

ONLINE ENTRIES ONLY

ENTRIES OPEN 8:00 am EDT, June 25, 2023
ENTRIES CLOSE: 5:00 pm EDT, August 20, 2023, or when trial
limits are reached. Method of Entry is First Received

Premium List

Water Trial

Hosted by the
Keystone Portuguese Water Dog Club
September 16-17 2023

LOCATION OF TRIAL
Codorus State Park, Spring Grove, PA 17362

Directions:
Use Google Maps. Enter 'BANDSHELL CODORUS STATE PARK'

Limited Entry
Junior, Apprentice, Working, Courier and Master

JUDGES (ALL LEVELS)

Saturday

Susan Lefebvre, (Provisional), Loudon, NH
Martha Ruskai, Winston-Salem, NC

Sunday

John Brock, Cumming, GA
Martha Ruskai, Winston-Salem, NC



Trial Chair: Robert Caruso
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Trial Secretary: Joan Klingler
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Chief Steward: Judy Murray
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The Water Trials will be held in accordance with the provisions of the PWDCA Water Trial Manual, as revised through 2022 (the “Manual”). Copies of the Manual may be downloaded free of charge from the PWDCA website (www.pwdca.org).

Eligibility: Minimum age of handlers is nine years old. Children aged nine through 18 years must have a parent or legal guardian present at the trial site while they participate. Minimum age of dogs: six months for Junior; one year for Apprentice and above unless the dog has passed Junior. Each dog may only be entered and exhibited once at any test level in one day. A dog must have an Apprentice Water Dog title to enter the Working Water Dog level and a Working Water Dog title to enter the Courier Water Dog level. A dog must have earned a Courier Water Excellent title to be eligible to enter the Master Level. A Junior Water Dog Certificate is not required to enter the Apprentice Water Dog level provided the dog is over one year old.

Acceptance of entries, and closing date: Entries will only be accepted if they include the Participation Agreement on the entry form, are properly signed, initialed, and are accompanied by the proper entry fees. Entries must be received by 5:00 pm (EDT) on August 20, 2023 after which they may not be accepted, canceled or substituted. Entries may not be faxed, emailed, or telephoned.

Entries must be submitted online.

Trial Spaces: Properly completed entries will be accepted within each test level in the order received. Entries are limited to 35 entries or 8 hours of judging per judge, per day. The trial will close when the number limit for that trial is filled. For Exhibition only entries (dogs in class more than 30 days after receiving title in that class) will be accepted on a first-come served basis if the trial does not fill. Space permitting, Day-of-Trial entries will be accepted.

Non-Regular Entries: As per the PWDCA Water Trial Manual, a dog may enter as a non-regular entry at the same level he or she has previously earned a title. Exhibition Only entries will be accepted if the trial does not fill with regular entries. A dog may not be entered as both a regular and exhibition only in the same trial. Post entries, including day or trial move ups by teams who have qualified at their regular levels, will be accepted up to the previously stated judging limits. Non-Regular entries, including Exhibition Only, will be waitlisted until after the closing date. If space is or becomes available, these entries will be moved off the waitlist at that time.

Waiting List: If entries in excess of the limits are received before the closing date, the excess entries will be assigned to a waiting list according to the order in which they were received.

Refunds: No refunds of entry fees will be made after the closing date.

Bitches in Season: Bitches in season will be judged after all other dogs have been judged. The owner or handler of any such bitch must notify the trial secretary of the bitch's condition before the start of the day's judging. Handlers may not bring bitches in season to the test area or the surrounding area until they are instructed to do so by the judge or the judge's designee.

Changes of entry level: Day-of-trial move-ups will be accepted if time permits. Move-ups from Saturday to Sunday will be accepted if time permits.

Substitute Stewards: A handler may use his/her own substitute steward. The substitute steward must be named on the entry form and must complete a substitute steward registration form online at www.KPWDC.org. Substitute stewards must be familiar with and conduct themselves according to the applicable provisions of the Manual. Requests for any change of steward must be approved by the trial secretary and judge prior to the start of judging of a team's test level.

