

SPRING Into SPLASH AWAY WATER TRIALS

TWO WATER TRIALS OVER 3 DAYS: Friday/Saturday June 28/ 29 and Sunday June 30, 2024
Hosted by: United Sunshine States PWD Club
PRACTICE RUNS: Thursday Afternoon, June 27 and Friday Morning, June 28, 2024

LOCATION: Legion Lake - American Legion, 120 Legion Lake Circle, Villa Rica, GA 30180
JUDGE: Jules Asbed – Williamston, NC

ENTRY LIMITED TO: The Greater of 35 Entries or 8 Hours Judging Time Per Day
ALL TEST LEVELS OFFERED: Junior, Apprentice, Working, Courier, Master



This trial is in memory of Traci Chlan who had a profound love for her PWDs, was very active in all dog activities and was the biggest cheerleader for everyone in USSPWDC.



- **May 24 - Water Trial ENTRIES OPEN 8 AM EDT ON-LINE ONLY at Perfdog.com**
- **May 30 - RANDOM DRAW DEADLINE - 5 PM EDT**
- May 31 - Random Draws are conducted, handlers are notified via PerfDog
- June 3 - Meals, T-Shirts, Practice Times, Volunteer and Substitute Steward Forms open on website
- **June 10 - Water Trial ENTRIES CLOSE - 5 PM EDT**
- June 27/28 - Practice Runs Thursday PM and Friday AM
- June 28/29 - Water Trial 1 begins Friday time TBD and ends Saturday by noon
- June 30 - Water Trial 2

Enter the trials(s) on-line at PerfDog.com, and pay with a credit card when you are accepted into the trial(s). 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. All other forms, including Practice Times, Volunteer Positions, Meals, T-Shirts and Substitute Steward - enter online at USSPWDC.ORG

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. New to 2024: USSPWDC will implement guaranteed entry for key workers. Please refer to page 4 for entry details.

Fees for accepted entries (\$48) include a \$3 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.

PORTUGUESE WATER DOG CLUB OF AMERICA 2024 Officers

- President – Rebecca Morin
- Vice President – Melinda Harvey
- Recording Secretary – Michele Wolford
- Corresponding Secretary – John Ellery
- Treasurer - Annie Smith-Jones
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<p>United Sunshine States Portuguese Water Dog Club Host Committee Trial Chair – Karen Childers –krchilders@me.com Trial Secretary – Terry Revak –pwdjuno2020@yahoo.com 12 Mar Azul N. Ponce Inlet, FL 32127 Chief Steward - John Sloan Hospitality – Amanda Ellery Committee Members – John Ellery, Lizette Wagoner</p>	<p>Officers of USSPWD Club: President – John Brock Vice President – Amanda Ellery Secretary – Chris Dort Treasurer – Pam Oberst Directors – Vickie Baker, Zac Crump, Marie Forgach, John Rodenburg</p>
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Trial Site Directions: The American Legion is located at 120 Legion Lake Circle, Villa Rica, GA 30180. Parking is across the street from the Legion, not in their parking lot.

Veterinarian: Mirror Lake Animal Hospital, 2000 Mirror Lake Blvd., Villa Rica, GA 30180, 770-783-9231

Emergency Vet: Westside Animal Emergency Clinic, 875 Thornton Rd., Lithia Springs, GA 30122 770-604-1467

Please Note: The judging order of test levels will be determined following the random draw on May 30 and will be communicated to all participants by Saturday June 1. In general, we plan to run Junior, Apprentice and Working on Friday afternoon and Master and Courier on Saturday morning.

Tentative Schedule

Thursday Afternoon June 27 and Friday Morning June 28	Trial 1 - Friday June 28 and Saturday June 29	Trial 2 – Sunday, June 30
<p>Practice Runs - Sign up online. Equipment Check-in: Thursday 2 - 4 PM</p>	<p>Equipment Check-in: Friday 7AM – 12 PM The time Trial 1 will begin on Friday will be determined after the random draw based on entries and entry levels. Trial 1 will end by noon on Saturday.</p>	<p>Judge’s Briefing 8 AM Equipment Check-in - 7-9 AM</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. Lunch will be at the judge’s discretion.

For Trial 1, a coin toss during the Master Judge's briefing will determine which Package, A or B, will be performed for Master Water Dog. For Trial 2, the package that was not performed on Trial 1, will be performed.

Judge's Briefing: The Judge's briefing will be held before the judging of each test level. The briefing will be a **QUICK** reminder of test exercises including adaptations resulting from trial site conditions, if any. Participants will be allowed to ask brief questions.

