



Working Dog News

SUPPORTING TRAINERS,
HANDLERS, JUDGES AND
REGIONAL CLUBS.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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Happy Spring!

Hope spring flowers, draft tests and upcoming water events are in your sights! Many thanks to everyone who makes all our regional events possible -- each and every hard working committee, all the stewards, equipment measurers, buoy setters, honor dog, coffee and donut bringers, safety officers, and those that make all those fun raffles and auctions to support the events-- it takes a huge dedicated group to make our sports possible!! Please reach out to your regional club and volunteer to help, even if you are not showing in that venue---it makes a world of difference, you might make a new great friend, and you will always walk away with those special souvenirs of our breed -- slime and dog hair!!

In this issue, you will also find updates, a few reminders and a request for photos to make us all smile. Please let us know your thoughts and as always, feel free to reach out to us at workingdog@ncadogs.org with any questions.

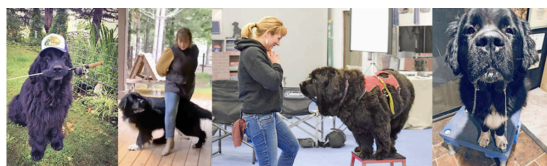
What Do You Do With Your Newf?

We always love to hear from those of you who are working your dogs!

The NCA Performance and Companion Events Committee is looking for folks who are busy with their Newfs! Dock Diving, Freestyle, Agility, Farm Dog, Barn Hunt, Fit Dog, Fetch Dog, Nosework...the list of ways to work with our versatile buddies is long and getting longer all the time. Do you have pictures and stories to share? Do you have experiences that will help others learn? Do you have questions about how to get started?

Let us know! Contact Performance and Events today and start the conversation.

Email the Committee



Draft Reminders

We know that clubs are still in the heart of draft work, but we wanted to send out these reminders about the flow of draft events.

Committees and judges, please note that For draft work, each division should be completed in its entirety as a stand alone, separate item. There **cannot** be any combined BDD and DD stays or freight hauls.

The intent of the division is to allow all dogs to exhibit at their level ONLY without distraction of the others who may be exhibiting at a different level. Combining the stay and freight hauls for BDD and DD is not giving the teams at each level the correct attention and allowing them fairness and full attention from the judges.

So all BDD entrants should be on their own stay, freight load and freight haul.

All DD entrants should be on their own stay, freight load and freight haul.

There should never be a stay/freight load and freight haul that combines both BDD and DD dogs, even though there may only be a few in one and a few in the other. Committees should be prepared to have honor dogs for both BDD and DD freight hauls in the event that they are needed.

So assuming your test running order for the day is BDD/DD/DDX your schedule would look like:

First walkthrough BDD entrants
Followed by BDD Basic control, Hitching and harnessing and maneuvering
Followed by BDD one minute stay and freight load
Followed by BDD Freight haul

Then second walkthrough for DD entrants
DD basic control, hitching and harnessing and Maneuvering
DD three minute stay and freight load
DD freight haul

DDX Walkthrough
DDX dogs compete

If you have all breed entrants, you then start OVER at the BDD level, move to DD level and then DDX.

THEN THE TEST IS OVER



If you have a smaller entry it may be possible, at the judges discretion only, to allow the WALKTHROUGHS ONLY to be combined in some ways that make sense to your total entries. Judges should take into account both the size of entries in each division, skill levels and comfort level with behavioral clues in dogs prior to combining the FREIGHT HAUL WALKTHROUGH ONLY, assuming that the route for both BDD and DD traverse the same path.

And as always "SECURE" definition means attached in some way to your apparatus so that if it flips over, the total freight and any other items loaded does not fall out.

BEST OF LUCK TO ALL THOSE ENTERING DRAFT EVENTS!! Send us your photos so we can share your fun!!



Getting Ready for Water Work!

Underwater retrieve articles have been a difficult item to find for many years now. The "old favorite" Splunky was discontinued several years ago, and while people can use WHATEVER item they choose to meet the regulations, the WDC and the NCA Board have put into place a change to the current regulations that impacts this particular item. **The height has been adjusted to being 4.5 inches for those objects effective for this upcoming water test season!!** Happy Shopping - if you visit the National, there may be new and exciting options that meet that requirement there!

The Water regulations are still in revision. Please let us know your thoughts by emailing us at workingdog@ncadogs.org.

Also some water work reminders:

Safety first. WEAR YOUR LIFE JACKET! Buckled please, not just slung over your shoulders. :-).

When you set the buoys for water, don't forget to set the anchors at the sea side of the boat, and take into account the placement of the platform facing shore needs to be AT the distance indicated in the regulations. So if your boat is 14 feet and you jump from the back, then the anchor should be at 164 feet to meet the 150 distance from shore. (Math. It's your friend)

Judges, please don't forget to announce the preswims based on the schedule.

Please remember that the preswim is not a training time, and no treats or toys should be used for those warm up swims for your dogs. Please just choose from the articles available from your water equipment to be used that day.

Don't forget your poop bag if you take a comfort break!

