



Working Dog News

SUPPORTING TRAINERS,
HANDLERS, JUDGES AND
REGIONAL CLUBS.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

See what's happening
for Working Dogs.

Draft Season Is HERE

There's already a hint of fall (and possible snow in the mountains) across the country so it's time to break out the draft equipment for more working dog fun!

From the main page of the Newfoundland Club of America website, click on the link in the grey box on the left called "Draft Work". Scroll toward the bottom and you end up in a wealth of materials that will help you get more information on how you can become a successful draft team.

And think about all the different ways you can find fun in draft work! Not only for competition, but for all kinds of fun! Look for information on how to construct a special tree pulling cart for the holidays, and don't forget that pumpkins are heavy when picked in the patch.... Great times for newf work too! And never overlook the fun you can have when kids and newfs connect.... Cart rides in a newf cart are remembered for

Ebb Tide's Eclair FDC SWE SCM CGCA CGCU TKE ATT FTA WRD1 BDD DD1 (Maya)



Owner: Mr. Amir Findling
Breeder: Joan Greenwald
04/14/2020 F W/B WS68497304
2025 AKC/INCA Titles earned: SCM, SBE, SWE, CGCU, WRD, WRD1
Maya is an amazing Newfie! She excels in Scentwork and has earned her overall Excellent title as well as her Master Containers one.
Her summer training was awesome thanks to her village, the Genesee Region Newfoundland Club. She ended the season earning her WRD under adverse conditions then requalifying for a WRD1 the next day.
Maya is the perfect teammate. Smart, eager to learn and willing to perform, a dream of a dog!



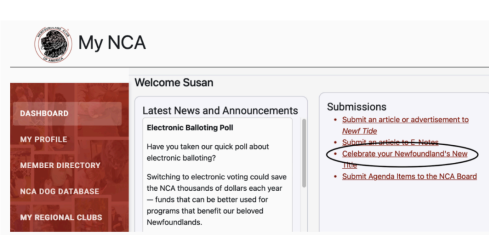
Celebrating your new titles in a new way!

The celebration of your successes throughout the year has changed to be an even more fun and interactive way to share your news. No longer will you have to wait for an Annual to be published. Once you have earned a title, you can add your news and photo in the **myNCA** portal so your picture and title recognition will show up in the NEXT issue of **Newf Tide**!

Please make sure you are signed up for the myNCA portal.

Then once you sign in there is a link in the upper left section that says SUBMISSIONS. When you click on the link "Celebrate your Newfoundland's New Title"

generations! Clubs have all kinds of fun fall drafting events - reach out to your regional club on how you can build one into your club's fall plans!



You can then follow the prompts to upload a photo and the story of your title journey and you will be celebrating your success with your newf friends across the country in the next issue of Newf Tide! I expect we will see LOTS of great water dog photos soon!!



Our Dogs. Our Children. Our Future.

Our Newfoundlands have such a wonderful and rich heritage. Saviors of the people in high seas - the protector of Peter Pan and Wendy - and Best Buds to children all over.

As we consider that heritage, the new Stewards of the Children policy enacted by the NCA makes complete sense and should be a small step that could indeed mean soooo much. Read the full details of the NCA policy here:

NCA Stewards of Children Policy

Please do this training and email a PDF copy of your certificate of completion to workingdog@ncadogs.org for recording purposes.

Important Information for ALL Regional Working Event Committees!

Per action by the NCA Board of Directors, **every water test and draft test committee** needs to have **one** of the three committee members fully trained in the Stewards of the Children training program for **new NCA event applications after October 31, 2025**. At that time, **every event submitted for approval** must also attach the certificate of completion from this training from one of your three committee members for your event to get approval.

Stewards of Children® - Darkness to Light

For those of you who have already submitted your upcoming test paperwork, we encourage you to review this material and consider completing the training now. If you complete the training, please submit a certificate of completion to workingdog@ncadogs.org so we can record that information.

Please READ, ACT and SEND IN your certificates as you complete the training. While it won't be required right away, it is valuable information for your event committees!

