:00 pm** or on any earlier date when the entry limit is reached. After the Closing Date, entries cannot be accepted or canceled. There will be no refunds except as mentioned elsewhere in this Notice. There will be no substitutions of dogs after entries have closed. If, on the date that closes the trial, more entries are received than can be accepted, those entries will be chosen by random drawing.

**Please let the Trial Secretary know immediately if you cannot compete so that we may fill the space with someone from the waiting list.**

**Day of Trial Entries:** Will be accepted if time allows and must be submitted by 8:00 am. See above for entry details

**Day of Trial Move Ups:** If time allows, dogs will be allowed to move up to the next trial level after receiving consent from the trial judge and the trial secretary and paying the appropriate fees.

**Entry Limits:** The following spaces will be reserved: Apprentice: 5, Working: 5, Courier: 5, Master 3. The rest of the entries, including Junior Water Certificate, are taken on a first-come-first-served basis until 8 hours of judging is reached. On each day a dog may only be entered and exhibited once at any test level

**Waiting list:** After 8 hours of judging time has been initially allocated, all remaining trial entries will be put on a waiting list. The waiting list entries will be given judging time if any entry is withdrawn before or after the closing date. Any entries taken from the waiting list will be on a first-come-first-served basis.

**Change of Entry Level:** If a dog entered in a title level test earns that title at another PWDC water trial before this trial, the dog may be moved up to the next test. These changes must be sent to the Trial Secretary, to **Patti Cox, 13 Crescent Dr, Holmes, NY 12531** or [patticoxphd@gmail.com](mailto:patticoxphd@gmail.com)

**Non-Regular Entries:** Non-regular entries received before the closing date includes "exhibition entries". These are entries of: (1) dogs that have earned titles/certificates at the level entered more than 30 days before the trial date and (2) dogs that have earned a title before the trial date and are entered at the Junior Water Dog level. Non-regular entries also include: (3) entries received after the closing date ("post entries"), including day of trial entries, (4) day

of trial move-ups and (5) any other entries which do not qualify as regular entries

**Refunds:** Entry fees shall not be refunded 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 Trial Committee, it is impossible to open or complete the trial, no refund of entry fees will be made.

**Bitches in Season:** Bitches in season are eligible to enter the Trial, but owners must notify the Trial Secretary of the bitch's condition before the day's judging. The bitch must be crated in a separate area designated by the Trial Site Chair and will not be allowed near the trial area until they are to be judged. Bitches in season will be judged last.

**Order of Judging and Judging Program:** The order of judging within each test level will be determined by random drawing on or around the closing date and entrants will be notified as soon as practicable thereafter. The order of judging for the various levels will be determined at the same time

**Substitute Stewards:** A substitute steward must be named in the entry form in order for him/her to participate in the Trial. A handler is allowed the use of one substitute steward when competing at the Courier and Master level. The use of a substitute steward is allowed for the Timed Swim at the Junior or Apprentice levels. For all other exercises at any level, the use of a substitute steward must be approved by the judge and the Trial Chair prior to the briefing

**Equipment:** Exhibitors may use their own water trial equipment provided such equipment conforms to the PWDC's Water Trial Manual

**Vests and Footwear:** Any person in or near the water must wear a USCG approved life vest and protective footwear as stated in the PWDC Water Trial Rules & Regulations.

**All Dogs Present:** must be held on leash or confined to their crates except when being judged. All dogs must be under control at all times.

**What to Bring:** Crate, USCG-approved life vest (**mandatory**), appropriate protective footwear (**mandatory**), towels, chairs, shade devices, foul weather gear, trial equipment, leash, water dish, dog food, food for yourself, poop-scoop bags, sun screen, etc.

**Trial Grounds Availability:** The Trial Grounds are NOT available before Saturday

**Registration/Equipment Inspection:** Begins at approximately 8:00 am each day and will be available half an hour before the Judge's briefing for each level. The Judge's briefing for the first level will begin at approximately 8:30. The Trial starts at approximately 9:00 am and runs until the judge's assignment is finished. We reserve the right to adjust times if necessary

**Food:** Please bring your own food and chairs. There are shaded areas for you and your dog.

**Clean Up:** You are responsible for cleaning up after your dog and yourselves. Please bring the necessary items for this purpose. Carry in/carry out

**Veterinarian on Call:** There will be a veterinarian on Call.

**Awards:** NPWDC Rosettes will be awarded on the day of the Trial to all qualifying teams. Each team which successfully passes all exercises required at its test will receive a certificate from the PWDC, Inc. reflecting the certificate or title earned.