And "deliver to hand" means that the dog should be continuing to hold the item as you put your hands on it. The dog should put it in your hand before the dog lets go. Hold is your best friend!

Want some water work inspiration?

Here is a video shared by AnneMarie and Ralph Holzhauser of Ralph and Elton's passing WRDX performance at the Northland Newf Club's water test last summer. Thanks For Sharing!!



Coming Soon

A complete library of water videos meant to inspire and motivate you! More next time on this exciting and generous labor of love.



Safety First!

A great raffle item to support the 2024 NCA National Specialty! Don't miss out on this must-have "everything you need" medical kit and XL stretcher. This medical kit is in a convenient 17" x 13" bag. Easy to store in your home or vehicle in case of emergencies. The XL stretcher also fits in an easy to store bag. Be prepared in case of emergency! Tickets are \$10. Raffle winner will be drawn in 3 short weeks on April 9th. Don't miss your chance to win!

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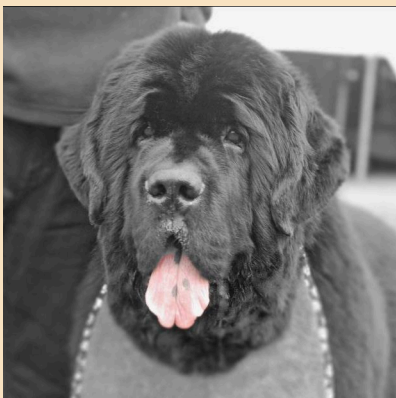
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Regional Clubs Please Note:



The NCA is beginning work on Phase 2 of the strategic plan. A big component of this phase is strengthening relationships between Regional Clubs and the NCA.

If your club members have suggestions, comments or ideas to share, thoughts about resources you need, what the NCA can do to help, or new ways to connect and communication please reach out to [Sue Marino](#)- Regional Club Liaison.

And if you have some great training videos to share, please **send them to us** so we can add them to the collection!

Contact the Working Dog Committee

Water Test Exhibitors Evaluation

Draft Test Exhibitors Evaluation

New Policy

In November, the Working Dog Committee and the NCA Board collaborated on language for a new policy for Out of Control dog behaviors at NCA events.

At all NCA Events dogs must be kept under control to prevent harm to itself or others. It is the owner/handler's responsibility to ensure their dogs are under control for the duration of the event.

At NCA events dogs must be crated or leashed and collared at all times, except when the dogs are required to perform off leash. When dogs are leashed, the length of the leash must not exceed SIX (6) feet and the leash may NOT be a retractable leash.

Dogs should not be allowed to approach another dog without permission from the other dog's owner/handler. Any dog that, in the opinion of the judges, event committee or designated safety officer representing the event, appears dangerous, shall be asked to leave the event promptly or be crated for the duration of the event and is excused from further participation in the event.

Anyone who witnesses a dog appearing to be dangerous should bring their concerns to the judges, event committee or safety officer. Part of upholding good sportsmanship is to take action through the appropriate channels.

Examples of out of control behavior would include but is not limited to:

Aggressive vocalization such as barking and growling, or aggressive behavior toward any person or animal such as snapping, biting, lunging, charging, attacking or attempting to attack at any time while on the test grounds.

Owners and handlers are responsible for monitoring the well-being and safety of their dog(s). If left unattended the owner/handler must check on them frequently to ensure they are safe.

If the dog is excused from the test grounds for aggression, the automatic grievance policy of the NCA is enacted. If an injury to dog or person occurs, the AKC Rules Applying to Dog Shows Ch 11, section 15 goes into effect. (References, chapter 2, section 14 in both water and draft regulations).

Clubs can download this policy from the [Working Forms Library](#) (Common Test Forms) to add to events registrations

RESOURCE GUIDE

Need help getting started with a working event? Check out these tools for Regional Clubs!

WORKING DOG COMMITTEE
MEETING SUMMARIES

TEST COMMITTEE FAQ's

ONLINE ENTRY SYSTEM

WATER TEST JUDGES

NCA CODE OF ETHICS

DRAFT TEST JUDGES

WORKING FORM LIBRARY

AKC CODE OF
SPORTSMANSHIP



Judge's Corner

Please Note: The NCA Board approved the proposed changes to the Requirements for becoming a Judge, please [review them here](#).

Reminder: Judges - we are offering a new option for email on the NCA website. You may now enter a "public display email" in your member profile. This will allow you to have a designated email address just for public display, so you can easily sort and find communication coming from the NCA website, and to protect your private home or work email from scam, phishing emails or mass marketers.

To add a public email, go to the **Member Portal**, select "My Profile" then select the red "Edit Profile" button. Add the email address you wish to use in the "Public eMail Address" field. Then click the red "SAVE" button at the top of the page.

You may wish to get a free email address through Gmail or other service to use specifically for this purpose.

[Judge's Status Update](#)

[Judge's Code of Ethics](#)

[Water test Judges Evaluation](#)

[Draft Test Judges Evaluation](#)

If you would like to share photos of working dogs at work (and play), please send them in - we'd love to see them! Make sure you have permission from the photographer for us to use the photos for publication.

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