



Working Dog News

SUPPORTING TRAINERS,
HANDLERS, JUDGES AND
REGIONAL CLUBS.

1st Quarter 2021



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

CELEBRATE

The deadline to submit your title information and photos for the Annual of titlests has been extended this year! You

have till Tax Day - April 15 to submit those title forms! But don't delay, get yours in today! Here's the form:

[Annual of Titlists Data Form](#)

Let's celebrate all our pandemic successes!!

TRAINING SPOTLIGHT

Land Work for Water, a spring key to summer success

TEST SUGGESTIONS DURING COVID

Best practices for test committees, judges and entrants

Thinking of applying to be an NCA judge? Have questions?

[Read more](#)

Want to become a water or draft judge?

LOCATION

virtual meeting

Let us know so we can invite you to our upcoming virtual judging introduction to learn about the process of becoming a water or draft judge

[Absolutely! Count Me In](#)

[Interested in learning more](#)

[Not interested](#)

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FEATURED ARTICLES

Land Work - A Spring Key to Summer Success in the Water



Although there may be snow, or the lake close to you is still too cold for water play. You can get some great early season training on land! Some tips include:

- Working on “take/hold/give” at home, in the park, at Home Depot
- Take your cushion and life jacket to the park for some retrieve practice
- Take your rope to the park and practice take/hold/give on the baseball field, using the bases as targets or get friends to stand on the bases and call the dog to them
- Create a little platform, use a low table for a “boat platform” to practice your oar retrieve
- Use a wheelbarrow, a wagon or a plastic kayak in the grass to be your “boat”. A friend placed

inside any of those items can call your dog as if they are coming to a boat

Video demos:

- [puppy-steps first take a line](#)
- [teaching around for take-a-line](#)
- [building excitement for articles](#)
- [practicing hold](#)
- [platform for retrieving a paddle](#)

Good foundation work on land transfers quickly to the water, and gives you a head start on Summer!

San Diego Draft Test!

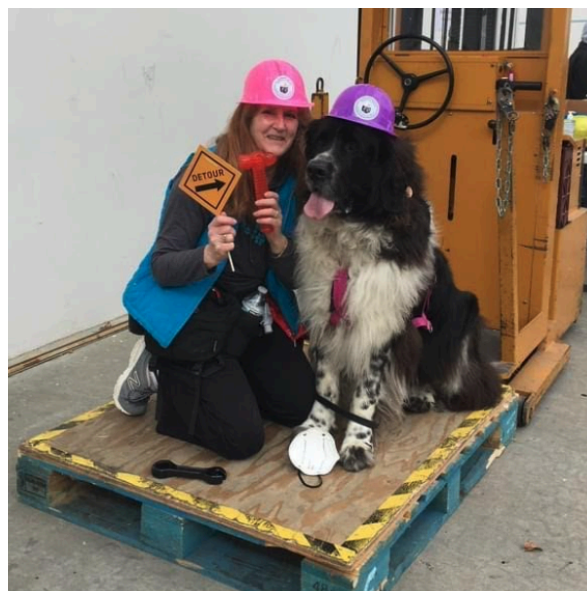
Not to be “detoured” by COVID, San Diego “Newfs At Work” urban draft tests were a huge success!

Entrants received “hard hats” with the test logo - super cute!!

Congratulations to the test committee, the stewards and all the entrants.

Glad you had a great weekend!

[**WATCH THE SLIDESHOW**](#)



New Reveal Just Around the Corner!

The TRAC Committee has been hard at work redesigning the Working Dog website pages as part of a new "Active Newf" mobile site that will encompass Conformation,



Working, Performance and Companion events. Built to align with the new overall web design for the whole NCA. We are very excited that the new reveal is just around the corner, stay tuned -- coming soon!



Working Tests During COVID

These COVID practices have been compiled from regional clubs plans and practices over the past year. These guidelines give your club a good starting point for considerations for testing during COVID. As your local and state regulations change, please continue to be aware of your area's restrictions. Event COVID plans need pre-approval from the WDC, please submit them in advance.

READ THE COVID TEST SUGGESTIONS

Thanks to Laura Chapman Stevens and the Newfoundland Club of South Australia for the mask wearing tutorial image!



Regional Club Test Committees

Online Entry! Online Entry continues to be a wonderful tool for secretaries to expedite the entry process, and avoid lots of retyping! Entries sync with the NCA database, too, for ease of use. The WDC is the new first stop for committees wanting to use online entry for their upcoming tests. Please reach out with questions and we will be glad to



support you through the process! Test committees who want to use online entry should note that on their test application or email the Working Dog Committee about 4 months prior to your test opening so we can make sure your club is all set to receive online entries on time!

Holding any seminars? Let us know about your regional working seminars so we can post them on the events calendar and help spread the word!

Submit Water Test Applications to:
[Dwight Gorsuch](#)

Submit Draft Test Applications to:
[Patti Pigeon](#)

RESOURCE GUIDE

[ONLINE ENTRY SYSTEM](#)

[NCA WORKING TEST GUIDE](#)

[NCA CODE OF ETHICS](#)

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

[TEST COMMITTEE FAQ's](#)

[WATER TEST JUDGES LIST](#)

[DRAFT TEST JUDGES LIST](#)

[AKC CODE OF SPORTSMANSHIP](#)

Judge's Corner

Virtual Judges Forum

Due to the ongoing concerns and unpredictability of the coronavirus causing the NCA to cancel the 2021 National, the WDC has determined that it is in the best interest of



our NCA working judges to move forward with a judges forum to connect us virtually this year. We hope to have a program in place by summer 2021 for draft and water judges to come together to discuss issues of importance at working events. Look for more information on these virtual meetings in the coming months.

[Judge's Status Update](#)

[Judge's Code of Ethics](#)

The Proper Approach

While this video is specific to obedience judges, the message can be directly applied to judging Newfoundlands in draft work. Judges, please be mindful when you approach dogs to check their harness, their apparatus, or for the moving stand in DDX to approach from the front. A great reminder thanks to the AKC!

[Watch The Video](#)

Judging During COVID

Please continue to be mindful of continuing restrictions on travel and COVID restrictions for the area you may have accepted an assignment. Stay in good contact with your committee to advise them of any potential issues with travel from your end. Stay safe!

Thanks to the members of the Working Dog Committee for sharing the great photos 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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