



Newfoundland Club of America Water Tests

Hosted by

NEW-PEN-DEL Newfoundland Club, Inc.

WRDX/WRD/WD Test – September 19, 2026

WRD/WD/BWD Test - September 20, 2026

Beltzville State Park, Lehigh, Pennsylvania

Judges: Susan Mendelson and Keith Mallinson

NCA member entries accepted using the NCA online entry system at <https://workingentry.ncadogs.org> or by mail with a legible postmark no earlier than July 14, 2026.

Non-NCA member entries accepted by online entry or by mail to be postmarked no earlier than July 24, 2026.

Entries close at 11.59 PM on August 26, 2026. Entries must be received by the test secretary by the closing date and time.

- Saturday will be WRDX, WD and WRD; total entries will be limited to 25 with five reserved for WRDX.
- Sunday will be BWD, WD and WRD ; total entries will be limited to 25.

NPD reserves the right to cancel any test which does not receive five entries

All entries will be acknowledged at least 10 days prior to the test.

Permission to hold these NCA Water Tests has been granted by the Working Dog Committee of the Newfoundland Club of America in accordance with the Water Test Regulations revised February 1, 2026 Effective February 19, 2026 Copyright 1999, Newfoundland Club of America

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**The Water Test Committee would like to thank the additional assistants and volunteers.
who are helping with this year's water test.**

Tentative Schedule of Events

Test Day - Saturday, September 19, 2026

8:00 am	Park Gate Open, Coffee and Donuts (no charge to entrants)
8:15 – 8:45	Check in
8:45 – 9:00	WRDX Site familiarization / Pre- Swim
9:00- 9:15	Equipment Check
9:15- 9:30	Judges meet with stewards and entrants.
9:30	WRDX Exercises

Immediately following completion of WRDX Exercises:

- WD Pre-Swim. (15 minutes)
- WD Equipment Check
- Judges meet with stewards and entrants
- WD Exercises

Immediately following completion of WD Exercises

- WRD Pre-Swim (15 minutes)
- WRD Equipment Check
- Judges meet with stewards and entrants.
- WRD Exercises

Test Day - Sunday, September 20, 2026

8:00 am	Park Gate Open, Coffee and Donuts (no charge to entrants)
8:15 – 8:45	Check in
8:45 – 9:00	BWD Site familiarization / Pre- Swim
9:00- 9:15	Equipment Check
9:15- 9:30	Judges meet with stewards and entrants.
9:30	BWD Exercises

Immediately following completion of BWD Exercises

- WD Pre-Swim (15 minutes)
- Equipment Check
- Judges meet with stewards and entrants
- WD Exercises

Immediately following completion of WD Exercises

- WRD Pre-Swim (15 minutes)
- Equipment Check
- Judges meet with stewards and entrants.
- WRD Exercises

Saturday & Sunday lunch break will be at the judges' discretion.

Each day's presentation of awards will be at the end of all testing.

Order of Exercises

BWD

1. Basic Control
2. Single Retrieve
3. Drop Retrieve
4. Take-a-Line
5. Tow-a-Boat
6. Swim with Handler

WD

1. Basic Control
2. Single Retrieve
3. Drop Retrieve
4. Take-a-Line
5. Tow-a-Boat
6. Swim with Handler

WRD

1. Double Retrieve
2. Retrieve off a Boat
3. Take-a-Life Ring
4. Underwater Retrieve
5. Take-a-Line/Tow-a-Boat
6. Rescue

WRDX

1. Abandoned Boat
2. Multiple Person Rescue
3. Unconscious Victim
4. Capsized Raft
5. Line to Shore
6. Hidden Victims

General Information

Saturday will be WRDX, WD and WRD; total entries will be limited to 25 with five reserved for WRDX. Sunday will be BWD, WD and WRD; total entries will be limited to 25.

If the reserved spots for WRDX are not filled, they will then be filled with entries from the other divisions. An alternate list will be kept for each test.

Entries will be accepted by online entry system or by mail only and must be postmarked July 14th (NCA members) or July 24th (Non-NCA member) respectively or later. Any entries received with a postmark prior to July 14th, or July 24th will be returned. The available entry slots will be filled according to the postmark/online entry date. If the number of entries with the same date exceeds the number of available slots, a drawing will take place to fill the vacancies and determine the alternates. The method for determining alternates and entry refund procedure is specified in Chapter I, Section 12 of the Water Test Rules.