The WDC **strongly encourages** all judges and working event committee members to take part in this training. More eyes opened and awareness of our surroundings are just a small way we can make a difference in our events for all.

Don't Wait! Training Complete? Send it in to the NCA!

Email a PDF copy of your certificate of completion to workingdog@ncadogs.org for recording purposes. Certificates will need to be submitted with test applications from now on!

Questions? Concerns? Feedback?

As always, please contact us at the WDC and we will be glad to answer your questions or take your feedback to the NCA Board.

FEATURED ARTICLES

CHECK OUT THESE RESOURCES FROM FELLOW TRAINERS



The Power of "YES"

The one thing that always strikes home with me is how responsive our newfoundlands are to learning new things, trying hard for us, and have such great ability to apply their learning in different situations. Sometimes they show it easily, and sometimes it takes an "AHA" moment to realize how best to communicate with your furry partner in different venues.

Recently I was chatting with another newf owner and she shared this story:

My dog is training in obedience as well as water work. He is learning how to be a great swimmer and will willingly swim at my side, loves to go to others in the water but has been hesitating in the exercises where I need to send him away from me. He would stop and hesitate at the point where he needed to take that first stroke. Coaxing and other methods were not working to get him to take that leap of faith..... Then I watched him closely one time he was starting to enter the water. When he reached that point of hesitation, he picked up his left paw but paused a bit. It just slipped out "Yes!" came out of my mouth. That's his obedience reward marker that lets him know he's doing what I want correctly and to continue doing that behavior in our obedience practices. He looked at me as if to say "OH!! THAT is what you wanted!!!" He then made the connection that going out without me is what I was asking him to do!

Sometimes the work you do in one sport can and does translate quickly for a dog in other venues as well! Don't hesitate to use ALL your tools to communicate with your dog.... Reward markers, verbal and hand cues translate wonderfully to water and draft work too! How you work on the "back up" for Rally translates exactly to how you work draft back ups, left and right turns, how you work your tight turns and go outs for obedience will translate to going out for water work, and there are many, many more examples that can give your dog the message that he is doing what you want, and increase your chances for success.

Praise is hugely powerful – the dog will recognize the change in your voice and demeanor and know exactly what you want in time. And YES he will continue to build on that success for all kinds of different dog sports. So for both you and your dog..... Keep up the great work!! Good job! Yes!

Think about possible Event Partners – Sharing the Fun!

Recently, the Newfoundland Club of Seattle partnered with the Leonberger Club of the Northwest to conduct back to back Water Tests. Newfs and Leos had their own chances over two days to compete for their respective breed titles, and the clubs partnered on the judges, the stewarding and the activities for the weekend. Not only did it make for tons more fun, it was a wonderful collaboration of time and space for two breeds who love to do the same work. Draft work may offer similar partnerships with other working breeds..... If your club wants more information on how to develop those partnerships, please let us know.



Committees - just a reminder: Our events are sometimes in historic areas - Make sure you are partnering with your Park/Rec or Site supervisor about Site Management

We are so fortunate to have an incredible array of parks and lakes and areas that are willing to host Newfoundland Events! With over 35 water sites and 70 sites for draft work in use over the last 10 years, working event committees have to be mindful of a wide variety of park regulations.

Please continue to work with your club to create new ways to mark your test areas if your park does not allow pounding stakes into the ground. It may not be what you expect.... Sprinklers, turf, park guest safety all are reasons that we hear about from clubs who are working on test setup.

The Newfoundland Club of Seattle reported one of the most interesting site management discussions this year! The park where their water test was held was told this year that they could not use stakes to support their test perimeter. (They worked out a great option using sandbags that was very effective.) The reason for the request this year..... The fluctuation in the water level at their site had recently uncovered some artifacts of historic significance. The ground is to be further researched but was also declared a cultural resource. It is critical to understand that these sites are protected by state and federal law. Disturbing these grounds by digging or planting stakes is illegal. Thanks to NCS for working out a good solution to have a successful water test as well as to continue to preserve our history!

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