

**NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB OF AMERICA  
DRAFT TEST  
2 DAYS - 2 TESTS PLUS BDD and DDX  
November 4 – 5, 2023**



Hosted by  
**PENN-OHIO NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB, INC.**  
NEO Retreat Center  
16278 Shillings Road, Berlin Center, OH 44401

**JUDGES**

Dwight Gorsuch	Maryland
Sue Marino	Massachusetts

CERTIFICATION

The Penn-Ohio Newfoundland Club, Inc., has been granted permission to hold this Draft Test by The Working Dog Committee of The Newfoundland Club of America, Inc.

**ENTRIES CLOSE on Wednesday, October 25** (or when entries are filled) at the test secretary's home at 5:00 P.M. after which time entries cannot be accepted, canceled, altered or substituted.

ENTRY FEE \$45.00 each test  
Mail an Entry Form for each day to:  
Joyce Butler, Secretary  
168A Thompson Hill Rd  
Aliquippa, PA 15001

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## Penn-Ohio Newfoundland Club, Inc.

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PONC Web Site: [www.ponc.org](http://www.ponc.org)

## Draft Test Committee

Chairperson	Perri Graf
Secretary	Joyce Butler
Chief Steward	Deanna Alko
Safety Officer	Nick Graf
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**Plus all the volunteers who generously donate their time and talents!**

### THE DRAFT TEST

The NCA Draft Test is a series of exercises designed to develop and demonstrate the natural abilities of purebred Newfoundland Dogs. While working in a capacity involving hauling, the dog and handler must demonstrate teamwork skills. The Newfoundland has historically functioned as a draft dog in various capacities, and the performance of these exercises is intended to demonstrate skills resulting both from natural ability and training that are applicable to realistic work situations.

The dogs must be willing to work with their handlers and the exercises must be accomplished efficiently. The goal of each handler is to maintain control while encouraging his dogs' natural independence; together, they demonstrate teamwork.

### ENTRIES

Entries on Saturday, November 4, will be limited to 4 BDD, 5 DD/TDD and 3 DDX for a total of 12 entries. If there are fewer than 3 DDX entries, the remaining slots may be filled with BDD, DD/TDD entries. Entries on Sunday, November 5, will be limited to 4 BDD, 5 DD/TDD and 3 DDX for a total of 12 entries. **If less than 5 total entries, PONC reserves the right to cancel the test and fully refund all entry fees.** This test will not accept post entry of teams. Priority will be given to entries that have not earned titles in the division entered. Entries from within the United States will be accepted by U.S.P.S. Mail ONLY. Foreign entries must show a verifiable mailing date. In order to ensure that your entry has a legible postmark date, it is suggested that you request that your entry be hand-stamped at the post office (you may be charged an additional fee). If you use Express Mail, you **MUST** waive the signature.

**No entries from NCA members will be accepted with a postmark prior to October 2, 2023. No entries from NON NCA members will be accepted with a postmark prior to October 12, 2023.**

All entries must be submitted on an NCA entry form, **including a copy of the dog's current AKC, CKC, PAL, ILP or foreign registration with a legible number.** A separate entry for Saturday and Sunday is required if you plan on entering both days. Entry slots will be filled according to postmark date. In the event that the number of entries with the same postmark date received exceeds the limit, vacancies will be filled and alternates will be determined by a random drawing for each day. Entries received after the entry limit has been reached will be placed on an alternate list in order of postmark. Alternates will be notified immediately should an opening occur.

**ENTRY FEE: \$45.00/test**

**Please note the new standardized and combined entry form. Enter BDD, DD, TDD, DDX, TDDX under class, note if a requalification. Complete a new form for each DOG entered, NOT day**

**ENTRIES CLOSE on Wednesday, October 25, 2023** (or when entries are filled) at the test secretary's home at 5:00 P.M. after which time entries cannot be accepted, canceled, altered or substituted.

Make checks payable to **PONC**

### MAIL ENTRIES TO:

Joyce Echon-Butler, Secretary  
168A Thompson Hill Rd  
Aliquippa, PA 15001

### **Exhibitors Note**

This Draft Test will be judged under the NCA Draft Test Regulations effective March 18, 1994 as updated April, 2022 and effective July, 2022, and NCA DDX Test Regulations effective 2015 as updated April, 2022. Entrants are responsible for knowledge of these regulations. A copy of the regulations can be or downloaded from the NCA website at <http://www.newfdogclub.org>.

### **Dogs Eligible to Compete**

The NCA Draft Tests will be open to purebred Newfoundland dogs at least eighteen months of age. The word 'dog' in the NCA Draft Test Regulations refers to either sex. All entered dogs must have an AKC registration number, ILP or PAL number, foreign registration number, or AKC or foreign litter number.

**BITCHES IN SEASON** may participate in NCA Draft Tests. Bitches in season will be tested at the end of the competition after all male dogs are judged. When not being tested, bitches in season must be contained in a designated area well away from male dogs and the official test areas.