Bitches in Season Bitches in season will not be allowed on the test site until just prior to being judged, which will be after ALL Newfoundland judging has been completed. As a courtesy, please inform the Test Secretary prior to test date if your bitch will be in season. A separate beach area will be provided for Bitches in season. Bitches that have had an ovarian sparing spay are required to be tested as "Bitches in Season."

Parking - The park requires that car passes be issued and displayed in the window of vehicles parked along the tree line above the test site. Passes will be issued to entrants, committee, and stewards. The secretary will issue passes on test days. Please be sure to get your pass immediately upon arrival to the site. Spectators without dogs will be required to park in the lots.

Post entries: Dogs that successfully complete the requirements for Water Dog at the test may be post entered into the Senior Division and will be tested at the conclusion of Senior Division judging. Dogs will be tested in the Senior Division until they fail an exercise. Post enter at the Secretary's table at the conclusion of the Junior Division. Post entry fee is \$20.00.

A new standard NCA entry form is attached. Please use a separate entry form for each test day that you are entering. In accordance with NCA's updated regulations, please indicate NCA membership of all co-owners or the handler on the entry form.

No un-entered dogs will be allowed near the official testing site during the test.

There will be no scheduled practice at the test site

Each exhibitor is responsible for knowledge of the latest NCA Water Test Rules and Regulations governing a Water Test.

Regulations may be found online at <https://www.ncadogs.org/forms.html> or by contacting the Working Dog Committee Publications Secretary, Dwight Gorsuch at bearmindnewfs@gmail.com This Water Test is sanctioned by the Working Dog Committee

(WDC) of the Newfoundland Club of America and will follow the Water Test Regulations revised October 20, 2025, Effective November 1, 2025. Entrants are responsible for knowing and understanding the regulations.

Exhibitors and attendees are responsible for reading and adhering to the Pennsylvania State Recreation Area Rules and Regulations included in this premium list.

Please clean up after your dog so we may return to this test site.

OUT OF CONTROL DOG POLICY Approved NCA Board of Directors November 11, 2023, At all NCA Events dogs must be kept under control to prevent harm to themselves or others. It is the owner/handler's responsibility to ensure their dogs are under control for the duration of the event. At NCA events dogs must be crated or leashed and collared at all times, except when the dogs are required to perform off leash. When dogs are leashed, the length of the leash must not exceed SIX (6) feet, and the leash may NOT be a retractable leash. Dogs should not be allowed to approach another dog without permission from the other dog's owner/handler. Any dog that, in the opinion of the judges, event committee or designated safety officer representing the event, appears dangerous, shall be asked to leave the event promptly or be crated for the duration of the event and is excused from further participation in the event. Anyone who witnesses a dog appearing to be dangerous should bring their concerns to the judges, event committee, or safety officer. Part of upholding good sportsmanship is to take action through the appropriate channels. Examples of out-of-control behavior would include but is not limited to: Aggressive vocalization such as barking and growling, or aggressive behavior toward any person or animal such as snapping, biting, lunging, charging, attacking, or attempting to attack at any time while on the test grounds. Owners and handlers are responsible for monitoring the well-being and safety of their dog(s). If left unattended the owner/handler must check on them frequently to ensure they are safe. If the dog is excused from the test grounds for aggression, the automatic grievance policy of the NCA is enacted. If an injury to dog or person occurs, the AKC Rules Applying to Dog Shows Ch 11, section 15 goes into effect. (References, chapter 2, section 14 in both water and draft regulations)

No dog suspended from AKC can be exhibited in an NCA event or be on test grounds.

Waiver of Rights -- Animals in Distress

The Newfoundland Club of America, Inc, and the regional club hosting this event reserves the right to remove any animal in distress from a parked vehicle or crate, and all persons attending this dog event hereby waives any claim for damages against the Club for such removal. The NCA regards the health, safety, and life of any dog on the event grounds to be paramount to other property or privacy rights. If the owner cannot be found in a timely manner, we will take whatever action is necessary for the safety of the dog, which may include breaking windows to enter a vehicle. Dogs found in an unsafe environment, distressed, or in harm's way (for example, left in a vehicle without proper ventilation) will be removed to safety. Exposing a dog to an unsafe environment, distress, or harm's way is considered mistreatment and subject to appropriate discipline.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please consider helping on any test days. We can always use your help, and it is a terrific opportunity to gain experience and support our event. If you are able to be a steward please contact John Lynn JohnTLynn@gmail.com 609-510-1574

Meal Information

Breakfast:

Each day, a continental breakfast will be served at the beach. This is complimentary and offered first to entrants, judges, stewards, and the committee.

