



DIVE Into SPLASH AWAY WATER TRIALS

**Two PWDCA Water Trials
Hosted by the United Sunshine States PWD Club
Saturday and Sunday August 14 - 15, 2021**

**Location of Both Trials:
Camp Kanuga
130 Kanuga Chapel Drive, Hendersonville, NC**

**Saturday: Master - Junior
Sunday: Junior - Master**

**ENTRY LIMITED TO: The Greater of 35 Entries or 8 Hours Judging Time Per Day
PRACTICE DAY: Friday August 13, 2021**

**JUDGE:
Julie Asbed – Williamston, NC**

ENTRIES OPEN **ON-LINE ONLY AT USSPWDC.org
8:00 am EDT Monday July 12, 2021
ENTRIES CLOSE 5:00 pm EDT Monday July 26, 2021**

Day of Trial entries will be accepted if space available.



**United Sunshine States Portuguese Water Dog Club
Host Committee**

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Directions to Trial Site: 130 Kanuga Chapel Rd is the address of the camp administration building which is across the street from the trial site. Exit 53 (Upward Rd/Flat Rock) off I-26. Use left 2 lanes to turn left onto Upward Rd. Turn right onto US-176 W. Turn left onto Shepherd St. At the traffic circle, continue straight onto Erkward Dr. Turn left onto Kanuga Rd. Turn right onto Camp Kanuga Circle. Parking at the administration building has been reserved for our use only. The trial site is across from parking.

Veterinarian: Western Carolina Regional Animal Hospital & Veterinary Emergency Hospital, 205 N Highland Lake Rd, Flat Rock, NC 28731, 828-547-4089

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COVID Precautions: COVID precautions will be taken in accordance with the guidelines issued by the State of North Carolina at the time of the water trial. Those who feel comfortable wearing a mask are encouraged to do so.

Judging Program and Notice to Exhibitors
Judge: Julie Asped

Judge's briefings will begin at 8:00 AM on Saturday and Sunday. Judging will proceed in catalog order as determined by lot, except for bitches in season who will be judged out of order each day after all other dogs have been judged. Exhibitors whose bitches have come in season should notify the trial secretary upon arrival at the site. Lunch and other breaks will be at the judge's discretion. The following is offered only as a guide to help estimate trial time.

Junior	6 per hour
Apprentice and Working:	4 per hour
Courier and Master	3 per hour

Trial and Equipment Check-In will be available as follows: **Friday 9:00 to 3:00, Saturday and Sunday 7:00 to 9:00 for late arrivals and move ups.** Please have your equipment checked as soon as possible.

All exhibitors, handlers and stewards are required to wear USCG approved life vests and protective footwear. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Teams earning a title on Saturday and wishing to move up on Sunday should complete a "Move Up" form, available from the trial secretary, as soon as the first title is earned.

The test area will be clearly marked, as will areas for spectators, crating of dogs and practice or warm up. Only the dog competing will be allowed in the test area. Dogs not in the test area must be on leash or crated and under control at all times.

NOTICE TO PARTICIPANTS

The Water Trials will be held in accordance with the provision of the PWDCA Water Trial Manual 2020 edition. Copies of the manual may be downloaded free of charge from the PWDCA website (www.pwdca.org).

Eligibility: Minimum age of handlers is 9 years old. Participants aged 9 through 18 must have a parent or legal guardian present at the trial site while they participate.

On each day, a dog may only be entered and exhibited at one test level. Minimum age of dogs is six months old on the day of the Trial to enter the Junior Water Dog Level and one year of age to enter the Apprentice level, unless the dog has successfully passed the Junior Level.

A dog must have an Apprentice Water Dog (AWD) title to enter the Working Water Dog (WWD) level, a WWD title to enter the Courier Water Dog (CWD) level, and a Courier Water Dog Excellent (CWDX) title to enter the Master Water Dog level. A Junior Water Dog Certificate is NOT required to enter the AWD level (provided dog is over one year of age).

Acceptance of Entries: **ENTRIES WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED ON-LINE AT USSPWDC.ORG.** If you need assistance in completing the on-line entry, please contact Vickie Baker at usspwdc4me@gmail.com. Entries open at 8:00 am EDT on Monday July 12, 2021.

