

SPRING Into SPLASH AWAY WATER TRIALS



Two PWDCA Water Trials
 Hosted by the United Sunshine States PWD Club
 Saturday and Sunday June 24-25, 2023

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

PRACTICE DAY: Friday June 23, 2023

Note: Depending on the number of entries received Trial 1 may begin on Friday afternoon following practice.

Saturday: Master - Junior
Sunday: Junior - Master

Location of Both Trials: Pyne Road Park, West Point Lake, 4481 Roanoke Road, LaGrange, GA

JUDGE: Greg Ilchuk - British Columbia

- **May 1 - Water Trial ENTRIES OPEN** at Perfdog.com – 8 am EDT
- **May 23 - RANDON DRAW DEADLINE** - 5 pm EDT
- May 24 - Random Draws are conducted, handlers are notified via perfdog
- May 25 - Meals, T-Shirts, Volunteer and Substitute Entry Forms open on website
- **June 6 - Water Trial ENTRIES CLOSE** - 5 PM EDT
- June 23 - Practice Day
- June 24 - Water Trial 1 and June 25 - Water Trial 2

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 trial(s).</p> <p>All other forms, including Practice Day, 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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- Corresponding Secretary – Melinda Harvey
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<p>United Sunshine States Portuguese Water Dog Club Host Committe Trial Chair - Vickie Baker - usspwc4me@gmail.com Trial Secretary – Marilu Novy – overlook3pwd@gmail.com, 7665 River Crest Dr, Columbus, GA 31904 Chief Steward - John Brock Hospitality - Judy Leather</p>	<p>Officers of USSPWD Club: President - Lizette Wagoner Vice President - Lori Torriero Secretary - Karen Childers Treasurer – Pam Oberst Directors – Zac Crump, Amanda Ellery, John Brock, Marie Forgach, John Rodenburg</p>
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Directions to Trial Site: The park is located at 4481 Roanoke Rd., Lagrange, GA 30240 (State Rd. 109). Enter the park and follow the directional signs to the trial site.

Veterinarian: LaGrange Veterinary Hospital, 1200 Lafayette Pkwy, LaGrange, GA 30241, 706-882-1063

Emergency Vet: Auburn University Small Animal Clinic, Auburn University, 334-741-7488

Tentative Schedule

Friday June 23, 2023	Trial 1 – Saturday June 24	Trial 2 – Sunday, June 25
<p>Practice Day - Sign up on line Practice time 8 AM - 3 PM Equipment Check-in Fri, 12-3 pm 3 pm Site set up <i>Note: Depending on entries - practice may end at noon and Trial 1 may begin on Friday afternoon.</i></p>	<p>Judge’s Briefing 8 am Equipment Check-in - 7-9 am <i>Note: Please have your equipment checked as soon as possible.</i> Running Order: Master to Junior</p>	<p>Judge’s Briefing 8 am Equipment Check-in - 7-9 am Running Order: Junior to Master</p>

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: 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.

Judge’s Briefing: The Judge’s briefing 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. Lunch will be at the judge’s discretion.

Trial Area: 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 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: Practice runs will be offered in 10-minute increments on Friday from 8:00 am until 3:00pm (last slot 2:40). You must sign up on the USSPWDC.org web site. You can only practice dogs you are handling and are entered in the trial. You can sign up for only one spot. Stewards and rowers will be made available from volunteers on the day. **Please note there WILL NOT be a practice site during the trials. Note: Depending on the number of trial entries - practice may end at noon and Trial 1 may begin on Friday afternoon.**

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: Eligibility: PWDCA sanctioned water trials are open only to purebred Portuguese Water Dogs registered with the AKC or foreign registry or with AKC PAL (Purebred Alternate Listing) or ILP (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 and above, 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. 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. 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 as outlined in the first paragraph of this section). A dog must have earned an Apprentice Water Dog title in order to be eligible to enter the Working Water Dog level. A dog must have earned a Working Water Dog title (Working Water Dog Excellent is an optional title and is not required) to be eligible to enter the Courier Water Dog level. A dog must have earned a Courier Water Dog Excellent title to be eligible to enter the Master level. All Dogs are limited to one entry per trial.

Move-ups: Before trial closing, eligible dogs may be moved up to a higher test level by the owner through their PerfDog account. Any move-up requests after closing but before the trial must be sent as an email request to the trial secretary. To move up or move down during the trial weekend, the secretary must be notified by the end of the day before the change. A move down from a regular entry to a non-regular entry will not be allowed unless there are no waitlist entries. For inclusion in the catalog, move-ups must be received no later than the closing date, Tuesday, June 6, 2023.

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 through Master Regular entries until the random draw deadline on Tuesday May 23, 2023 at 5 PM EDT. A team is considered a "Regular entry" if (1) the dog has not earned a title at the titling test level entered before the trial date, or (2) enters at the Junior Water Dog level and has not earned a certificate or title before the trial date. A team is considered a Non-Regular or "exhibition" entry if (1) the dog has earned a title/certificate at the level entered more than 30 days before the trial date, or (2) a dog has earned a title before the trial date, and is entered at the Junior Water Dog level. Also, Non-Regular entries include (3) entries received after the closing date including day-of-trial entries and (4) day-of-trial move-ups

and (5) any other entries which do not qualify as Regular entries. Non-Regular (“exhibition”) entrants may enter any level up to and including the dog’s highest titling level. Regular entrants may qualify and receive awards at the Water Trial. Non-Regular entrants may qualify and receive a ribbon at the Water Trial. A dog with WWD title will be a Regular entry if working toward the WWDX title, and a dog with CWD title will be a Regular entry if working toward the CWDX title. Each trial will close when the maximum number of entries for that trial is reached.