Lunch:

Lunches will be available. The cost is \$15.00. There is a form below. This form and your money must reach Pat Matthews by September 12th or you should plan to bring your own food. Any questions about lunch, please contact Pat Matthews at epmatthews@comcast.net or cell 732-742-0377 9/12/26

Lunch Registration Form - Please send check made payable to "New-Pen-Del" to Pat Matthews 16 Hillside Ave., Jamesburg, NJ, 08831 or bring cash to the test or pay via PayPal at <https://www.paypal.me/NewPenDelTreasurer> (please include note "water test lunch")

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Lunch: Saturday - Assorted Sandwiches, chips, drink, dessert Sunday – Pizza, drink, dessert

Available at test site (reservations requested) **Stewards eat lunch free!**

Saturday, 9/19 _____ @ \$15.00 = _____

Sunday, 9/20 _____ @ \$15.00 = _____

Total enclosed: \$ _____

Test Dinner, Saturday 9/20/25, 6:30 pm at P.J. Whelihan's Pub

Enjoy dinner with Newfie friends, entrants, committee & spectators. All are welcome!

PJ's is located at 101 Harry Rd, Lehigh, PA, Tel: 610-377-1819

Directions from test site Beltzville State Park, 2950 Pohopoco Dr, Lehigh, PA 18235
From the park entrance exit left onto Pohopoco Dr, go 2.1 mi; Turn right onto Harry Rd;
Destination will be on the right

We will order dinner selections individually from the menu. Price is determined by selection.

Please contact Pat Matthews at epmatthews@comcast.net or text cell 732-742-0377 by 9/12/25 with the number attending dinner so reservations can be made.

Veterinarians On Call

Creature Comforts 24-Hour Emergency Care

820 Route 115
Saylorsburg, PA 18353
1-570-992-0400

Directions from Test Site:

Exit right out of the park onto Pohopoco.

Go 7.3 miles—the roadname changes to Beltzville Drive, which ends in a T

Go right onto Scenic Dr, At the stop sign, turn left onto 209N.

Go 7.4 miles. Turn right at the Chestnut Hill Diner onto Old Route 115 (no sign there).

Go 2.4 miles and the office is on the left.

Eastern Veterinary Medical Center 24-Hour Emergency Care

7042 Snowdrift Rd
Allentown, PA 18106
610-904-1776

Directions from Test Site:

Exit left out of the park onto Pohopoco Drive

Turn left onto Harrity Rd

Turn right onto Interchange Rd (US-209 S)

Take ramp onto I-476 S (Pennsylvania Turnpike Northeast Ext)

Take exit 56 toward Harrisburg/I-78 W onto US-22 W

Take exit toward Kuhnsville onto Old US Hwy 22

Turn left onto Snowdrift Rd

Turn right to destination

Pennsylvania State Recreation Area Rules and Regulations

- a. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted except in special instances where land is leased for the development and operation of public services and accommodations.
- b. Consider other state park users. Boisterous, immoral, or indecent conduct will not be tolerated.
- c. Trash, garbage, and all other litter shall be placed in containers provided for this purpose and shall be limited to litter accumulated during use of state recreation areas.
- d. Do not remove, molest, injure, or damage anything natural or physical within any state recreation area.
- e. Open fires and the disposal of hot coals from charcoal grills are permitted only in facilities provided.
- f. The soliciting for any purpose or posing of signs is not permitted. The distribution, sales, servicing, or rental of any supplier, equipment, material, or commodity is restricted to authorized concessions.
- g. Licensed vehicle operators shall obey posted speed limits and shall use only roads and parking areas open to public traffic unless otherwise designated by the park manager. The operation of non-licensed motor vehicles shall not be permitted on state recreation area roads, trails, and areas unless otherwise designated. Excessive noise, nuisance, reckless, or negligent operation shall be prohibited. Commercial traffic is allowed on state recreation area roads only when authorized by the Department.
- h. Horseback riding is permitted on the right (side) berm of roads open to public vehicles and designated trails and areas. This activity is not permitted on camping or cabin area roads, bicycle, or hiking trails, picnic, swimming, or cooking areas.
- i. Use or discharge of any type of air gun, slingshot, or explosive is prohibited.
- j. Firearms and archery equipment may be uncased and ready for use by properly licensed hunters only in authorized hunting areas and during those seasons state recreation areas are open to hunting or under special conditions which may be established by the Department.
- k. Wildlife shall not be hunted, pursued, molested, or intentionally disturbed except that hunting, trapping, and the training of dogs is permitted within authorized hunting areas during the established Pennsylvania Game Commission seasons. Groundhog hunting is prohibited.
- l. Outdoor recreational activity in state recreation areas shall be restricted to locations where physical improvement or posting designates the appropriate purpose and use. Swimming is only permitted in designated swimming areas.
- m. Pets are permitted in state recreation areas provided they are on a leash not exceeding six feet in length and attended at all times. Pets are not permitted in swimming or overnight areas.
- n. The use in any state recreation area of an electric generator causing unreasonable or excessive noise and use of any chainsaw is prohibited without a permit from the Department.
- o. Unorganized or organized instruction, exhibition, competition, demonstration, or special events first require written application and approval from the Department before such an event may be conducted.
- p. Fixed or permanent structures are not permitted.

