

# Colorado Portuguese Water Dog Club 2024 Water Trials



**Saturday, September 21, 2024**  
**Sunday, September 22, 2024**

Chatfield State Park  
11500 N. Roxborough Park Road  
Littleton, CO

Hours: 7:30am – 6:00pm

Judge: John Brock (Cumming, GA): Sat-am & Sun  
Provisional Judge: Jan Allred (Dallas, TX): Sat-pm

**All levels, including Master.**

**Two Trials Saturday**  
**One Sunday**

Practice Day: Friday, September 22nd, 10am until 4pm

**ENTRIES OPEN 8am MDT Aug 10<sup>th</sup> 2024**  
**ENTRIES CLOSE 5pm MDT Sept 3<sup>h</sup> 2024**

*Day of trial entries will be accepted if space if available*

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Trial Chairs	Vernita Hare <a href="mailto:vernhare@gmail.com">vernhare@gmail.com</a> 719-648-8005
Trial Secretary	Holly Trumble 708 Cove Ct, Loveland CO 80537 970-290-1368 <a href="mailto:hotstampinholly@gmail.com">hotstampinholly@gmail.com</a>
Members:	Chief Steward: Michele Anderson  Fred Forman Tim Lohrenz: Equipment/Site Set-Up Holly Trumble: Site Security Alleah Baron: Volunteers Ellie Chiampa: Baked Goodies Suzanne Bohan

## Veterinarian on Call

Deer Creek Animal Hospital  
10148 W. Chatfield Ave, Littleton,  
CO (303) 973-4200

## Notice to Participants and Spectators

### Order of Judging and Judging Program:

Saturday: Junior, Apprentice, Working, Courier, Master (**both trials**)

Sunday: Master, Courier, Working, Apprentice, Junior.

Running order will be determined by a random draw on September 4, 2024, through PerfDog.

**Entries:** We are using perfdog.com to accept all entries. Enter online & pay w/credit card, or mail entry forms w/check payable to PerfDog, 539 Commerce St #560, Dallas TX 75208. Please add [support@perfdog.com](mailto:support@perfdog.com) to your contact list. All emails regarding this trial will come from that email address, including your confirmation, receipt of payment, and running orders. Fees for entries include a Processing Fee. Entries & extras may be cancelled or changed online prior to the closing date, with refunds (less the Processing Fee per entry) available to keep as PerfDog credit, refund to credit card, or mail via check. Entries and extras can be cancelled after closing but NO refunds.

### Closing Date September 3, 2024, 5pm MDT

**Entry Limit:** Entries will be limited to 35 teams per day, not to exceed 8 hours of judging per day. Saturday trials limited to 17 dogs am & pm, each.

**Random Draw/ Waiting List:** Each trial will close when the maximum number of entries for each trial is reached or on the closing date, whichever is first. If multiple entries are received on any day causing the total entries to exceed the maximum, the entries will be placed in a random drawing to determine which entries will be accepted. Entries not selected in the draw, and any additional entries received more than pre-set limit and prior to the closing date, will be put on a waiting list on a first-come, first-serve basis. The waiting list will be used to fill slots, as they become available prior to the closing date.

**Cancellations:** Cancellations after the closing date will not receive refunds. Please contact the trial secretary, however, if you have to cancel for any reason.

**Refunds:** Entry fees will not be refunded in the event the dog is absent, disqualified, excused by a veterinarian or judge, barred from competition by action of the Water Trial Committee, or because it has been entered incorrectly. No entry fees will be refunded if the trial cannot open or be completed by reason of riots, civil disturbance, fire, extreme and/or unsafe weather conditions, an Act of God, public emergency or any other cause beyond the control of the COPWDC.

**Non-Regular Entries:** Exhibition entries will be accepted after all regular entries are accommodated

**Day-of-Trial Entries/ Move-ups:** Day-of-trial entries and day of trial move-ups will be accepted with a fee of \$53+\$5 per entry, if space and time are available, at the discretion of the judge and the Trial Secretary. Requests for move-ups must be submitted in writing to the Trial Secretary prior to the start of the judge's briefing for the new level. All move-ups will trial after the last regularly scheduled team at that level each day.

