



Working Dog News

SUPPORTING TRAINERS,
HANDLERS, JUDGES AND
REGIONAL CLUBS.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Wonderful water tests everywhere!

Thank you to all the regional clubs and all the regional club volunteers who worked so hard to make this year's water test season a splashing success.

Many regional clubs included all breed tests, provided phenomenal water seminars and provided tadpole tests to encourage new people to the sport. It was great to see so much camaraderie and fun happening across the country all summer long with our delightful Newfoundland dogs.

The Working Dog Committee has been hard at work creating easy online access for post-test evaluations, and the links for Water Tests are included in this issue.

We are also excited to share some breaking research news from the Penn Vet Working Dog Center on strategies for dealing with heat exposure and information on conditioning your canine athlete.

We welcome input from our members on all the things working with your Newfoundland requires. Please let us know about any specific challenges in water work or draft

Evaluations Are Now Electronic

The NCA has moved to an electronic platform for collecting test evaluations from entrants and judges. If you haven't had a chance to complete your evaluation of your test this year please do.

Entrant's Evaluation

The NCA takes evaluations seriously and appreciates the extra time it takes to give us your thoughts on what things we need to celebrate what things we might need to adjust and also what things might be a problem for the future. We appreciate every entrant who completes these needed evaluations.

Water Test Judges can complete their test evaluations online as well

Judge's Evaluation

As we enter Draft season, draft evaluations will be online soon, so look for the links to these forms to be posted in the Working Dog Forms directories under Draft Forms.

Test secretaries can copy and paste the links and email them to exhibitors. There's also a QR code for the link to be able to access it on your phone directly from the test site.

work you would like us to address in the coming year.

If you have questions about accessing or submitting evaluations, please contact [Cindi Kursner](#).



As you prepare for the winter season and all kinds of holiday parades, tree pulls, and other fun activities that your club does with dogs please send us some pictures! We would love to see all the fun ways that your club incorporates our breed's working instincts and traditions!

SEND US PICTURES!

FEATURED ARTICLES

CHECK OUT THESE RESOURCES FROM FELLOW TRAINERS



Reducing a dog's temperature after exercise with voluntary head dunking | Penn Today

Penn Vet Working Dog Center researchers have identified an effective and field-applicable way to rapidly help dogs cool down after exercise.

[Read More](#)

What is the Iliopsoas and How does it Affect your Dog's Performance?

Do you love to see a Newf with an impressive jump off the boat? Pay attention to strengthening and conditioning of the iliopsoas to avoid soft tissue injuries.

[Read More](#)



The Pleasure & Benefits of Rally Training

The sport is wonderful for impacting and improving communication with your dog and building your relationship with your dog. - by Anna Lorenz, Performance & Companion Events Committee, reprinted from Newf Tide, 1Q 2015

[Read More](#)



Water Work Video Library

Check out this great resource - a comprehensive library of every water exercise, detailed and explained. This is a fantastic tool for those just getting started, or those training without access to an active training group.

[Junior \(WD\) Exercises](#)

[Senior \(WRD\) Exercises](#)

[Excellent \(WRDX\) Exercises](#)

Thanks to John Caldwell and all the folks at Penn Ohio who contributed to creating these excellent videos.

Judges Reminders

Remember to submit your evaluation forms from each judging assignment.

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.

Test Committee Reminders

We celebrate all test committees for their hard work and dedication to working events!

The [Working Test Toolkit](#) is your best friend!! Visit it for timelines and information. Also, please make sure you download the newest forms from the [Working Event Forms](#) link on the website as there have been changes over time and the forms on the website are the most updated ones.



Test secretaries, links to online Test evaluations coming soon!

Interested in Becoming A Judge?



It's a great opportunity to travel, see great dogs, meet super new friends and share your love of the sport!

Here's the link to the application!

Go here: <https://www.ncadogs.org/forms.html>

Download "Application"

Questions, please call or email us! John Jackman can help you! Email him at tsjjdj@comcast.net

Thank You!

It takes a village to make your events soar! It always amazes me that so many people share the love of Newfoundlands and their unique sports. What an incredible history we all share AND contribute to! We are in this together.

Please reach out to us -- we are always available to help with ideas, suggestions, troubleshooting, call any of us!

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