Non-Regular (“Exhibition”) entries will be accepted only if the trial does not fill by the random draw deadline. After the random draw deadline, all entries will be accepted on a space-available basis in the order received.

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 Trial 1 and/or Trial 2, you have 3 days (72 hours) to go online at perfdog.com and submit payment to complete your entry(s). If not paid, your spot(s) will be offered to the next dog on the Waitlist for that respective trial. If you are on a Waitlist(s) and get offered a spot on a certain day, you may either accept or decline that spot, within a 3 day (72 hour) window of time. Because both trials are randomly drawn, it is possible you may be accepted into Trial 1, Trial 2, both trials or waitlisted for both trials.

Random Draw and Wait Lists: All Regular entries received during the random draw period ending Tuesday, May 23, 2023 by 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. A separate random drawing will be executed for each trial. Remaining entries, if any, will be drawn for a position from the respective random draw wait list. All entries received after May 23, 2023 and up to the closing date of June 6, 2023, will be accepted on a first-come basis if the trial has not been filled, or will be added to the wait lists if the trial is full. The wait lists will be used to fill openings as they become available prior to the trial date and for day-of entries.

Day of Trial Entries: If entry limits are not reached by the closing date, day of trial entries may be accepted at the Judge’s discretion and as time is available and conditions permit. The respective random draw waitlist, will be used to prioritize day of trial entries.

Closing Date: ACCEPTABLE ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE CLOSING DATE: Tuesday, June 6 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 of such a bitch must notify the 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 may substitute an individual of his/her choice to perform functions otherwise assigned to a steward during that handler's test. Such an individual is referred to as a "substitute steward." It is expected that the substitute steward be capable of performing the duties required of that position (ex. throwing a dummy the distance needed for an exercise). A handler is allowed the use of one substitute steward when competing at the Courier and Master Water Dog 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 and for extenuating circumstances. 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.**

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.

Water Trial Awards: Ribbons will be awarded for each qualifying performance at all levels including FEO entries. Mementos (e.g. Tervis Tumblers) will be awarded for each new certificate or title. Advanced Title Mementos (e.g. float lines, balls and fenders) will be awarded to all competitors earning the WWDX, CWDX or MWD# title.

Trophy Awards are also being provided by the Club for qualifying USSPWDC Club Members Only:

Meg DeFore Founder's Apprentice Water Dog Trophy: This Trophy was established in honor of Meg DeFore as a founder, prior officer and continued supporter of the USSPWD Club. In celebration, this trophy will be awarded to the Apprentice Water Dog with the fastest combined times for all five Apprentice exercises on Saturday at USSPWD Club Water Trials.

Max-A-Million Courier Water Trial Trophy: This trophy was established in honor of Tom and Judy Leather, their contribution to Club water activities, and Max-A-Million Leather who was the first USSPWD Club member's dog to achieve a CWDX title. In celebration, this trophy will be awarded to the Courier dog with the fastest combined times for the Shore Line Retrieve and the Buoy Ball Placement exercises on Saturday at USSPWD Club Water Trials.

Amazing Ace Master Water Trial Trophy: This trophy was established in honor of John and Sarah Brock, their contribution to USSPWD Club water activities and to Ace who was the first dog in the PWDCA to achieve his Master Water Dog 5 Title in 2021. In celebration, this trophy will be awarded to the Master Water dog with the fastest combined times for all five Master Level Exercises on Saturday at USSPWD Club Water Trials. The Amazing Ace Water Trial Trophy may only be awarded to a dog completing a qualifying run towards a Master Water Dog 1 title.

LODGING: Home 2 Suites by Hilton
120 Timberwolf Drive, LaGrange, GA 30240
706-668-5175 **Special Code: PWG**

Call the hotel directly at the number above and identify yourself as part of the PWD Group.

The special rates are available until June 1st, after that, current rates plus pet fee will apply. Reservations can be cancelled up to 24 hours prior to planned stay.

RV Park Reservations: Pyne Road Park, West Point Lake 4481
Roanoke Rd, LaGrange, GA

Contact: Jack Kleeman at 706-594-7586

Rate: \$25/night (Limited Availability)

Other Pet Friendly Hotels in LaGrange are:

La Quinta Inn & Suites by Wyndham, LaGrange, 111 Hoffman
Dr. LaGrange, GA (706) 812-800

Baymont by Wyndham LaGrange, 107 Hoffman
Drive, LaGrange, GA and (706) 885-9002

Please complete the on-line entry forms for Volunteer Positions and Meals, T-Shirts, and Raffle/Auction 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.**

EVENT T-SHIRTS: We are offering Spring 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 David Wenzel.

MEALS:

Friday Pizza Lunch: Provided to all attendees, courtesy of the USSPWD Club.

Meet the Judge: Friday Evening at Home 2 Hilton, 120 Timberwolf Drive, LaGrange, GA 30240.

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

Saturday and Sunday Lunch: Available for purchase with a variety of choices, in addition to chips, cookie / brownie and soft drink. Selections, costs and ordering will be on the Meals and T-shirts form on the website.

Saturday Southern Buffet Dinner with Raffle and Auction:

Dinner Location: Taste of Lemon Restaurant, 204 Morgan Street, LaGrange, GA. The restaurant is an old church, first built in 1889 as The First Methodist Episcopal Church. It now houses The Taste of Lemon in downtown LaGrange. See the website for more information and cost.

Raffle and Auction: A raffle basket drawing and merchandise auction will be held in conjunction with the Saturday Southern Buffet 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.

PHOTOGRAPHER: Olaf and Diane Christien are back!!! They will be taking water trial photos on Saturday and Sunday. Photos are \$50 per run and need to be paid for in advance (**signup on the Meals and T-Shirts Form**). Teams will receive their photos by USB drive within 2 weeks after the 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.**