



Working Dog News

SUPPORTING TRAINERS,
HANDLERS, JUDGES AND
REGIONAL CLUBS.

2nd Quarter 2026



UPCOMING EVENTS

See what's happening
for [Working Dogs](#).

Summer In Full Swing!

Summer time brings lots of great farmer's markets, craft fairs and interesting ways to find new toys to excite your pet. Please be careful though that your dog toys that may contain clove may be harmful to your dogs.

Dog toys made with cloves generally fall into two categories: seasonal scented plush toys or training aids used in canine nose work.

However, pure clove oil and raw cloves contain eugenol, which can be toxic to dogs if ingested or absorbed in large amounts, potentially causing liver damage and central nervous system issues.

Also, some children's socks are now being made in fun "animal toy shapes" and may contain magnets in the floppy ears. Please be aware if your dog is a 'sock thief' and do not let them tear apart and ingest those little magnets in those items too!

Please read labels, do your research and make sure your pet is playing with safe items that will not negatively impact their health.

Parasitic Screwworm

Congratulations to All the Titlists from the 2026 NCA National Specialty

New DDX - Marley- GCH CH Bearsclap's Gonna Be Alright CD CGC TKN DD2 DDX with Mary Lou Cuddy

New DDX - Morgan - Galway Bay's Toast To Jolly Roger CD RA CGC TKN DDX with Donna Foy

New DDX - Zuzu - CH Blackstraps Petals In My Pocket BN RE CGC DDX and Kristin Julcher

ReQual DDX - Poppy - Sea Worthy's Riot Grrrl CD RE CGCA TKE WD1 DD1 DDX10 TDD and Margaret Clayton

New BDD - Tea Clipper'S USS Alfred's Jaden BN FDC CGCA TKE FTN BDD and Kevin Barrett

New DD - CGH CH Tempest's Western Startlet At Lanikai RN CGC TKN DD and Laura Gallagher

New DD - GCHB CH Born Free Dark Night Sky RI CGCA TKN WD DD with Corrie Harreys

New DD - CH Threeponds I Put A Spell On You BN RN CGC TKN FITS FTN BDD DD with Amy Kroeger

New DD - GCHB CH Tempest's Truly Madly Deeply Pouch Cove CD BN DD and Nancy McKee

Please if you are summer traveling with your pet, be aware of this issue regarding parasitic screwworms!

[Current Information from the AKC](#)

[Background Info from AVMA](#)

[Canine Health Foundation Information](#)



Beginner Water Dog - Updates

NCA Water Test Judges met on June 4th to discuss and collaborate on items related to the new Beginner Water Dog regulations for this coming summer.

Entrants and test committees, please note! Clarifications of the regulations that were discussed and agreed upon by all judges are also listed here – please be aware of these points as you train and plan for entering the BWD level.

- Tab “leashes” should be 4-6 inches long, They do not have to float and should not have anything additional attached. Material can be poly braided cord, biothane, leather, other fabric types.
- As the dog is working next to their handler, climbing on the handler would be a failure of an exercise. Also climbing on the steward when sending the dog to them would be a failure.
- Where collar is discussed in BWD, all acceptable types of collars (see p 24) can be used, and the tab should be affixed to the “dead ring” of whichever collar is being used. AKA the ring that does not allow tightening of the collar worn.
- As entrants take the beach for their turns, judges should ask them to walk into the water to determine the wading depth of each dog. This can be done either before the first exercise or at the preswim at the judges’ decisions of flow of the exercises.
- Stewards should make sure they make notes regarding which equipment BWD handlers have selected so that they are correct in the drop exercise.

- Judges should use their discretion regarding the timelines, and as this is a beginning level, give grace if a second or two additional is needed to complete the exercise.
- Dogs who have earned WD titles previously can enter BWD.
- No extra markers or buoys or anchors are required for test committees.
- The dog must take the bumper willingly for the Take, hold and give. No forcing it in the dogs mouth and no chin holding to keep it there.
- The handler has the option of where to start, either on shore or at wading depth.

[Read the Full BWD Regulations](#)



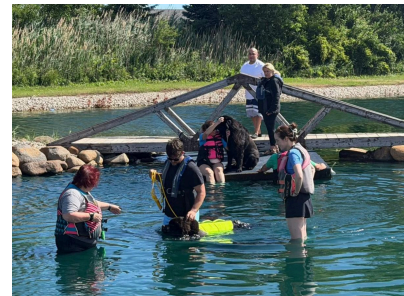
WATER TRAINING TAKES A VILLAGE
CHECK OUT THESE FANTASTIC REGIONAL CLUBS AT WORK!



[River King Water Wizards](#)



[Genessee Region Splash Camp](#)



[North Central Born To Swim](#)



Check out this great patch display from Dean Edwards celebrating the working accomplishments of his girl Morgan.

So what do you do with all yours that you win? Are they displayed proudly in a shadowbox along with your title photo and certificate? Are they on your ringside chair? Are they on your dog's crate? Are they on a flag? Are they turned into an incredible work of art? **SHOW US YOUR CREATIVITY AND YOUR NCA PATCH PRIDE!** Even if they are saved in a ziploc bag to keep them nice, spread them out on your table and send us a pic of them all together!

Let your patch pride shine!

Send Us Pics of Your Patches

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Ready for a challenge? Water. Draft. Obedience
Three challenges - one epic day!

SATURDAY, MAY 15, 2027
HORSESHOE LAKE, WOODLAND WA

- ✓ 24 Entry Slots
- ✓ Friday BBQ Dinner
- ✓ Mentor Judging Panel

MORE INFO ironnewf@outlook.com

Kick off the 2027 NCA National with Iron Newf! Like IronMan competitors, IronNewf entrants tackle three disciplines — each one showcasing the unique qualities that define the Newfoundland breed as described in the standard. Dogs qualifying in all three sports earn the honorary title of “IronNewf.”

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Working Dog Committee Member Opportunity

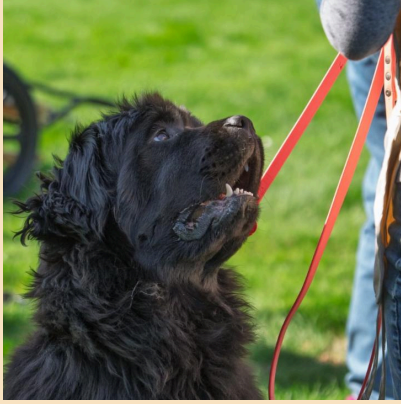
Love working events and want to help regional clubs succeed? The Working Dog Committee is looking for committee member(s) to assist with Water and Draft test support.

This volunteer opportunity is a great fit for someone who enjoys teamwork, communication, problem-solving, and helping behind the scenes to support successful regional working events. Please submit your application and include information about:

- Your interest in supporting regional working events of all types.
- Any experience serving on Water or Draft test committees, including the roles you held.
- Your comfort level using software programs, websites, and group work platforms.
- Your availability to attend Zoom meetings on the second Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. Mountain Time.
- Your interest in data tabulation and record keeping.
- Your interest in sharing training tips, event knowledge, and helpful resources.
- Your ability to problem-solve with regional clubs.
- Your ability to work as part of a friendly, respectful team.

Contact Leah Schlagel, 2nd VP to apply

Ad Hoc WDC Committee for Test Toolkit Reviews



The WDC is looking for a few individuals who love to read website material and have worked as test secretaries or test committee members in the past to take part in a project involving website material clean up and revision. This is a short term project hopefully lasting just a month or two and involving both individual and group work reviewing and updating material that exists on the NCA website regarding the test committee toolkits. Interested? Please reach out:

Working@ncadogs.org

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