

DIP Into SPLASH AWAY WATER TRIAL



One PWDCA Water Trial
 Hosted by the United Sunshine States PWD Club
 Sunday June 4, 2023

ENTRY LIMITED TO: The Greater of 35 Entries or 8 Hours
 Judging Time Per Day

Location: DeFore Pond – 320 Powerline Road, New Smyrna Beach, FL

Sunday: Junior - Apprentice ONLY
 JUDGE: John Brock, Cumming, GA

Saturday June 3, 2023 – Junior / Apprentice Workshop including Practice Run
 Presented by Judge John Brock at DeFore Pond Trial Site

The workshop will be free to those who enter the trial and \$35 for those not entered. The workshop is to help participants improve their trialing skills and increase their chance for qualifying in the trial.

The workshop will include in-depth briefings for each level.

- April 24 - Water Trial ENTRIES OPEN at Perfdog.com
- May 8 - RANDON DRAW DEADLINE - 5 pm EDT
- May 9 - Random Draws are conducted, handlers are notified via perfdog
- May 10 - Meals, T-Shirts, Volunteer and Substitute Entry Forms open on website
- **May 16 - Water Trial ENTRIES CLOSE - 5 PM EDT**
- June 3 – Workshop including Practice Run
- June 4 - Water Trial

All entries will automatically go to Waitlist. If the trial is full by Random Draw Deadline, a Random Draw will be held. If your entry is confirmed, you will be notified, and pay PerfDog at that time (within 3 days). Entries received after Random Draw Deadline will go to Waitlist if the trial is full. If space becomes available, up until the Close Date, you will be notified and pay PerfDog at that time. Day of Trial entries will be accepted in the order on the Waitlist(s) in both trials if time and space are available.

<p>New this year: We are using perfdog.com to accept all entries. Enter online and pay with a credit card when you are accepted into the workshop and/or trial.</p> <p>All other forms, including Volunteer Positions, Meals & T-Shirts and Substitute Steward enter on line at USSPWDC.ORG.</p>	<p>All handlers are responsible to open a perfdog account and update their dog's information. Please ensure you check your spam folders and consider adding support@perfdog to your contact list.</p>
<p>All entries will be accepted and placed on a waitlist with no money paid at that time. Once you are informed (by perfdog) you have been accepted into the trial you have 3 days (72 hours) to go online at perfdog.com and submit payment to complete your entry.</p>	<p>Fees for entries include a Processing Fee. Entries may be canceled or changed online prior to close of entry, with refunds (less the Processing Fee per entry) available to keep as PerfDog credit, refund to credit card, or mail via check (less a \$3 Check Fee). Entries and extras may be canceled online after close of entry, but no refunds will be given.</p>

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Directions to Trial Site:

Southbound I-95 – Exit 261B west bound US-92 / International Speedway, .3 miles turn left onto Tomoka Farms Road, 10 miles, turn right on Kersey Rd, .9 miles turn right onto Powerline Rd, .6 miles DeFore Pond on the left.

Northbound I-95 – Exit 249A FL-44 West, 4.9 miles turn right on Tomoka Farms Rd, .5 miles turn left on Kersey Rd, .09 miles turn right on Powerline Rd, .6 miles to DeFore Pond on the left.

Eastbound I-4 – Exit 118B-A FL-44 East towards New Smyrna Beach, 10 miles turn left onto Tomoka Farms Rd, .5 miles turn left on Kersey Rd, .9 miles turn right on Powerline Road, .6 miles to DeFore Pond on the left.

24 Hour Veterinarian: Animal Emergency Hospital of Volusia, 696 S. Yonge St., Ormand Beach, FL 386-252-0206

Order of Judging and Judging Program: The order of judging within each test level will be determined by a random draw. 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 Junior Water Dog followed by Apprentice Water Dog**

The Judge's briefing will begin at 8:00 AM on 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 or judge upon arrival at the site. Lunch and other breaks will be at the judge's discretion.

Trial and Equipment Check-In will be available as follows: **Saturday and Sunday 7:00 to 9:00.** Please have your equipment checked as soon as possible.

Trial Area: The test area will be clearly marked, as will areas for parking, spectators, and crating of dogs. Only the dog competing will be allowed in the test area.

Dogs on Leash: Dogs must be kept on a 6 ft 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 Run: A practice run will be available on Saturday as part of the Junior / Apprentice Workshop presented by John Brock. **Only those entered in the Workshop may practice on Saturday.** The Workshop is free to those entered in the trial and \$35 for those not entered. **Please note there WILL NOT be a practice site during the trial.** A garden hose will be available to cool dogs down if necessary.