Your entry will be deemed as valid at the time PAYMENT FOR YOUR TRIAL ENTRY FEES, via Pay Pal or Credit Card, are received on the Club's website.

Each trial will close when the maximum number of entries for that trial is reached. **Entries must be received by the closing date, 5:00 pm EDT Monday July 26, 2021,** after which they may not be accepted, canceled, or substituted.

Wait List: If entries, in excess of the limits, are received before the closing date, the excess entries will be assigned to a wait list.

Refunds: No refunds of entry fees or other purchases will be made after the closing date, for any reason. Entry fees and other purchases will be refunded in full if you do not clear the wait list or if requested prior to the closing date; however, the refund will not be issued until after closing.

Move-Ups: A regular entry may be moved to a higher test level before either trial if the dog is eligible for the higher level. The Trial Secretary must be notified in writing by filling out a move-up form at least one-half hour before judging begins for the day.

Non-Regular Entries: Exhibition (FEO) entries will be accepted if either trial does not fill with regular entries. Day of trial entries will be accepted up to judging limits. If day of trial entries exceed available openings, entries will be chosen by random drawing.

Substitute Stewards: A handler may use his/her own substitute steward only in the circumstances as prescribed in the Water Trial Manual. **The substitute steward must complete a Substitute Steward Participation Agreement on-line at USSPWDC.org.** Substitute stewards must be familiar with and conduct themselves according to the applicable provisions of the Manual. The Trial Secretary must be notified of any change of Substitute Steward at least one-half hour before judging begins for the day.

What to Bring: Tents, crate(s), towels, chair(s), foul weather gear, sun protection, leash, water dish, dog food / treats, etc.

Restrooms: Portable bathroom facilities will be available at the trial site. Other restroom facilities are located at The Lodge, a short walk from the trial site.

Dogs on Leash: Dogs must be kept on leash or confined to crates at all times, except when participating in a warm-up session or while being judged. **This will be enforced.**

Practice Day: Practice runs will be offered in **10-minute increments** on Friday from 9:00 until 3:00 (last slot 2:50). You must be present to sign-up and you can only practice dogs you are handling and are entered in the trial. You can sign up for only one spot. A sign-up sheet will be available; please indicate how many boats you will need and if you will need a land steward. Steward and rowers will be made available from volunteers on the day.

Order of Judging and Judging Program: The order of judging within each test level will be determined by a random drawing on or about July 28, 2021. A judging program containing the days' tentative event schedules and order of judging teams will be e-mailed to each entrant. **The order of judging of test levels will be: Saturday - Master Water Dog, Courier Water Dog, Working Water Dog, Apprentice Water Dog, and Junior Water Dog; Sunday - Junior Water Dog, Apprentice Water Dog, Working Water Dog, Courier Water Dog, and Master Water Dog.**

For the Saturday trial, a coin toss during the Master Judge's briefing will determine which Package, A or B, will be performed for Master Water Dog. For the Sunday trial, the package that was not performed on the Saturday trial, will be performed.

Bitches in Season: Bitches in season will be judged at the end of each day after all other dogs have been judged. The owner or handler of any such bitch must notify the trial secretary of the bitch's condition before the start of the day's judging. Bitches in season must be housed in the handler's car except during a practice or competition run. Handlers may not bring bitches in season to the test area or the surrounding area until they are instructed to do so by the judge or the judge's designee.

Awards: Ribbons will be awarded for each qualifying performance at all levels including FEO entries. In addition, club mementos will be given for all new Titles or Certificates earned.

The Following Special Awards are also being provided by the Club for Members Only:

The Meg DeFore Apprentice Water Dog Award: In honor of Meg DeFore, a founding member of the Club. At the Saturday Trial a Special Award will be given to the Member's Apprentice Water Dog who, in a qualifying run, completes the 5 exercises in the fastest total time. FEO entries are not eligible.

