2026 SCPWDC Water Practice Agreement

Who can come?
We love seeing our SCPWDC members working their dogs. We also welcome any other PWD owners who wish to join us. Only Portuguese Water Dogs are allowed in the water. This is a water practice for Portuguese Water Dogs to learn the exercises required in order to participate in water trials. **This is not a forum for a play date.**

Water Practice Fees:
The cost for each practice is $15 for the first dog and $10 for each additional dog for SCPWDC club members. The fee for non-SCPWDC club members is $20 for the first dog and $15 for each additional dog. When you arrive at water practice, please **first** sign in on the clipboard and pay your practice fee prior to putting your dog in the water. There will be one designated person who will be in charge of the sign-in sheet and taking money. Just ask around once you arrive. Please bring exact change for your practice fees, or you may write a check made out to: SCPWDC. We will not make change.

Safety Equipment:
Every person who is at the water must wear a life jacket (PFD) and closed-toed water shoes. If you bring anyone who doesn't typically come and they are at the water's edge, they need to have on proper equipment. Absolutely no one is allowed on the boats without a life vest and closed-toed shoes. The club usually has extra life vests and extra equipment to lend if you're a first-timer or if you forgot your equipment at home. Please ask if you need to borrow something.

Parking:
Do not drive on the walking path. There are no exceptions. Anyone found driving on the walking path will be asked to leave and will not be allowed to participate in any future water events.

Dog Containment:
If you are bringing a dog, please bring a crate or x-pen. If you bring more than one dog, it is essential that you bring a crate to keep the non-working dog contained. It is unacceptable for your dog to be tied to a tree or wandering up and down the beach while you are trying to work with your other dog. All dogs are to be on leash, unless working. If your dog is apt to take off running, a long line is required for the safety of your dog and all the dogs. If you need to borrow a long line, the club will provide one.

Boat Priority:
The boats usage is always at a premium. Please observe a 20-minute rule per person. You may work your dog on a boat for a 20-minute period and then allow the next person to use the boat. You may get back in line for use on the boat for another turn if you like. We use the honor system for boat use.

Bitches in Season:
BIS are welcome to come to water practice. Please advise us that you have a BIS. For your own safely, you may wish to work your BIS further down the beach to not cause a huge distraction to the intact males. We usually have 2 boats at each practice. We will designate one boat to be used by the BIS, and anyone else who wants to use it. But please don't let your BIS on the other boat.

And Finally: Everyone is expected to contribute to the practice group by helping with set up or take down, assisting others, rowing, etc., because we know, it takes a community to train PWD water skills!

I understand and agree to all of the above terms.

Please print name: _____

Signature _____ Date _____