**Failure policy:** All pre-entries and day-of-trial regular and non-regular entries will be allowed to complete all tests within the pre-entered test level and within the time limits allowed by the Water Trial Manual. All day-of-trial move ups will be excused after the first exercise is failed, in accordance to PWDCA Water Trial Manual rules.

**Rules and Regulations:** The trials will be held in accordance with the rules and regulations of the PWDCA, Inc. Each participant is responsible for familiarizing themselves with said regulations. Copies of the *2024 PWDCA Water Trial Manual* can be downloaded from [www.pwdca.org](http://www.pwdca.org). *Rule changes to be aware of!*

**Bitches in Season:** Bitches in season **will** be allowed to compete, they will run at the end of each trial on Saturday and Sunday.

**Substitute Stewards:** A participant may use his own steward only in the circumstances as prescribed in the Water Trial Manual. The substitute steward must be named on and must sign the entry form. Requests for any changes must be approved by the Trial Secretary and judge. Substitute stewards must be familiar with and must conduct themselves according to the PWDCA Water Trial Manual.

**Training and Disciplining:** The use of harsh verbal or physical corrections is prohibited. No training of any exercises in the test site will be allowed except during the three minute warm-up just prior to judging. Any participant who does so may be excused.

**Dogs on Leash:** Dogs must be on leash no longer than 6 feet or confined to a crate or exercise pen [secured with a top if needed so the dog(s) does not jump out] at all times except when participating in warm-up sessions or when actually being judged. **No flexi-leashes** are allowed at the trial site.

**Awards:** Teams that successfully pass all exercises required in their test level will receive the applicable title from the PWDCA, Inc. Ribbons will be awarded to all qualifying teams, compliments of the COPWDC.

**Entry Fees:** \$53/per dog/per trial.

**Equipment:** Participants may use their own equipment provided such equipment conforms to the PWDC's Water Trial Rules and Guidelines and passes inspection by the judge or designee prior to the start of the day's judging for that class. Additional or substitute equipment will be provided by the COPWDC for use by exhibitors.

**Life Vests and Footwear:** Any person in the test site, including stewards, must wear a USCG approved life vest (personal flotation device) and protective footwear.

**What to bring:** USCG approved life vest and protective footwear with closed toes (mandatory), trial equipment, crate or exercise pen, chairs, towels, foul weather gear, 6' leash or shorter (**no flexi-leashes** are allowed at the trial site), water dish, dog food, poop bags, shade devices (E-Z Ups, etc.), water, sunscreen, insect repellent, dog treats and your food.

**Food: Bring your own lunches.** There are no nearby grocery stores.

**Parking fee:** Chatfield State Park has a \$10.00 per car/per day entrance fee.

**Site specifics:** Water depth at 25 feet from shore is 2-3 feet deep; depth at 50 feet from shore is about 20 feet. Lake has gravel/sand bottom. There are trees but you might want an E-Z Up. Chatfield State Park will be open to the public during the trials. There may be other "non-dog people", so please be considerate. Please note that both rental and privately owned horses walk near this trial site. They are legal users of this park. Horses have the right of way.

**Volunteers:** Whether you are an experienced steward or would like to learn, we need your help to make the trial a success. You are encouraged to volunteer. Please complete the enclosed volunteer form.

**RV and Tent Camping at Chatfield State Park:**

To reserve a campground online, visit the reservation provider for Colorado State Parks: <http://coloradostateparks.reserveamerica.com>

For general information about camping at Chatfield, call the Chatfield State Park reservation office at (303) 470-1144 (Denver area) or 1-800-678-2267 or <http://cpw.state.co.us/placestogo/parks/Chatfield/Pages/Camping.aspx>

Owners must assume all responsibility. Please pick up after your dog. Dogs must not be left unattended.