Motels

Please abide by the rules & policies of these establishments, clean up after your dogs and be courteous to guests so we will be welcome to return to these facilities!

Comfort Inn - Pocono Mountains(Route 940 @ I-80 and I-476) White Haven PA 18661

(570)783-8626

2 Queen beds= \$116.26 + tax

1 King bed: \$107.36 + tax

There is a Pet fee of \$25 per night per pet

Hotel is 20-25 min from site.

Ten rooms have been reserved for New Pen Del till 9/15/26 Group Code:HI56C1

Others in the area: check on own regarding availability

PLEASE CONFIRM THAT DOGS ARE WELCOME WHEN MAKING RESERVATIONS!

Country Inn and Suites Lehighton- 15 minutes from the test

site-

610-379-5066

1619 Interchange Rd. Lehighton Pa. 18235

Hampton Inn Suites Lehighton-15 minutes from test site

610-377-3400

Interchange Rd Lehighton Pa 18235

Good Dog! Vacations At Big Valley Resort, 30 minutes from site

570-992-5659

220 Village Ln, Sciota, PA, 18554 (individual chalets for 1-6 people)

Campground

Don Laine Campground 8 miles south of test site Reservation must be made

two weeks in advance 610-381 3381 or 800-635-0152

790 57 Dr Palmerton Pa 18071

About the Test Site

The 2,972-acre Beltzville State Park is developed around the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers flood control project, Beltzville Dam. Beltzville Lake is 949 acres with a shoreline of 19.9 miles. The park is located along the Pohopoco Creek with recreation areas around the lake. The lake is stocked with warm and cold-water game fish. Most types of recreational boats are permitted on the lake.

Maximum boating speed is 45 MPH. The water test will be held adjacent to the 525 ft. sand beach. The testing area has a gradual drop off and dogs should be swimming within 20 ft of the shore.

Directions to the Test Site

The site is five miles East of Lehighton, Just off US 209.

From the Northeast Extension of the Pennsylvania Turnpike take Exit 74 (Mahoning Valley). Follow signs to the park.

Local Directions:

Keep left after exiting the toll booth and get on the ramp to Rt 209 South, at the bottom of the ramp keep left and turn onto Rt 209 North and continue for a short distance. Make the first left onto Harrity Rd. Make the first Right onto Big Creek Dr, which becomes Pohopoco Dr. Follow Pohopoco a short distance (approx. 4.5 miles) to the main entrance for Beltzville State Park on the right.

From Route 209 South, turn right onto Route 534 and then left onto Beltzville Drive. Follow Beltzville State Park on the left.

Please consider honoring a favorite Newf, friend or advertise your business. All proceeds support this Water Test.

Catalog Advertising

Ads Must be Camera Ready

Half page \$20

Full Page \$30

Deadline for all catalog advertising is August 27, 2025

Please send ad copy and payment to:

Pat Matthews 16 Hillside Ave., Jamesburg, NJ, 08831

epmatthews@comcast.net. Make checks payable to New-Pen-Del

Annual New Pen Del Water Test Shirts

New-Pen-Del Newfoundland Club Annual Water Test

T-Shirt and sweatshirts will be available in a variety of colors.

