

# Important

**Please read the following information before  
submitting your playdate request.**

**Please be sure that your form is legible. Type it or print it in block letters.**

In order to give each dog handler team as much attention as possible the number of dogs in each play session will be limited. There is a 3-team minimum for a play session to be held. Please register as soon as you know your schedule so that you will not be disappointed.

In order to accommodate as many teams as possible there is a 2-dog limit per household. Please fill out a separate registration form for each dog.

On the Wednesdays in June that Kari will be leading the play groups there will be a morning and an afternoon session held. Mornings will start at 10AM and Afternoons will start at 1PM. Please be sure to check off which time you prefer.

**New this year:**

**To secure your playdate spot:** Donations must be received by June 1 for all June playdates.  
Donations must be received by July 1 for all July playdates.  
Donations must be received by August 1 for all August Playdates.

Nutmeg is a 501C-4 non-profit corporation. Our mission is to protect and advance interest in the Portuguese Water Dog breed and to encourage sportsmanlike competition. Accordingly, Nutmeg accepts donations in order to further this mission. Donations are also used to maintain the owner's property. A suggested donation would be \$30.00 per session. Donations may be sent to:

Jane Freeman  
244 Talcott Notch Rd  
Farmington, CT 06032

Other than Kari's June Wednesdays, Jane Harding and Jane Freeman will be at the lake on Mondays and Thursdays to assist you. Mary Knoll will be there on Wednesdays beginning in July. All Levels are welcome for any of the playdates.

If you cannot make a playdate, please notify Jane Freeman no later than 8PM the night before. Sessions are extremely limited and there will be a wait list.

For any questions regarding playdates contact Jane Freeman 860-678-7555 (no texts),  
[Freestylepwd@gmail.com](mailto:Freestylepwd@gmail.com) or you may text to 401-225-0570

# Nutmeg Play Date Schedule 2023

Julie Kraus has graciously invited us to play at her lake. All sessions will take place at her home in Monroe CT. Please remember that we are her guests. Please be respectful to her property and to her neighbors.

PLEASE drive slowly on Flint Ridge Rd

(Please print clearly – we suggest you keep a photocopy for your records)  
Use a separate form for each dog.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Dog's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check the session dates for which you are registering:**

## **Monday sessions 10 AM to 3PM**

June 12       June 19       June 26       July 3       July 10       July 17  
 July 24       July 31       August 7       August 14       August 21       August 28  
 September 4

## **Wednesday sessions with Kari Lavalli Beginner/Junior/Apprentice**

**Morning Session 10 AM**       **Afternoon Session 1PM**

June 14       June 21       June 28

## **Wednesday sessions: 10 AM to 3PM**

July 5       July 12       July 19       July 26       August 2       August 9  
 August 16       August 23       August 30       September 6

## **Thursday sessions: 10 AM to 3PM**

June 15       June 22       June 29       July 6       July 13       July 20  
 July 27       August 3       August 10       August 17       August 24       August 31  
 September 7

**Mail to Jane Freeman, 244 Talcott Notch Road, Farmington CT 06032 or scan the form and send to [freestylepwd@gmail.com](mailto:freestylepwd@gmail.com). For more information or questions contact Jane at [freestylepwd@gmail.com](mailto:freestylepwd@gmail.com) or call 860-678-7555.**

**Water Trial Dates:** Saturday, September 9 and Sunday, September 10 Washington, CT. Judge Jules Asbed

**Save The Date:**      July 15      Practice Day Washington CT  
                            August 12      Practice Day Washington CT



## Nutmeg PWD Club Safety Rules

1. Any person who enters the water must wear an appropriately sized USCG approved life vest and close toed water shoes that can protect their feet from sharp objects.
2. No person may use the beach or Nutmeg Equipment without signing a waiver to hold the Club harmless from damage, injury or death. Please sign and mail the waiver with your registration.
3. Club equipment may only be used for official Nutmeg sponsored events.
4. There must be at least two adults present on the beach for people or dogs to enter the water or when the Club boats are being used. An adult is defined as a person 18 years or older
5. Persons using the beach will clean up after their dogs and themselves and remove their trash including dog waste at the end of the day. No glass containers will be permitted on the beach
6. Nutmeg Water Equipment shall be used in an appropriate manner. Boats are for the sole use of dog and handler teams practicing water work with their dogs or as needed by the Club to set up a water trial site. No person shall stand on the boat platform or jump from the platform. All equipment is to be properly stored after use. Boats must be lifted onto land and the platforms propped against the side of the boats at the end of the training day. Oars, anchors and markers shall be secured in the oar locker. The last Club member on the property at the end of the day shall inspect the beach to ensure the club equipment is properly secured.
7. Children under age 18 must be accompanied by their parent or guardian when on the property. Guardians shall sign a hold harmless agreement for their children and by doing so assume all risks and responsibilities for their children's actions. Guardians shall prevent their children from creating a distraction for dogs and handlers. Unless directed by the person in charge, children shall remain away from the water and shall not play with club equipment. Children must wear USCG approved life vests and appropriate water shoes when on or near the water.
8. Dogs shall be under the control of their handler at all times. Dogs that are considered a risk to other dogs or humans shall be muzzled while on the property or be excused by the property owner or any club official. Excessive barking will require the dog(s) be removed from the property.
9. Cigarette butts may not be left on the ground and are considered to be your personal trash to be taken with you.