**Local Hotel:** HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS HOTEL & SUITES, 12683 West Indore Place, Littleton, CO (7 miles from trial site). The award winning, pet friendly HOLIDAY INN is located at the foothills of the Majestic Rocky Mountains. Out of all dogs, they love our PWDs the most! Contact the hotel at 720-981-1000 or 1-888-465-4329. For more information about the hotel and the pet policy, please visit:

<http://www.hiexpress.com/hotels/us/en/littleton/denlt/hoteldetail>

**Practice Times:** On Friday, September 20th, the water trial site will be available from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm for practice sessions for all interested water trial entrants. If necessary, a practice schedule list will be kept by the Water Trial Committee and reasonable time limits will be assigned so that everyone who wishes to may practice. At 4:00 pm, the practice will end and we will complete the trial site set-up.

**Directions: From the North:** Take C470 to Ex 17 US-85 S/S Santa Fe Dr; go south to Titan Parkway; go west to 1st roundabout and take the 1st exit onto Eagle River St; continue to 2nd roundabout and take 2nd exit onto Chatfield Lake Road; continue to 3rd roundabout and exit onto Roxborough Lake Road; go ¼ mile to Chatfield Sate Park South entrance; go through Park Entry Booth; take the first right onto the paved road; continue and take the first right (a paved road) with a Colorado Water Sports/Roxborough Cove sign; then take the first left into the parking lot (a gravel road).

**From the South:** Take C470 to Ex 14 Wadsworth Blvd; go south 1.1 miles and take a left at the Chatfield State Park west entrance. Enter the Park, go through Park Entry Booth to the first stop sign. Take a right at the stop sign and go 4.4 miles. Take a left at the sign for the South Boat Ramp/Marina. (If you reach the Park South Entrance, you've gone too far.) Take the first right (a paved road) with a Colorado Water Sports/Roxborough Cove sign, then take the first left into the parking lot (a gravel road).

**COPWDC,** its Officers, Directors, Members and agents assume no responsibility for any loss, damage or injury sustained by participants, spectators, or to any of their dogs or property and further assume no responsibility for injury to children. The COPWDC reserves the right to remove any animal in distress from a parked vehicle or crate, and all persons attending this event hereby waive any claim for damages against the COPWDC and its Members for such removal.

**Rights:** All rights to televise, tape, advertise, photograph, promote and otherwise exploit this event are vested in the host club or assignees. All persons or animals in attendance that appear in any resulting effort grant the use of their likeness and voice without further consent.

## VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION

As you know, for the Trial to be a success we need your help to perform various Steward Functions. It doesn't matter if you are new to Water Trials or an "old hand", we need your help. Most of the functions can be learned in only a few minutes.

### Jobs

**Equipment Check in**

**Land Steward \***

**Set-Up**

**Gate Steward**

**Boat Steward \***

**Tear Down**

*\* Please note: the **Land Steward** function requires that you can accurately throw the retrieving dummy at **least 60 feet**.*

*The **Boat Steward** must be able to competently **ROW** a boat.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Level(s) available to work \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate levels (i.e. Junior, Working, etc.) for which you would be available to help. This would generally be those levels in which you are not handling your dog or acting as a Substitute Steward.

### Participation Agreement

**Conditions:** These trials are open to pure bred Portuguese Water Dogs. I/we understand that the dogs must be in good health, proper fitness and condition for the test they are about to enter and must be at least 6 months of age in order to compete in the water trials. I/we agree to these terms. I/we accept full responsibility for the care of my dog(s) during the water trial.

**Special Rules:** The water trial is located within the confines of \_\_\_\_\_ . I/we agree to become familiar with and adhere to all site rules and regulations including but not limited to the following:

- Dogs must be on leash or confined to a crate at all times except when participating in practice sessions or when actually being judged.
- If my dog soils the grounds, I am responsible for cleanup and disposal
- Nothing (dogs, banners, etc.) is to be attached to any tree in the park.

**General Rules:** The Portuguese Water Dog Club of America, Inc., (hereinafter "PWDCA") rules, regulations, policies and guidelines for water trial participants (hereinafter "the rules") are in the current PWDCA Water Trial Manual available on the Web site, [www.pwdca.org](http://www.pwdca.org). I/we have received the current Manual and/or have read the rules via the Website and I/we agree to obey the rules.