**All rights:** to video tape, televise, advertise, photograph, promote and otherwise exploit this event are vested in the host club. All persons and animals in attendance who appear in any resultant effort grant the use of their likeness and voice without further consent.

**WATER TRIAL VOLUNTEER FORM**

Eagle Rock Day Camp, Bantam, CT  
Saturday, September 11, 2021 • Sunday, September 12, 2021

Hosted by Nutmeg PWDC, Inc

**Motels that take dogs:**

**PLEASE PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOG AND COVER YOUR BED WITH A SHEET**

La Quinta Danbury 203.798.1200  
116 Newtown Rd  
Exit 8 on 84  
Danbury, CT 06810

Residence Inn 203.797.1256  
22 Segar St  
Danbury, CT 06810

Please check with the individual hotel as the pet policy might have changed

**Water trials are great fun. But they can only take place with the help of dedicated volunteers. We need your help! Please fill out the form below and send it to: Patti Cox, 13 Crescent Dr., Holmes, NY 12531**  
**You may also include this with your entries. Or you may email Patti at [patticoxphd@gmail.com](mailto:patticoxphd@gmail.com)**

If you are entering the trials, please indicate which class or classes you are entering. Include classes in which you are substitute stewarding.

Saturday  Junior  Apprentice  Working  Courier  Master  
Sunday  Master  Courier  Working  Apprentice  Junior

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have water trial experience? Briefly explain. (Don't worry if you don't!)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Here are some of the tasks for which we may need volunteers. Please check the ones you are interested in helping with. Don't worry if you don't understand the jobs involved. Someone will help you.

Land Steward  Grounds set-up  People check-in  
 Boat Steward \*\*  Grounds clean-up  I'd like to help where needed

Gate Steward  Equipment check-in  
\*\*Except at the Junior level, Boat Stewards should be good rowers

I have read and agree to be bound by the agreement printed on the entry form as well as the stipulations contained in the premium list, plus any directive received from any official involved in staging the event.

Signature of volunteer\* \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\*If the volunteer named herein is under 18 years of age, this form must be signed and acknowledged by his/her legal guardian.

**INTERACTIVE ENTRY and VOLUNTEER FORMS**

The entry form is interactive. This means you may fill it out on line then print it off and mail with your check to the Trial Secretary.

If you prefer you can print it then fill it out by hand. However, the Trial Secretary strongly urges you to fill it out on line and print a second copy for your records

Please also consider volunteering on the separate Volunteer form. Water Trials can't exist without volunteers, it takes a village.

**Saturday BBQ Fest**

Nutmeg invites everyone to be our guests  
at the conclusion of the Trial on Saturday, September 11,  
at the Trial site.

We hope to see all of you there to celebrate the day  
While there is no charge, please let us know if you'll be attending. A  
minimum of ten guests is required for dinner to be held.

## Participation Agreement

**Conditions:** These trials are open to pure bred Portuguese Water Dogs. I/we understand that the dogs must be in good health, proper fitness and condition for the test they are about to enter and must be at least 6 months of age in order to compete in the water trials. I/we agree to these terms. I/we accept full responsibility for the care of my dog(s) during the water trial.

**Special Rules:** The water trial is located within the confines of \_\_\_\_\_.  
I/we agree to become familiar with and adhere to all site rules and regulations including but not limited to the following:

- Dogs must be on leash or confined to a crate at all times except when participating in practice sessions or when actually being judged.
- If my dog soils the grounds, I am responsible for cleanup and disposal
- Nothing (dogs, banners, etc.) is to be attached to any tree in the park.

