

Colorado Portuguese Water Dog Club 2023 Water Trials



Saturday, September 23, 2023
Sunday, September 24, 2023

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

Hours: 7:30am – 6:00pm

Judge: Karen Pratt, Colleyville TX

**All levels, including Master, will be offered at
Saturday/Sunday trials.**

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

ENTRIES OPEN 8am MDT Aug 14th 2023
ENTRIES CLOSE 8pm MDT Sept 4th 2023

Day of trial entries will be accepted if space if available

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COPWDC Water Trial Host Committee

Trial Chairs	Vernita Hare vernhare@gmail.com 719-648-8005
Trial Secretary	Holly Trumble 708 Cove Ct, Loveland CO 80537 970-290-1368 hotstampinholly@gmail.com

Members:	Chief Steward: Scott Henley
	Fred Forman: Equipment/Site Set-up
	Holly Trumble: Site Security
	Alleah Baron: Volunteers
	Barb Henley: T-shirts
	Michele Anderson

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.

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

Running order will be determined by a random draw on September 5, 2023, through PerfDog.

Entries:PerfDog will be used as our entry service. Entries by check or credit card at perfdog.com. Please add 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. PerfDog charges a \$3/per entry that is automatically added to your entry. If you cancel prior to closing, you will not be refunded the \$3 fee. **Entry per dog is \$53.**

Closing Date September 4, 2023 8 pm MDT

Entry Limit: Entries will be limited to 35 teams per day, not to exceed 8 hours of judging per day.

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 in excess of 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 be tested 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 2023 PWDCA Water Trial Manual can be downloaded from www.pwdca.org.

Bitches in Season: Bitches in season **will** be allowed to compete, they will run at the end of day both days.

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 certificate or title from the PWDCA, Inc. Ribbons will be awarded to all qualifying teams, compliments of the COPWDC.

Equipment: Participants may use their own equipment provided such equipment conforms to the PWDCA'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 scoop bags, shade devices (E-Z Ups, etc.), water, sunscreen, insect repellent.

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>

T-Shirts: Water trial t-shirts will be available for **pre-order only** through **PerfDog. Must order by Sept 4th, no exceptions**

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

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 22nd, 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 begin trial site set-up.

Directions: From I25: 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 I70: 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, in order 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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Equipment Check in | <input type="checkbox"/> Land Steward * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gate Steward | <input type="checkbox"/> Boat Steward * |

* 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.

T-SHIRT INFORMATION

Water Trial T-Shirts:

T-shirts will be ordered through perfdog.com checks or credit cards will be taken. There is a \$2/per shirt non-refundable fee for processing included in prices.

We are offering T-shirts this year, the photo is below. You must pre-order by Sept 4th. **We will NOT be ordering more.** Shipping TBD

Colors will be listed on PerfDog.com

Adult unisex short sleeve,		
S-XL _____ Color _____	\$28	ea
2X-3X _____ Color _____	\$33	ea
Ladies Round Neck, short sleeve,		
S-XL _____ Color _____	\$28	ea
2X-3X _____ Color _____	\$33	ea

Ordering information is posted on perfdog.com. In addition, an announcement will be sent to all COPWDC members and posted on our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/copwdc>) advising when and how you can place your T-shirt order.

For further information, contact Barbara Henley at bhenley9@msn.com.

This years' Water Trial T-shirt will have a curly black male named Ridley on it! Owned and loved by Vernita & Ron Hare!!



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. 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

PWDCA Water Trial Entry Form

11500 N Roxborough Park Road, Littleton, CO 80125

September 23rd & September 24th

Colorado PWD Club

Entry Fees: \$53.00 per entry/per day. Entries open August 14, 8:00am MT and close at the trial secretary's mailbox on September 4, 8:00pm 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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