



SUPPORTING TRAINERS, HANDLERS, JUDGES AND REGIONAL CLUBS.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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In This Issue

As the leaves turn, so do our activities turn from water work to draft work! As you make the transition, we have highlighted several ways to get your carting groove on for the fall.

Draft Regulations Updated

"When I first started in NCA and AKC events with my newfs, my very first obedience instructor asked me "Have you read the regulations?" I didn't know at that time that they even existed in a form that participants should be aware of! Since that first conversation back in 1994, Dick Gassoway and I would have frequent "quizzes" about whatever I was training for – to make sure our teamwork was the best it could be. Dick taught me the huge value of learning how to interpret the regulations for my teammate who couldn't read the regulations! (WOOF!) I have never lost sight of how important that piece is to success in trials. As an exhibitor, as I train for each level of competition with my dogs, I always revisit the most updated regs, review the It's amazing what you learn from that homework!" from Sue Raney

Please make sure you are using the latest version of the Draft Regulations this coming season. The



DRAFT - WHAT ARE YOUR QUESTIONS?

What are three things you would like to learn about draft work?

Harness Fitting

Back-ups

updated version is available on the **Working Dog Library** on the NCA Website as a download!



90-degree turns

Team Training Tips

Handling Hills

Avoiding Shaft Slams

Do you have other questions about Draft Work? Let us know - we can help! email us: workingdog@ncadogs.org

FEATURED ARTICLES

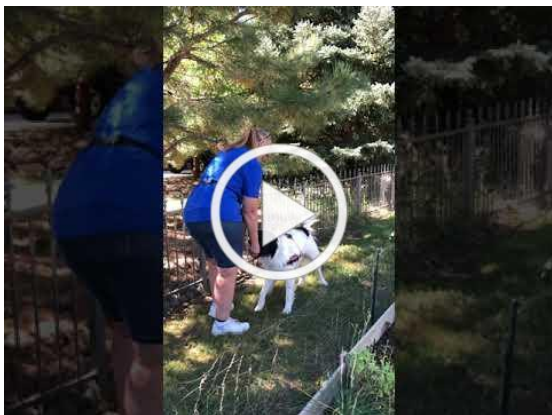
CHECK OUT THESE RESOURCES FROM FELLOW TRAINERS

Back To Basics of Draft Work

Three critical skills for draft work.... Stop, Back Up, Turn. Hope these ideas spark your training this fall!



Stopping: Don't forget the fine points of "stopping" which have been clarified in the regulations. Stopping your dog can keep them out of harm's way, help adjust to a potentially tight spot, and is a critical skill to draft work. In a cart, a reliable stop or "Whoa" is extra important for the safety of the dog. No different than stopping when heeling, or stopping on a rally course, or stopping on a walk when you get to the street corner - it's a skill you have built already a number of ways. For draft test purposes, please note this applies in all cases where a dog is directed to stop by either the handler or the judge, Per the regulations: *A stop is defined as the dog and handler will cease forward motion with the dog taking no more than three steps after the first command is given without a tight leash (if applicable) and without impeding the dog.*



Back Up: Here is a video to help you get started in the process of “back up” – thank you Terri Desnica and Ebb Tide's Ensign Tugboat Teddy RN, BCAT (Teddy) for this great demo!

Turn: One of the more challenging components to draft work is teaching your dog (and you!) the art of making tight 90 degree turns. There are many different techniques to accomplish this skill -- this is just one way of looking at turns that may help you and your newfs to learn how to make turns like a Nascar driver!



Shifting Seasons



If you are wrapping up water work, remember your end-of-season clean up - life vests, water shoes and wet suits can be washed on gentle cycle with Woolite and hung to dry completely before packing away. Ropes are best washed by putting them in an old pillowcase, and soaking in a sink of warm water and Woolite with gentle agitation. If you want to clean algae stains, it is better to use a bristle brush than any chemicals like bleach that will weaken the rope fibers. Do not put any water gear in a clothes dryer - lay out or hang to dry.

If your gear has gotten a little ripe from damp storage over the summer, you can also use a pet stain and odor enzyme cleaner to remove any lingering funk, especially in water shoes or scuba boots. You can also use a specific wetsuit cleaner like Sink the Stink.

For winter storage of wet suits and life jackets, run an old candle up and down all the zippers, zip up and down a few times and store with the zipper open. Check for any rips or tears - small repairs can be done with a product like Neoprene Queen Wetsuit Repair. Dust the insides with a little talcum powder (not baby powder) to keep latex seals from sticking together and store rolled or hung, never folded.

Gear is best stored in covered totes with a desiccant pack inside to keep mildew at bay. Try to avoid storage where there is direct sunlight or extreme temperature fluctuations, a storage room in the house is better than a barn or garage.

Be sure to check your gear and ropes for wear, frays or tears and repair or replace. Taking advantage of end-of-season clearance sales now will make sure you are ready to hit the beach next spring.

Practical uses for carting- Here's just a few!

Kid rides! Therapy pulls! Present delivery!

Yard work! Shopping at the garden store!

Pumpkin Pulls! Tree pulls! And of course, parades!

Share YOUR photos too - email them to us to share in future issues



Holiday finery as freight – wonderful way to represent at that Christmas parade, Paula McPherson!



Paula McPherson's Bella delivers Pumpkins at the Pumpkin Patch!



Gigi McLaughlin and Sequence show off their patriotic pride for a 4th of July parade



Sadie from the Amazing Eight in her Christmas Parade Regalia



Kid rides and a parade - what could be better!

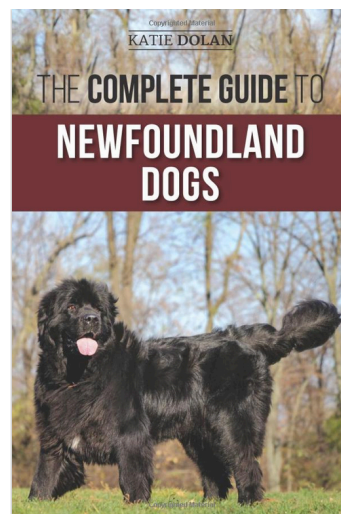


Leslie Dunn and Jessie pull Christmas trees

Recommended Reading

Check out this latest book, published in collaboration with the NCA. Lots of great information on the breed along with tons of photos by some familiar names in the Newf world. Author Katie Dolan teamed up with members of the Newfoundland Club of America (NCA) to create an in-depth look at what it REALLY takes to successfully live with, raise, and train a Newfoundland dog.

[Buy the Book](#)



Regional Club Test Committees



ONLINE ZOOM CHAT! Regional Clubs! Do you want to learn more about the uses of The Online Entry System to help you organize your events? Please fill out the form here for an invite to an upcoming Zoom chat for current Test Secretaries or anyone who wants to learn more about online entry for future tests! Target date December – Support is available for fall test secretaries, **let us know what you need.**

Even if your club is not accepting entries through the online system, the online system CAN HELP YOU produce test documents! **Ask us how!**

Would you like to be included in the ZOOM Invite?

Yes

No

**Please let us know what else
we can do to support you!**

Contact the Working Dog Committee

Water Test Exhibitors Evaluation

Draft Test Exhibitors Evaluation

RESOURCE GUIDE

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

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Judge's Corner

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.

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[Judge's Code of Ethics](#)

[Water test Judges Evaluation](#)

[Draft Test Judges Evaluation](#)

Thanks to Sophia Wasem-Burato for sharing the great cover photo in this issue. 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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