**DOGS NOT BEING TESTED AT THE TIME** are not permitted in the official Draft Test Areas. As specified in the Draft Test Regulations, 90 minutes before the start of judging, handlers and dogs (except bitches in season) are allowed a 30-minute period to familiarize themselves with the test area. Handlers may walk with their dogs on lead but not hitched to an apparatus. Handlers will not be permitted to walk the Maneuvering or Distance Freight Haul courses after this time period.

**UNENTERED DOGS** (except bitches in season) are welcome to join us at the test site. Please remember that all unentered dogs must remain well away from the main test area during judging so as not to disturb any competing dogs.

### **VERIFICATION OF ENTRY RECEIPT**

All entrants will receive an email confirmation of receipt of their entry. Those without email will receive confirmation by USPS mail. You are also welcome to call the Test Secretary at 412-974-5249 for confirmation or questions.

### **Awards**

Each entrant will receive a hospitality gift for participating in our test. Each qualifier will receive a gift selected by the Draft Test Committee.

### **SPECIAL AWARDS – SATURDAY AND SUNDAY**

**JUNIOR HANDLER AWARD** – To encourage junior participation in Working Dog events, David and Rhoda Hartmann will offer a \$25 gift certificate to any handler under 20 years of age completing the Draft Test or to anyone under 20 years of age who work on the tests as a steward or volunteer.

### **PONC Safety Observances**

- Dogs must be crated or on leash at all times.
- When on leash, the length of the leash must not exceed SIX feet and may NOT be a retractable leash.
- When on leash, dogs must be under control at all times.
- Dogs showing uncontrolled or aggressive behavior will be asked by the event chair, a board member, safety officer or other official to leave the site promptly or be crated for the duration of the event.

### **Site Description**

NEO Retreat Center is a church camp that has 173 acres and 35 miles of hiking trails. The test site is composed of varied terrain, including grassy areas, wooded paths, paved areas and shade trees. The site has a shelter containing 3 rooms. There is electric and air conditioning and a raised stone fireplace against the north wall in the meeting room. There is an attached 25 by 50 gravel floor pavilion with picnic benches and approximately 30-40 plastic chairs. The ground slopes away from the facility to the west and south with a large level area to the south of the pavilion and a smaller fairly level area to the west of the shelter. The area behind the shelter is level and goes back to the tree line.

The maneuvering course will utilize natural and manmade obstacles such as trees, fences and barrels. The basic control ring will be held on a flat grassy area. Natural distractions include rabbits, squirrels, ground hogs, deer and wild turkey.

### Directions

**From West:** Take I-76 East to State Rte 534 (exit #54). Go south approximately 4 miles. Turn right onto Shillings Road. Go approximately ½ mile and turn right into NEO Retreat Center.

**From East:** Take I-80 west which will merge with I-76 west. Proceed 4 miles after the merger to State Rte 534 (exit #54). Go south approximately 4 miles. Turn right onto Shillings Road. Go approximately ½ mile and turn right into NEO Retreat Center.

**From Ohio Turnpike:** Exit the turnpike at I-80 and go west to the Rte 534/Newton Falls exit. Follow the directions from the east above.

**Canton and South:** Take State Rte 225 to State Rte 534, turn north and go approx.. 2 miles north to Shilling Road. Turn left. Go approximately ½ mile and turn right into NEO Retreat Center.

### Accommodations

RV and travel trailer camping are available at the NEO Retreat Center with electric hook-ups but no water. Units must be self-contained. No dumping allowed. Bathroom and shower facilities are available on the grounds. Cabins are no longer available. Contact Doug, property manager at 330 547 - 3300 ext 14 for more information.

### Motels Allowing Dogs

(15 minutes from the test site)

#### Quality Inn

870 N. Canfield-Niles RD (I-80 and Rte 46)  
Austintown, OH  
330-544-2378

#### Candlewood Suites

5575 Cerni Place  
Austintown, OH 44515  
330-349-9900

#### Sleep Inn

555 Interstate Blvd (I-80 and Rte 46)  
Austintown, OH  
877-424-6423

#### Super 8 Motel

5280 Seventy Six Dr (I-80 and Rte 46S)  
Austintown, OH  
330-793-7788

Be sure to check hotel's policy concerning pets when making reservations.

### Veterinary Assistance

Metropolitan Veterinary Hospital  
1053 S Cleveland Massillon Rd, Akron, OH 44321  
330-666-2976

[Directions available from test secretary](#)



The club provided freight load will consist of a bundle of firewood weighing 30 pounds and approximately 17 inches square and 15 inches high.

**LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED SATURDAY AND SUNDAY. YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS WILL HELP DEFRAY THE COST OF THESE DELICIOUS MEALS. THANK YOU!**

**\*\*\*\*\*DON'T FORGET\*\*\*\*\***  
**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS AT 2 A.M. ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5.**  
**YOU GET AN EXTRA HOUR OF SLEEP SUNDAY MORNING!**

## Schedule

<b>7:30-11:00 AM</b>	Coffee, packets for tea, cocoa, soup and donuts
<b>8:00-8:30 AM</b>	30-minute course familiarization
<b>8:00-8:30 AM</b>	Entrants must check in with Draft Test Secretary. (After 8:30 AM, alternates will be offered available spaces.)
<b>9:00 AM</b>	Judges meet with entrants and stewards.
<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>BDD Test Begins</b> <b>Order of Exercises</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Controlled Walking</li><li>• Recall</li><li>• Harnessing, Hitching and Equipment Check</li><li>• Maneuvering</li><li>• One Minute Stay and Freight Load</li></ul> Distance Freight Haul
<b>Following BDD test</b>	30 minutes course familiarization for DD/TDD Judges meet with entrants and stewards. <b>DD/TDD Test Begins</b> <b>Order of Exercises</b> Basic Control Harnessing, Hitching and Equipment Check Maneuvering Course and Basic Commands Freight Load and 3 Minute Out of Sight Distance Freight Haul
<b>Lunch</b>	Scheduled at judges' discretion
<b>After Lunch</b>	minutes course familiarization for DDX entrants After which Judges meet with DDX entrants <b>DDX Test Begins</b> <b>Order of Exercises</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Back through adjustable narrow</li><li>• Drag away removable obstacle</li><li>• Driven figure 8</li><li>• Moving stand</li><li>• 90 degree back-up</li><li>• 90 degree turns (1 right, 1 left)</li><li>• Pass through removable obstacle</li><li>• Serpentine</li><li>• U turn</li><li>• Weight exchange</li></ul>

## Covid-19

- Although we will not require a COVID release for our tests, we do ask that you respect our workers, judges and your fellow exhibitors and ask that IF you are not feeling well or have tested positive for COVID that you not attend our tests.
- If the State of Ohio, Mahoning County or the CDC makes any significant changes at the time of our tests, we will make you aware of same.

## Dog Aggression

The WDC and the NCA have adopted the AKC official policy concerning dog attacks that lead to an injury, either to a person or to another dog. Also, Draft Test judges may excuse, and even ask to have removed from a test site, if necessary, any dog that appears dangerous to other dogs or persons. Actual reports of dog attacks causing injury to either a dog or a person would go directly through the grievance process. If a judge excuses a dog for aggression that automatically creates a grievance that must be handled by the WDC. AKC Rules Applying to Dog Shows: Chapter 11, Section 15- Any dog, that in the opinion of the Event Committee, attacks a person or dog at an AKC event, resulting in an injury, and is believed by that Event Committee to present a hazard to persons or other dogs, shall be disqualified by the Event Committee pursuant to this section, a report shall be filed with the Executive Secretary of The American Kennel Club. The disqualified dog may not again compete at any AKC event nor be on the grounds of an AKC event unless and until, following application for reinstatement by the owner to the American Kennel Club, the owner receives official notification in writing from the AKC that the dog's eligibility has been reinstated

## 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 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 which in or upon the test premises or grounds or newer any entrance thereto, and I (we) personally assume all responsibility and liability for such claims; 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, 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 on 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, brochure, 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: \_\_\_\_\_

## ONLINE ENTRIES

**Entry Fees and Policies:** There is an entry fee of \$45.00 per dog or team entered. The draft test is limited to a total of twelve (12) entries per day, including the Advanced Draft Dog test. There must be a minimum of five (5) entries to hold the test. A copy of the AKC Registration Certificate must accompany each dog entered. Entries for this test will be accepted through the NCA's online registration service at <https://www.ncanews.org/wdc> as well as through the traditional paper method. Please complete an online entry or the enclosed NCA Working Test Entry Form for each dog entered

**Online Entry:** Entries submitted electronically will be assigned a postmark with the same date the entry is entered. Entries submitted by mail will be assigned the postmark given as per usual. Entries submitted electronically and via post will be considered equally in date order for slots in the test. NCA members will have the same early-entry window with both paper entry and electronic entry. If you are not a member of the NCA you will be prompted to provide the same contact information that you would provide on a paper entry once entries are open to non-NCA members. You will be prompted to enter or verify your dog's information and you will have the opportunity to upload an image of your dog's registration certificate. Please have an electronic version of your dog's registration certificate ready for upload before you begin the online entry process. If you experience any problems, please contact Dan Zimmerman at [dan@dogfishsoftware.com](mailto:dan@dogfishsoftware.com).



# NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB OF AMERICA WORKING TEST ENTRY

Test Location: NEO Retreat Center, Berlin Center, OH

Test Giving Club: Penn-Ohio Newfoundland Club

CLASS	REQUAL	DATE 1	DATE 2	DATE 3

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

Entries close at: 5:00 -am/pm, On: October 25 . Entries postmarked before October 2 (NCA Members) or October 12 (non NCA-Members) will be returned.

Entries must be received by the test secretary, by mail, by the closing date and time.

Entries not received by the closing date and time will not be accepted even if postmarked before this date!

Send entries with \$ 45.00 Entry fee payable to: Penn-Ohio Newfoundland Club

Return entries to the Test Secretary: Joyce Echon-Butler  
168A Thompson Hill Road  
Aliquippa, PA 15001

### PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY:

**\*\*Information on this form will be use 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 enter 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