Available at: <http://www.newpendelnewfclub.deco-apparel.com>

Brown Bag Auction

Brown bag auction will be held on Saturday to support this water test. Donations are always appreciated!

Please note: Catalogs will no longer be printed due to printing costs. Instead, each entrant will receive their catalog by email before the test. Marked catalogs will also be emailed after the tests.



NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB OF AMERICA WORKING TEST ENTRY

Test Location: Beltzville State Park, Lehighton, PA

Test Giving Club: New Pen Del Newfoundland Club

CLASS	REQUAL	Sept 19,2026	Sept 20,2026
BWD		Sunday Only	
WD			
WRD			
WRDX			Saturday Only

ENTER WD, WRD, WRDX, BDD, DD, TDD, DDX OR TDDX UNDER CLASS

Entries close at: 11.59 pm, On: 8-26-26. Entries postmarked before 7-14-26 (NCA Members) or 7-24-26 (non NCA-Members) will be returned. Entries must be received by the test secretary, by mail, by the closing date & time. Entries not received by the closing date and time will not be accepted even if postmarked before this date!

Send entries with \$ 50 Entry fee payable to: New Pen Del Newfoundland Club

Return entries to the Test Secretary: Pat Matthews
16 Hillside Ave. Jamesburg, NJ, 08831

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY:

****Information on this form will be used for record keeping and to generate a certificate of qualification should the dog and handler pass. (Only AKC, NCA & CKC titles are allowed)**

Attach a current copy of this dog's AKC Registration

Owner's Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Full Name of Dog: _____

AKC/ CKC/ ILP/PAL# - _____ --Date of Birth: _____ Sex: _____

Sire: _____

Dam: _____

Breeder (s): _____

Call Name: _____ Handler's Name: _____

****Entry Form Must Be Signed To Be A Valid Entry**

**** I understand that I entered my dog in this NCA Working Test at my own risk.**

I have read the Test Regulations and understand them. I agree to abide by the Test Regulations, the NCA Constitution and By-Laws and further.

agree to be bound by the Entry Agreement included in the premium for this test.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

(Signature of Owner/ Agent duly authorized make this entry)

Day Phone: () _____ Home Phone: () _____

E-Mail: _____ NCA MEMBER: _____ YES _____ NO TE(6.15.19)

NCA WORKING EVENT AGREEMENT

I (we) acknowledge that the NCA test regulations have been made available to me (us) and that I am (we are) familiar with their contents. I (we) agree that the club holding this event has the right to refuse this entry for a cause which the club shall deem to be sufficient. I (we) agree that I(we) will uphold the AKC Code of Sportsmanship, the NCA Code of Ethics, and (if applicable) the NCA Judges Code of Ethics. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry and of the holding of this event and of the opportunity to have the dog judged and to win ribbons or trophies, I (we) agree to hold this club, its members, directors, governors, officers, agents, superintendents, or test secretary and the owner or lessor of the premises or grounds and the employees of the aforementioned parties, harmless from any claim for loss or injury which may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person or thing by the act of this dog while in or upon the test premises or grounds or near any entrance thereto, and I (we) personally assume all responsibility and liability for such claim; and I (we) further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim or loss of the dog by disappearance, theft, damage or injury, be caused or alleged to be caused by the negligence of the club or any of the parties aforementioned, or by the negligence of any other person or any other causes. I (we) agree that any violation of the AKC Code of Sportsmanship, the NCA Code of Ethics and/or the Judges Code of Ethics will be handled pursuant to the Grievance policies listed on the NCA website.

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 therefrom, sustained by any person or persons, including myself (ourselves) or on account of damage to property, or my vehicle arising out of or in consequence of my (our) participation in this test, howsoever such injuries, death or damage to property may be caused, and whether or not the 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 other persons.

I agree to grant this club, and its authorized representatives' permission to record photography film and/or video, pictures of my participation. I further agree that any or all of the material photographed may be used, in any form, as part of any future publications, brochures, or other printed materials used to promote NCA or the regional club, and further that such use shall be without payment of fees, royalties, special credit or other compensation.

The Newfoundland Club of America, this regional club, its members, directors, governors, officers, agents, superintendents, test committee, reserves the right to remove any animal in distress from a parked car or crate, and all persons attending this dog event hereby waive any claim for damages against the club for such removal. I understand that exposing a dog to an unsafe environment, distress, or harm's way is considered mistreatment and subject to appropriate discipline.

Signature: _____ Date _____