NOTICE TO PARTICIPANTS

The trial will be held in accordance with the most current provisions as set by the PWDCA Water Trial Manual and any updates. Each participant is responsible for familiarizing themselves with said regulations. Copies of the Water Trial Manual may be downloaded from www.pwdca.org.

Eligibility: PWDCA sanctioned water trials are open only to purebred Portuguese Water Dogs registered with the AKC or foreign registry or with AKC PAL/ILP (Purebred Alternate Listing/Indefinite Listing Privilege) numbers. On the day of the water trial(s), the dog must be eligible to compete in events sanctioned by the Kennel Club in which the dog is registered (AKC, CKC). Additionally, on the day of the water trial(s), the handler of the entered dog must also be in good standing and able to compete in events sanctioned by the Kennel club in which the dog is registered.

A dog must be at least six months of age 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. All dogs must be in good health and in proper condition for the test level in which they are entered. The minimum age for water trial participants is 9 years old. Participants between the ages of 9 and 18 must have a parent or legal guardian present at the site while they participate.

A dog may enter the Apprentice Water Dog titling level without having a Junior Water Dog Certificate if it is at least 12 months of age on the day of the trial or has successfully passed the Junior level.

A dog may move up from Junior to Apprentice on Day of Trial and Day of Trial entries will be allowed, if time and space allow.

Neither a judge nor any member of his/her immediate family or household nor any dog owned by a judge or any such family or household member shall be eligible to compete at a trial where the judge is officiating or performing an observer or provisional judging assignment. "Competing" shall include acting as a substitute steward.

Acceptance of Entries: The host club has the right to refuse any entry for any cause which they deem to be sufficient.

Entry Priority: Priority will be given to Junior and Apprentice Regular Entries until the lottery deadline on Monday May 8, 2023, at 5 pm. A team is considered a "Regular Entry" if the dog has not earned a title at the titling test level entered before the trial date or enters at the Junior Water Dog level and has not earned a certificate or title before the trial date.

Non-Regular (“Exhibition”) entries will be accepted only if the trial does not fill by the lottery deadline. After the lottery deadline, all entries will be accepted on a space-available basis in the order received. A team is considered a Non-Regular or “Exhibition” entry if the dog has earned a title/certificate at the level entered more than 30 days before the trial date or a dog has earned a title before the trial date and is entered at the Junior Water Dog level.

Entering Your Dog: **We are using PerfDog.com to accept all entries. All entries will be accepted and placed on a waitlist with no money paid at that time.** Once you are informed (by PerfDog) you have been accepted into the trial you have 3 days (72 hours) to go online at perfdog.com and submit payment to complete your entry. If not paid, then those spots will be offered to the next dog on the Waitlist. If you are on the Waitlist, and get offered a spot, you may either accept or decline that spot, within a 3 day (72 hour) window of time.

Random Draw and Wait List: All Regular entries received during the lottery draw period ending Monday May 8, 2023 at 5 pm EDT will be treated equally. If Regular entry limits are exceeded by that date, a random drawing from all Regular entries received will be executed using PerfDog’s excel sheet random draw process”. Remaining entries, if any, will be drawn for a position on the wait list. All entries received after May 8, and up to the closing date, will be accepted on a first-come basis if the trial has not been filled, or will be added to the wait list if the trial is full. The wait list will be used to fill openings as they become available prior to the trial date and for day-of entries.

Day of Trial Entries: Will be accepted if time allows after receiving consent from the Trial Judge and Trial Secretary and paying the appropriate fees.

Day of Trial Move Ups: If time allows, dogs will be allowed to move up to the next trial level after receiving consent from the Trial Judge and Trial Secretary and paying the appropriate fees. Move ups will be tested at the end of their class or the end of the day (depending on the order of judging), but prior to Bitches in Season.

Closing Date: **ACCEPTABLE ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE CLOSING DATE, Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at 5 pm EDT. After this time entries may not be accepted, canceled or substituted. All entries MUST be made through PerfDog.** Entries may NOT be hand delivered, faxed, or telephoned.

Refunds: No refunds of entry fees will be made after the closing date. Fees for entries include a \$3 Processing Fee. Entries may be canceled or changed online prior to close of entry. Refunds (less the \$3 Processing Fee per entry) may be either kept as a PerfDog credit, refunded to credit card, or mailed via check (less a \$3 Check Fee). Entries may be canceled online after close of entry, but no refunds will be given.

Bitches in Season: Bitches in season will be exhibited **at the end of the day**. The owner or handler must notify the on-site trial secretary of the bitch’s condition before the start of the trial, and before bringing the bitch onto the trial grounds. Bitches in season shall not be brought to the test area or the surrounding area until their handlers are instructed to do so by a judge or judge’s designee. Acceptable locations for crating bitches in season will be limited strictly to those areas designated by trial officials, or in the entrant’s car.