**General Rules:** The Portuguese Water Dog Club of America, Inc., (hereinafter "PWDC") rules, regulations, policies and guidelines for water trial participants (hereinafter "the rules") are in the current PWDC Water Trial Manual available on the Web site, [www.pwdca.org](http://www.pwdca.org). I/we have received the current Manual and/or have read the rules via the Web site and I/we agree to obey the rules.

**Hold-harmless:** I/we agree to hold the PWDC and the event-giving club, their members, directors, officers, agents, and judge(s) at this event, the owner and/or lessor of the premises, any provider of services for this event and any employees or volunteers of any of the aforementioned parties, harmless from any claim for loss, injury, or illness which may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person, animal or thing by the act of my dog while in or upon the trial grounds or while entering or leaving same, and I/we further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim for loss, disappearance or theft of, or damage injury or illness to, my dog, whether such loss, disappearance, theft, damage, injury or illness is caused or alleged to be caused by the negligence of the club or any other parties aforementioned, by the negligence of any other person, or by any other cause or causes.

**Indemnification:** I/we hereby assume the sole responsibility for and agree to indemnify and save the aforementioned parties harmless from any and all loss and expense (including legal fees) by reason of the liability imposed by law upon any of the aforementioned parties for damage because of bodily injuries, including death at any time resulting there from, sustained by any person or persons, including myself (ourselves) or on account of damage to property, arising out of or in consequence of my (our) participation in this water trial, howsoever such same may have been caused or may be alleged to have been caused by negligence of the aforementioned parties or any of their employees or agents, or any other persons.

**Arbitration:** Notwithstanding any of the above, in the event that I/we or my dog(s) suffer any damage, injury, illness, or loss (including the death of the dog(s) arising from the water trial), I/we agree that any claim arising out of or related to the entry, exhibition or attendance at the event or as to the construction, interpretation and effect of this agreement shall be settled by arbitration pursuant to the applicable rules of the American Arbitration Association. I/we agree that any such arbitration will take place in \_\_\_\_\_ within 60 days of the incident giving rise to the claim, or at such other time and place as the parties may agree. I/we agree to pay a prorated share of the costs of any such arbitration.

I/we agree that these clubs have the right to refuse this entry or any entry for any cause which they deem to be sufficient.

Owner/Handler's initials: \_\_\_\_\_ Substitute Steward's initials: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Entry is not valid unless signed, dated, and submitted with correct fees by the closing date.**

## PWDC Water Trial Entry Form

**Entry Fees:** \_\_\_\_\_ per entry/per day. **Entries open** \_\_\_\_\_ and close at the trial secretary's mailbox on \_\_\_\_\_ after which time entries cannot be cancelled for refund. **If using an overnight service, please indicate "no signature required" for delivery. Mail entries to:**

Level entered (one level per dog):  Junior  Apprentice  Working  Courier  Master

What leg are you working on? Working \_\_\_\_\_ Courier \_\_\_\_\_ Master \_\_\_\_\_

Days Entered:  \_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks or money orders payable in U.S. funds to** \_\_\_\_\_

I enclose \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for entry fees.

**Fill out form completely. Use the TAB key to move from field to field.**

Prefix Titles \_\_\_\_\_ Registered name of dog \_\_\_\_\_

Suffix Titles (include PWDC titles) \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Call Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ AKC # or Foreign Reg # (list country) \_\_\_\_\_

Breeder \_\_\_\_\_

Sire \_\_\_\_\_

Dam \_\_\_\_\_

Owner(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Owner(s) Email \_\_\_\_\_

Handler \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Handler's Email \_\_\_\_\_

Substitute Steward \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify I am the actual owner of the dog or duly authorized agent of or handler for the actual owner whose name has been entered above. I have read and agree to be bound by the agreement printed on the reverse side of this entry form as well as the stipulations contained in the premium list plus any directive received from any official involved in staging the event. I certify and represent that the dog entered is over 6 months of age (at the time of this event) and is not a hazard to persons or other dogs.

Signature of owner/handler\* \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of substitute steward\* \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\*If the handler and/or substitute steward named herein is under 18 years of age (must be at least 9 or older), this entry form must be signed and acknowledged by his/her legal guardian.

**Entry is not valid unless accompanied by the signed and dated Participation Agreement.**