

**Southern California Portuguese Water Dog Club**



**Mock Water Trial**

***Saturday, September 14 2024***

**Practice on Friday, September 13**

*Castaic Lake Recreation Area, Castaic, California  
Hours: 7:00am-6pm*

*Meal reservations close September 7*

***Water Trial Secretary  
Susan Cucura***

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**DIRECTIONS TO CASTAIC LAKE**

**Travelling South on Hwy 5:** Take Lake Hughes Road exit. Turn left and proceed to Lake Hughes Road. Turn left onto Lake Hughes Road. At the first stop sign, turn left on Ridge Route Road. At the next stop sign turn right on Castaic Lake Road and right into the park entrance.

**Travelling North on Hwy 5:** Take Lake Hughes Road exit. Turn right on Lake Hughes Road. At the first stop sign, turn left on Ridge Route Road. At the next stop sign turn right on Castaic Lake Road and right into the park entrance.

**Once in Castaic Lake Park:** Follow the road to Paradise Cove to park and unload. Park in the small parking lot in Paradise Cove. Water Trial site is at Paradise Cove Beach.

**ORDER OF JUDGING**

Saturday, September 14, 2024: Junior to Master

## TOTAL ENTRY LIMITS

Entries will be limited to 35 teams or 8 hours of judging per day.

**Entry Fees: Entry fee is \$25 (which includes practice on Friday and competing on Saturday)**

**Entries will be first come, first served.** If entries exceed the limits, dogs will be placed on a waiting list and owner will be notified as space becomes available. Entries of the same dog in more than one class will **only** be accepted if the trial doesn't fill and all dogs have been allocated at least one spot at one level. If the trial doesn't fill, second entries will be filled from first received forward.

**Day-of-Trials Entries:** If entry limits are not reached by the closing date, day-of trial entries will be accepted from 7:30am-8am on a first come, first serve basis with an additional fee of \$5 per entry, and as space and time are available.

## TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

### Saturday

7:00am Site set up

8:00am Equipment check for all levels

8:15am Judge's briefing for Junior level followed by judging

Judge's briefing for Apprentice level followed by judging

Judge's briefing for Working level followed by judging

Judge's briefing for Courier level followed by judging

Judge's briefing for Master level followed by judging

\*\*\*Breaks and lunch will be taken at the discretion of the judges.

## NOTICE TO ALL PARTICIPANTS

**Equipment:** Participants may use their own equipment if approved after inspection by the judge or designee. Additional or substitute equipment will be provided by the SCPWDC.

**PFD and Footwear:** USCG-approved life vests/PFDs, as well as closed-toed protective footwear, must be worn by all participants in accordance with the current PWDC Water Trial Manual. Dogs are required to wear an appropriate harness.

**Age Minimum:** Minimum age for human participants is 9 years old. Participants aged 9 through 17 years (i.e. younger than 18) must have a parent or legal guardian present at the trial site while they participate. Minimum age of dogs is six months old. Dogs six months old and under one year, must earn a Junior Certificate before entering at the Apprentice level.

**Rules and Regulations:** The trial will be held in accordance with the most current provisions as set by the PWDC Water Trial Manual. Each participant is responsible for familiarizing themselves with said regulations. A copy of the Water Trial Manual may be downloaded from [www.pwdca.org](http://www.pwdca.org)

**Refunds:** Entry fees shall not be refunded in the event the dog is absent, excused by a veterinarian or judge, or barred from competition by action of the Trial Committee. If it is impossible to open or complete the trial because of riots, civil disturbance or other acts of God beyond the control of the Trial Committee, no refund of entry fees will be made.

**Bitches in Season:** BIS will be allowed to compete at the end of the last regular event of the day and shall not be brought to the competition or surrounding areas until all judging has been completed. The handler is required to be present at the judge's briefing for the level entered. Please ask at check-in where BIS are to be crated.

**Substitute Stewards:** A participant may use his/her own steward as provided by the current Water Trial Manual. The substitute steward must be named on the entry form and must sign the Agreement on the entry form. Requests for any change in steward must be approved by the Trial Secretary and judge. Substitute stewards must conduct themselves according to the PWDCA Water Trial Manual.

**Alcohol:** Castaic Lake does not allow alcohol in the park and no alcohol is to be consumed at our trial area. Do not bring alcoholic beverages into the park.

#### HOTEL INFORMATION

**LA Quinta Inn and Suites Santa Clarita/Stevenson Ranch . . . . . 661-286-1111**  
25201 The Old Road, Stevenson Ranch, CA 91381.  
**Please ask for the "PWD Group Block" rate of \$159+tax/room**

#### VETERINARIAN ON CALL

**All Creatures Veterinary Center**  
22722 Lyons Ave., Newhall, CA 91321  
661-291-1121

**A full service, 9am-7pm pet hospital, emergency facility**

**Valencia Veterinary Center**  
23928 Summerhill Lane, Santa Clarita, CA 91354  
661-367-8037

**A full service, 8am-6pm pet hospital, emergency facility**

There are no 24-hour emergency vets close to Castaic or Stevenson Ranch. The vet below is the closest in Ventura:

**Veterinary Medical & Surgical Group**  
2199 Sperry Ave., Ventura, CA 93003  
805-339-2290

**A full service, 24-hour pet hospital, emergency and critical care facility**

Or depending on traffic and time of day, **VCA West Los Angeles** – Phone number: **310-473-2951**  
or **VCA ASEC** in West Los Angeles - Phone number: **424-325-6699**



**SCPWDC Mock Water Trial Entry Form September 14, 2023**

Level entered:  Junior  Apprentice  Working  Courier  Master

Entry Fees: \$25 per entry. Make checks payable to: SCPWDC. I enclose \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for entry fees.

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

Suffix Titles (include PWDCA titles) \_\_\_\_\_

Call Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_

AKC # or Foreign Reg # (list country) \_\_\_\_\_ Breeder \_\_\_\_\_

Sire \_\_\_\_\_ Dam \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

**Conditions:** These trials are open to pure bred Portuguese Water Dogs. I 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 agree to these terms. I 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 Castaic Lake. I agree to become familiar with and adhere to all site rules and regulations including but not limited to the following:

- Dogs must be on least or confined to a crate at all times except when participating in practice sessions or when being judged.
- If my dog soils the grounds, I am responsible for cleanup and disposal.

**General Rules:** The mock trial will follow the rules and regulations of the PWDCA Water Trial Manual available on the Web Site, [www.pwdca.org](http://www.pwdca.org).

**Hold-harmless:** I agree to hold the SCPWDC, 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, 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 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, or on account of damage to property, arising out of or in consequence of my 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 or my dog(s) suffer any damage, injury, illness, or loss (including the death of the dog(s) arising from the water trial), I 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 agree that any such arbitration will take place in the county of the trial location within 60 days of the incident giving rise to the claim, or at such other time and place as the parties may agree. I agree to pay a prorated share of the costs of any such arbitration.

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 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.

I have read and agree to be bound by the above agreement. *\*If the handler and/or substitute steward named herein is under 18 years of age (must be 9 or older), this registration must be signed and acknowledged by his/her legal guardian.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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