## **Guidelines for Nutmeg's Water Playdates**

1. Dogs learn best in short, well-planned sessions and then need some "down" time to absorb the lesson. Do not expect to be playing the entire playtime. Bring a crate (and sheet to cover it) so your dog will have a quiet place to rest. Also have a plan for what you want to work on when you bring your dog out for your playtime.
2. **Please contact Jane Freeman prior to your session if your bitch is in season.**
3. Sign up for as many sessions as you possibly can attend. You will see more progress if you practice consistently both at water and at home.
4. There will be lots of distractions in this new environment. Your dog will not perform at the same level as he does distraction-free. Be prepared by strengthening your dog's desire to be with you. Be more interesting than the environment. Bring especially tasty treats. We prefer you use non-crumbly fresh soft treats, for example, roast beef, cut up hot dogs, or even breakfast sausage cut up. And please bring some of your dog's favorite toys that can be used as rewards. And be sure your dog is both healthy and hungry. (No breakfast).
5. Please remember your life jacket and your water shoes – these are mandatory. If you have a non-restrictive harness for your dog, please bring it.
6. Other useful things to bring:
  - A crate and a sheet or blanket to cover it
  - Leash, buckle (not choke) collar, water bowl
  - A chair for yourself



## PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

This Fun Day/Practice is open only to purebred Portuguese Water Dogs. The dogs must be in good health and proper fitness and condition for the class that they are registering for.

I/we have received and read the "Club Safety Rules" and above statement of conditions as provided for water training by the Nutmeg Portuguese Water Dog Club, Inc. I/we agree and consent to obey and abide by all the rules and policies therein.

I/we agree that the Nutmeg Portuguese Water Dog Club, Inc. has the right to refuse this entry or any entry for any cause(s) which it deems sufficient.

I/we accept full responsibility for the care of my/our dog(s) before, during and after, the water classes.

I/we agree to hold the above-listed [clubs and organizations], [their] [its] members, directors, governors, officers, agents, judges, instructors, volunteer organizations, individual helpers, superintendents and/or show secretary(ies), the owner or lessor of the premises and/or any employees of the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim for loss or injury which may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person or thing by the act of my/our dog(s) while in or upon the property of Julie Kraus, premises or grounds or near any entrance thereto; and I/we personally assume all responsibility and liability for any such claims.

I/we agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim for loss of my/our dog(s) by disappearance, theft, death or otherwise, and from any claim for damage or injury to the dog(s), whether such loss, disappearance, theft, damage, or injury be caused or alleged to be caused by the negligence of the club or any of the parties aforementioned, or by the negligence of any other person, or any other cause or causes.

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 class, however such injuries, death or damage to property may be caused, and whether or not the 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.

Notwithstanding any of the above, in the event that I/we or my/our dog(s) suffer any damage, injury, illness, or loss (including the death of my dog(s)), during the water class or am in any way involved in any other party's claim of damage, injury, illness, or loss during the water class, I/we agree to arbitrate the claim according to the rules of the American Arbitration Association. I/we further agree to arbitrate any question of whether any such claim is subject to such arbitration. I/we agree that any such arbitration shall take place at an agreed upon site in the greater Stamford, Connecticut area within 45 days of the incident giving rise to the claim, or at such other place and time as the arbitrators shall agree. I/we agree that I/we will pay a pro-rated share of the costs of any such arbitration.

Signed by Participant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# WATER MERCHANDISE PRICES 2023

(Includes CT Sales Tax)

Please circle the items desired and indicate the quantity wanted

**Canvas Dummies:** (available in bright orange only)

Small... \$11.00 Qty:\_\_\_\_\_

Large... \$16.00 Qty:\_\_\_\_\_

**Plastic Dummies:** (available in white, orange or black/white)

Small... \$12.00 Qty:\_\_\_\_\_ Color Preference:\_\_\_\_\_ (not guaranteed)

**Floating Long Leash:** Marine quality floating line and brass clip

\$29.00 Qty:\_\_\_\_\_

**Float Line:** marine floating line with 5 floats

\$48.00 Qty:\_\_\_\_\_

**Puppy Float Line:** \$27.00 Qty:\_\_\_\_\_

**Underwater Articles:**

Three-sided ... \$12.00 Qty:\_\_\_\_\_

Wiffle ball ... \$ 9.00 Qty:\_\_\_\_\_

Bait Bucket... \$32.00 Qty:\_\_\_\_\_

**Gear Bag**

Solid... \$29.00 Qty:\_\_\_\_\_

Gear Bag Tie... \$9.00 Qty:\_\_\_\_\_

**Hard Ball** (for Working Level)...\$34.00 Qty:\_\_\_\_\_

**Soft Ball** (for Courier/Working Level) ... \$13.00 Qty:\_\_\_\_\_

Total Merchandise ordered \$\_\_\_\_\_ **Merchandise will be delivered to you at your playdate.**

Enclose a check payable to: Nutmeg PWD Club

Mail order form and check to: Jane Harding, 41 Gilbert Hill Road, Chester, CT 06412

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_