Equipment: Exhibitors may use their own equipment if approved after inspection by the judge or judge's designee. The Keystone Portuguese Water Dog Club will provide equipment for use by exhibitors if needed.

Dogs on Leash: Dogs must be kept on leash or confined to crates at all times, except when participating in a warm-up session or while being judged.

Order of judging and judging program: The order of judging within each test level will be at the judge's discretion, decided before the trial. A judging program containing the days' tentative event schedules and order of judging teams will be e-mailed to each entrant prior to the trial.

What to bring: A dog crate, towels, foul weather gear, sun protection, trial equipment, leash, water dish, dog food, poop bags, human food and snacks. The site has restroom facilities, but, very limited shade. Chairs and shade devices will be useful. Luches will be available for purchase online with your entry form.

JUDGING PROGRAM AND NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS

Judge's instructions will begin at 8:30AM. Judging will proceed in catalog order except for bitches in season who will be judged out of order after all other dogs have been judged. Owners of said bitches should notify the trial secretary and judge upon their arrival at the test site.

Lunch break will be at the Judge's discretion and will be announced.

Check in and equipment check will begin at 8:AM or when the judge arrives on site. Please have your equipment checked as soon as possible. **All handlers, exhibitors, and stewards are required to wear USCG-approved life vests and closed-toe footwear.** The judge may exempt the land stewards from this requirement.

Test area: The test area will be clearly marked, as will areas for spectators, crating area for dogs, and practice area. The practice area will not be available during the trial period. Only the dog competing will be allowed in the test area. Dogs not in the test area must be on leash or crated and controlled at all times.

Dog Aggression: Keystone PWDC will follow the guidelines set forth in the PWDCA 2022 Water Trial Manual Changes as well as Pennsylvania State Law. The full text of the PWDCA manual changes can be downloaded free of charge from the PWDCA website (<http://www.pwdca.org>).

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 of teeth, snapping of teeth, or rolling of eyes.

Disqualification By Event Committee: Any dog that in the opinion of the Host Water Trial Committee members attacks a person or another dog at a sanctioned water trial and is believed by that Event Committee to present a hazard to persons or other dogs shall be disqualified by the Event Committee.

Disqualification By A Judge: A judge shall disqualify any dog that in his/her opinion attacks any person in the ring or leaves the ring to attack any person or another dog. An attack is defined as a bite or an attempt to bite anyone, including its own handler, without valid extenuating circumstances, such as, accidental play biting.

Veterinarian:

Animal Emergency & Referral Center of York, 1640 S. Queen Street, York PA 18403, tel: (717) 219-8596.

Accommodations:

- Host Hotel is Holiday Inn and Express Suites: 140 Leader Heights Road, York, PA 17403 (717) 741-1000. Rooms must be booked by August 25, 2023, to receive the Keystone Portuguese Water Dog Club discounted rates.

There are additional dog-friendly hotels/motels in the Gettysburg and York regions. Search: www.pet-friendly-hotels.net or <http://bringfido.com>.

Practice Day:

- The trial site at Codorus State Park, (to the right of and behind the Bandshell), will be available on Friday, September 15, 2023 for an “Open Practice” *without* boats or markers.

Raffle:

- A raffle drawing will be held on Sunday, September 17, 2023 during lunch. Tickets will be sold on Saturday and Sunday. Donations of raffle items, both dog and human related, are appreciated. All proceeds will go directly to the club and support donations to PWD initiatives. Please bring a raffle item to donate.

Volunteers:

•We would not be able to host our Water Trials without volunteers doing everything from site set-up/tear down, hospitality, rowing, stewarding and much more. You can register to volunteer at www.KPWDC.org under the EVENTS TAB. Please volunteer for at least one or two positions each day.

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