The Max-A-Million Memorial Award: In memory of Max-A-Million Leather who was the 1st USSPWD Member's dog to achieve a CWDX title. At the Saturday Trial a Special Award will be given to a Member's Courier Water Dog who, in a qualifying run, completes the Shore Line Retrieve (2nd exercise) and the Buoy Ball Placement (5th exercise) in the fastest combined time. This award is only available to dogs who are working on their CWD or CWDX Titles. FEO entries are not eligible.

LODGING:

Mountain Inn & Suites
55 Upward Road
Flat Rock, NC 28731
828-692-7772

Room rates are \$85 per night with a \$25 per pet fee, per stay. Book through the phone number above and say you are with the Portuguese Water Dog Club. Cancellation is 48 hours in advance. Any rooms in our block that are not reserved a month before the event will be released to general reservations. The hotel is located off Exit 53 on I-26, the same exit as the Camp Kanuga trial site, which is approximately a 20-minute drive.

The following are RV parks in the area:

Town Mountain Travel Park
48 Town Mountain Rd
Hendersonville, NC 28792
828-697-6692

Lakewood RV Resort
15 Timmie Lane
Flat Rock, NC 28731
828-697-9523

Red Gates RV park and camping
148 Red Gates Lane
Hendersonville, NC 28792
828-685-8787

Please complete the on-line entry forms for Volunteer Positions and Meals, T-Shirts, and Raffle Items at USSPWDC.ORG.

VOLUNTEERS: We would not be able to host and run our Water Trials successfully without our volunteers doing everything from site set-up / tear-down, hospitality, rowing, stewarding and much more. **Please volunteer for at least one position or more during the trial.**

MEALS:

Breakfast: Dunkin' Donuts coffee and donut holes will be available on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

Lunches:

Friday pizza lunch will be provided to all trial volunteers courtesy of the USSPWD Club.

Saturday and Sunday Lunch will be available for purchase with a variety of choices. Please see selections and cost on the website.

Saturday Awards Banquet with Raffle and Auction:

Awards Banquet: Held at the Highland Lake Inn and Resort, which is poised atop 26 scenic acres on a private lake, and is located at 86 Lily Pad Lane, Flat Rock, NC 28731. We will have a private dining room with a cash bar. The buffet will include Pork Loin with Bacon-Brown Sugar Glaze and Apricot – Raison Chutney, Marinated Chicken Breast with Lemon-Caper Sauce, Pasta Primavera with Sauteed Vegetables, Sides, Desserts, and Iced Tea / Coffee.

Raffle and Auction: A raffle basket drawing and merchandise auction will be held in conjunction with the Saturday Awards Banquet. Tickets will be sold at the dinner. **Donations of raffle items and auction items, both dog and human related, are appreciated. Please indicate you will be bringing a raffle or auction item on the on-line entry form** and bring any suitable items with you to the dinner. All proceeds will go directly to the club and support donations to PWD Health Issues

PHOTOGRAPHER: There will be no photographer at this trial. Please solicit friends and other participants to photograph and video your run.

EVENT T-SHIRTS: We are offering Dive Into Splash Away T-Shirts in women's and men's styles. Please see the detailed information listed in the t-shirt section of the water trial entry on USSPWDC.org. **The graphic was created by Angie Robinson.**

NOTICE ON DOG AGGRESSION:

USSPWD Club will follow the guidelines set forth in the current PWDCA Water Trial Manual which specifies:

Excusals:

A judge SHALL excuse any dog that, in the opinion of the judge: Menaces, threatens, or exhibits any sign that it may not be safely approached in a normal manner by the judge or official trial stewards.

Signs may include growling, showing or snapping its teeth, and rolling its eyes.

Disqualifications:

By Event Committee:

Any dog, in the opinion of the Host Water Trial Committee, that attacks a person or another dog at a sanctioned water trial warm-up day or during the actual trial, and is believed by that Event Committee to present a hazard to persons or other dogs, shall be disqualified by the Event Committee.

By The Judge:

A judge SHALL disqualify any dog, in his or her opinion, that attacks any person in the ring, or leaves the ring to attack anyone else or another dog. **An attack is defined as a bite or an attempt to bite anyone, including its own handler, without valid extenuating circumstances, for example accidentally play biting.**