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

Dogs on Leash: Dogs must be kept on a **leash no longer than 6 feet** 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 Thursday afternoon and Friday morning. **Exact timing to be communicated after the random draw. 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.**

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 updated 2024 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 (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 Title 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, Monday, June 10, 2024.

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 Thursday, May 30, 2024, 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 title before the trial date. A team is considered a Non-Regular or "exhibition" entry if (1) the dog has earned a title 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, non-regular entries will be accepted on a space-available basis in the order received.

Entering Your Dog: We use 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 Thursday, May 30, 2024, 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 on the respective random draw wait list. All Regular entries received after May 30, 2024, and up to the closing date of June 10, 2024, 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. Non-regular entries will be accepted only if space is available.

New for 2024: This trial will guarantee entry for the following key trial workers: • Water Trial Chair • Water Trial Secretary • Water Trial Chief Steward • Boat Hauler (s) • Utility Trailer Hauler. Note: These are regular entries only – no FEO entries will be guaranteed entry. Only one dog per family will be guaranteed entry – meaning if the Water Trial Chair also hauls a boat, only one of their dogs who is a regular entry will be guaranteed entry.

Day of Trial Entries: Day of trial entries may be accepted at the Judge's discretion and as time is available and conditions permit. The respective random draw waitlists will be used to prioritize day of trial entries.

Closing Date: ACCEPTABLE ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE CLOSING DATE of Monday, June 10, 2024 at 5 PM EDT. After this time entries may not be accepted, cancelled, or substituted. All entries MUST be made through PerfDog. Entries may NOT be hand delivered, mailed, faxed, or telephoned.

Refunds: **No refunds of entry fees or any other purchase 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 judged out of order each day after all other dogs have been judged. 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: Restrooms are available within the Legion building.

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 as described below:**

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 PWDC 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.

<p>LODGING: LaQuinta Inn Douglasville 1000 Linnenkohl Dr., Douglasville, GA 30134 770-577-3838 Special Code: USSPWDC Call the hotel directly at the number above. \$119 plus tax/night pet fee included.</p> <p>The special rates are available until June 13th, after that, current rates plus pet fee will apply. Cancellation of individual reservations must be made by 6 pm June 26th.</p>	<p>RV Park Reservations: American Legion, 120 Legion Lake Circle, Villa Rica, GA Call: 770-783-9097 after 3 PM or 404-983-0958 anytime Rate: \$20/night for 2 "Full" hook-ups (no waste disposal), \$10/night for 6-8 dry camp sites</p> <p>Other Pet Friendly Hotels in Villa Rica Area: Super 8 By Wyndham 770-459-888 Hampton Inn Carrollton 770-838-7722 RV Parks: Little Tallapoosa Park 770-214-3580 Jellystone Park West Georgia 404-480-6559</p> <p>Please visit USSPWDC.ORG for more information</p>
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Please complete the on-line entry forms for Practice Run Times, Volunteer Positions, Meals, T-Shirts and Photography, and Raffle/Auction Items at USSPWDC.ORG starting June 3, 2024

EVENT T-SHIRTS: We are offering Spring Into Splash Away T-Shirts in various women's and men's styles. **See USSPWDC website for details.** The graphic was created by David Wenzel. The dogs on the graphic, chosen by auction and random draw are, from left to right: Piper Wiley, Jaxon Druffel, Kensi Torriero, Sailor Childers and Bella Butler.

PHOTOGRAPHER: Bebe Mathews who will be a senior in High School next year. BeBe does absolutely beautiful photography as well as being a junior handler and an accomplished pianist.

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:

Friday Complementary Lunch: Cold cuts and salads provided to all attendees by the Legion courtesy of the USSPWD Club.

Meet the Judge: Finger foods provided Friday late afternoon at the Legion courtesy of the USSPWD Club

Hot Breakfast: Provided by the Legion for **participant donation. Please be generous to our wonderful hosts.**

Saturday and Sunday Lunches (must be preordered): Provided by the Legion and includes a selection of hot, made to order sandwiches and two sides. Drinks may be purchased in the bar area of the Legion. See the website for selections and cost.

Saturday Banquet with Raffle & Auction:

Dinner Location: Sam and Roscoe's, 7450 Douglas Blvd. Douglasville, GA 30135. Multiple item buffet. See website for more information and cost.

Raffle and Auction: A raffle basket drawing, and merchandise auction will be held in conjunction with the Saturday Banquet. Tickets will be sold at the banquet. **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 banquet. All proceeds will go directly to the club and support donations to PWD Health Issues.

NOTICE ON DOG AGGRESSION:

USSPWD Club will follow the guidelines set forth in the current PWDCA Water Trial Manual.

