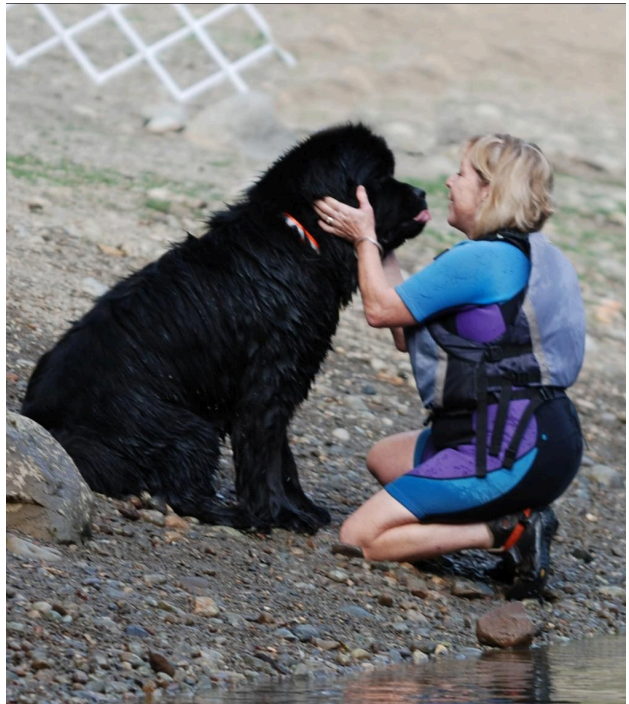




Working Dog News

SUPPORTING TRAINERS,
HANDLERS, JUDGES AND
REGIONAL CLUBS.

2nd Quarter 2021



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Summer Good News!

Due to state and local restrictions being lifted and changing for the better so quickly this summer, the NCA Board has accepted the recommendation of the Working Dog Committee to lift all restrictions on WRDX for the summer. Regional Clubs should carefully attend to the local restrictions, make note of their adherence to whatever those local guidelines may be in their premiums and catalogs as appropriate, and keep notifying entrants as things change. Water Tests can hold all levels as per the regulations. We continue to encourage you and your dog to be safe and enjoy water training and testing this summer!

TRAINING SPOTLIGHT

The joy of working in partnership with our dogs is why we participate in dog sports. This heartfelt and thought provoking article by Deborah Lee Miller-

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

[Don't ever miss our upcoming issues - subscribe here!](#)

Riley reminds us of this and what to look for in a dog “when it’s time for a break.”

FEATURED ARTICLES

CHECK OUT THESE RESOURCES FROM FELLOW TRAINERS

Bird's Eye View

Did you ever wonder what the seagulls see when they circle over your training session or your water test? Heidi Peterson used a drone to capture these two amazing videos of what the test looks like from above. Great perspective on how things look from a slightly different view!



Reeves demonstrating a WD Test



Macy practicing for WRDX

Training Tips

While “summer” to some Newf owners conjures up images of rolling waves lapping at the shore while you and your Newfoundland practice rescue activities in the water, the reality of summer is that most of us do not have unlimited water access, enough people to train with, or it's just too darn hot to be outside! So what can you do with your newf in the heat if you are not doing outside activities? These are just a few suggestions and resources for you to check out this summer to keep your Newf's brains active and having fun in the heat:



[Newf Nosework Info](#)

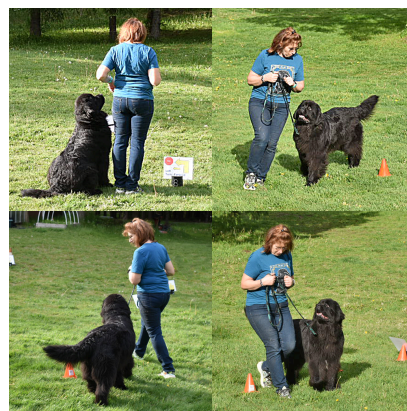
[AKC Nosework Info](#)



[Newf Trick Dog Info](#)

[AKC Trick Dog Info](#)

(check out fetch and give!)



[Newf Rally Info](#)

[AKC Rally Info](#)

Indoor Skills training ideas - look at what you want to work on with your dog and bring it inside in small parts! Hitching and harnessing can be done in the TV room, backing up, heeling and recalls can be done in your hallway, go around can be done around a dining room chair, Turns, fronts, finishes, pivots, basic easy maneuvering in the garage, milk jug dragging the possibilities are endless when you think in small parts!



[Newf Freestyle Info](#)

[AKC Freestyle Info](#)



[Newf Tracking Info](#)

[Variable Surface Tracking
from the AKC](#)



[Brain Games from AKC](#)

[Brain Teasers for Dogs](#)

Total fitness - there are several great products and companies online that can help you maintain an easy regimen of fitness “games” that you can do in your house that build core strength, and maintain fitness. Search k-9 fitness in your browser and you will find lots of great resources on how you can build core strength in your living room.

And when you just want to cuddle on the couch with your newfs and a good book, there are tons of great dog training books, online training and obedience classes and tons of super You-Tube training videos available at a click of a mouse!

Stay cool, have fun and enjoy spending time with your best buds!



When It's Time To Take a Break

It is a good handler who knows the difference between when discipline and pressure can guide her dog to a joyful performance, and when pressure should be removed by sacrificing task success for the dog's well-being.

[Read More](#)



Regional Club Test Committees

Online Entry!

If you are planning on using online entry for your upcoming events, please notify **Heidi Peterson** (for water tests) or **Karrie Cook** (for draft tests) when you decide to go that route. They will work with you to get your event online.

Also, we are working to update this across all paperwork but please make sure that you are submitting digital copies of your premiums and digital MARKED catalogs when you send in your complete test records at the end of your tests.

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](#)

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

[TEST COMMITTEE FAQ's](#)

[WATER TEST JUDGES LIST](#)

[NCA WORKING TEST GUIDE](#)[DRAFT TEST JUDGES LIST](#)[NCA CODE OF ETHICS](#)[AKC CODE OF SPORTSMANSHIP](#)[Judge's Status Update](#)[Judge's Code of Ethics](#)

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 early fall 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.

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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