**Hold-harmless:** I/we agree to hold the PWDCA and the event-giving club, their members, directors, officers, agents, and judge(s) at this event, the owner and/or lessor of the premises, any provider of services for this event and any employees or volunteers of any of the aforementioned parties, harmless from any claim for loss, injury, or illness which may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person, animal or thing by the act of my dog while in or upon the trial grounds or while entering or leaving same, and I/we further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim for loss, disappearance or theft of, or damage injury or illness to, my dog, whether such loss, disappearance, theft, damage, injury or illness is caused or alleged to be caused by the negligence of the club or any other parties aforementioned, by the negligence of any other person, or by any other cause or causes.

**Indemnification:** I/we hereby assume the sole responsibility for and agree to indemnify and save the aforementioned parties harmless from any and all loss and expense (including legal fees) by reason of the liability imposed by law upon any of the aforementioned parties for damage because of bodily injuries, including death at any time resulting there from, sustained by any person or persons, including myself (ourselves) or on account of damage to property, arising out of or in consequence of my (our) participation in this water trial, howsoever such same may have been caused or may be alleged to have been caused by negligence of the aforementioned parties or any of their employees or agents, or any other persons.

**Arbitration:** Notwithstanding any of the above, in the event that I/we or my dog(s) suffer any damage, injury, illness, or loss (including the death of the dog(s) arising from the water trial), I/we agree that any claim arising out of or related to the entry, exhibition or attendance at the event or as to the construction, interpretation and effect of this agreement shall be settled by arbitration pursuant to the applicable rules of the American Arbitration Association. I/we agree that any such arbitration will take place in \_\_\_\_\_ within 60 days of the incident giving rise to the claim, or at such other time and place as the parties may agree. I/we agree to pay a prorated share of the costs of any such arbitration.

I/we agree that these clubs have the right to refuse this entry or any entry for any cause which they deem to be sufficient.

Owner/Handler's initials: \_\_\_\_\_ Substitute Steward's initials: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail signed entry with check payable to PerfDog to 539 W Commerce St #560, Dallas, TX 75208

### 2024 PWDCA Water Trial Entry Form

11500 N Roxborough Park Road, Littleton, CO 80125

September 21st & September 22nd

#### Colorado PWD Club

**Entry Fees:** \$53.00 per entry/per day. Entries open August 10, 8:00am MT and close at the trial secretary's mailbox on September 3, 5:00pm MT after which time entries cannot be cancelled for refund. **If using an overnight service, please indicate "no signature required" for delivery. Mail entries to:**

Level entered (one level per dog):  Junior  Apprentice  Working  Courier  Master

What leg are you working on? Working \_\_\_\_\_ Courier \_\_\_\_\_ Master \_\_\_\_\_

Days Entered:  \_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks or money orders payable in U.S. funds to** \_\_\_\_\_

I enclose \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for entry fees.

**Fill out form completely. Use the TAB key to move from field to field.**

Prefix Titles \_\_\_\_\_ Registered name of dog \_\_\_\_\_

Suffix Titles (include PWDCA titles) \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Call Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ AKC# or Foreign Reg# (list country) \_\_\_\_\_

Breeder \_\_\_\_\_

Sire \_\_\_\_\_

Dam \_\_\_\_\_

Owner(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Owner(s) Email \_\_\_\_\_

Handler \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Handler's Email \_\_\_\_\_

Substitute Steward \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify I am the actual owner of the dog or duly authorized agent of or handler for the actual owner whose name has been entered above. I have read and agree to be bound by the agreement printed on the reverse side of this entry form as well as the stipulations contained in the premium list plus any directive received from an official involved in staging the event. I certify and represent that the dog entered is over 6 months of age (at the time of this event) and is not a hazard to persons or other dogs.

Signature of owner/handler\* \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of substitute steward\* \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\*If the handler and/or substitute steward named herein is under 18 years of age (must be at least 9 or older), this entry form must be signed and acknowledged by his/her legal guardian.

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