Substitute Stewards: A handler is allowed the use of one substitute steward at the Courier and Master level. **The use of a substitute steward is allowed for the Timed Swim at the Junior or Apprentice levels.** For all other exercises at any level, the use of a substitute steward must be approved by the judge and the Trial Chair, prior to the briefing. **A substitute steward should be named in the handler’s official entry form** or, at the discretion of the judge and/or Trial Secretary, may be approved on the day of the trial no later than the end of

the judge's briefing for the test level in which the handler is competing. In either case, **The substitute steward must complete a Substitute Steward Participation Agreement on-line at USSPWDC.org.** The Trial Secretary must be notified of any change of Substitute Steward **at least one-half hour before judging begins for the day.**

Saturday June 3 Junior / Apprentice Workshop presented by Judge John Brock

The Workshop is free to those who enter the Sunday trial and \$35 to those who only attend the workshop. Entry and payment are through PerfDog. Only dogs participating in the workshop are allowed a practice run on Saturday.

The workshop is to help participants improve their trialing skills and increase their chance for qualifying in the trial. It is important for handlers to understand that trialing is not the same as training. The strategies are different and increased trialing knowledge is a key component to having qualifying runs.

The workshop will include in-depth briefings for each level. Each workshop participant will be given the opportunity to run their dog in a simulated trial environment. During the run, the handler may ask questions of the judge, take comments and recommendations, and given ideas on how to improve their trialing skills.

At the end of the workshop a summary briefing will be held to further review rules and answer any additional questions the participants might have.

What to Bring: Tents, crate(s), towels, chair(s), foul weather gear, sun protection, leash, water dish, dog food / treats, etc. **All exhibitors, handlers and stewards are required to wear USCG approved life vests and protective footwear. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Restrooms: Portable bathroom facilities will be available at the site.

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 Trophies are also being provided by the Club for Members Only:

Junior Water Dog Trophy: This trophy, offered exclusively at Junior / Apprentice ONLY Water Trials, will be given at the Sunday trial to the Member's Junior Water Dog who, in a qualifying run, completes the 4 exercises in the fastest total time. FEO entries are not eligible.

The Meg DeFore Apprentice Water Dog Trophy: In honor of Meg DeFore, a founding member of the Club. This award will be given at the Sunday trial 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.

LODGING:

Home 2 Suites by Hilton
200 Fentress Blvd.
Daytona Beach, FL 32114
386-400-2300

Queen studio for \$139 plus tax per night. **Pet fees have been waived.** Book via the website link listed on USSPWDC.org website or call the hotel and identify yourself as part of the usspwdc group.

The special rates are available until May 12, 2023, after which current rates plus pet fee will apply. Reservations can be cancelled up to 48 hours prior to planned stay.

RV Park Reservations – there are numerous RV Parks in the Daytona Beach / New Smyrna Beach area

New Smyrna Beach RV Park and Campground
1300 Old Mission Rd, New Smyrna Beach, FL 32168
(386) 427-3581

Daytona Beach Sun RV Resort
4601 S. Clyde Morris Blvd, Port Orange, FL 32129
(844) 725-9414

Please complete the on-line entry forms for Substitute Steward Participation Agreement, Volunteer Positions and Meals, T-Shirts, and Raffle Items at USSPWDC.ORG. Please note the forms will not be available until May 10, 72 hours after the random draw.

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: Complimentary coffee and light breakfast items will be available Saturday and Sunday mornings.

Saturday Lunch will be a communal offering of sandwiches, wraps, salads, and fruit. Soft drinks and water will be provided. Please see the cost on the website.

Sunday Lunch will be boxed sandwich and salad lunches catered by Panera Bread. Sandwiches will include chips and a cookie; salads will include bread and a cookie. Soft drinks and water will be provided. Please see selections and cost on the website.

Saturday Dinner will be held at the trial site location upon completion of the Workshop. The dinner will be catered by local eatery Yellow Dog Eats which will include pork and chicken bar-b-q, sides, and vegetarian options. See cost on the website. **This is a BYOB event.**

RAFFLE and AUCTION: A raffle basket drawing and merchandise auction will be held in conjunction with the Saturday Dinner. 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

EVENT T-SHIRTS: Don't miss out on purchasing the Dip Into Splash Away Junior & Apprentice Water Trial T-Shirt. We are offering T-Shirts in women's and unisex styles. Please see the detailed information listed in the t-shirt section of the water trial entry on USSPWDC.org. The t-shirt logo was designed by Meg DeFore and Tim Wagoner.

Photographer: Please note there WILL NOT be a photographer at this trial.

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.**