

**NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB OF AMERICA DRAFT TEST
2 DAYS - 2 TESTS PLUS BDD and DDX**

OCTOBER 31 - NOVEMBER 1, 2026



Hosted by

PENN-OHIO NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB, INC.

BUTLERS' FARM

168A THOMPSON HILL ROAD

ALIQUIPPA, PA 15001

JUDGES

Todd Bennett	Washington, Maine
Sue Mendleson	Washington, Maine

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.

These Draft Tests are sanctioned by the Working Dog Committee of the Newfoundland Club of America and will follow the Draft Test Regulations revised October, 2025, effective November 1, 2025. Entrants are responsible for obtaining the NCA Draft Regulations which are available online at www.newfdogclub.org.

ENTRIES OPEN on September 27, 2026 for NCA members. ENTRIES OPEN on October 7, 2026 for non-NCA members. ENTRIES CLOSE on October 21, 2026, or when entries are filled at the test secretary's home at 11:59 P.M. after which time entries cannot be accepted, canceled, altered or substituted. 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

ENTRY FEE \$45.00 each test

(Stripe fee will be deducted from each online entry refunded)

Mail an Entry Form for each day to:

Joyce Butler, Secretary

168A Thompson Hill Rd, Aliquippa, PA 15001

TO ENTER THE TEST ONLINE: <https://workingentry.ncadogs.org/>

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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, 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, 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

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.

DIRECTIONS

From West: Take I-76 East to I-376 South to exit 48 (Hopewell). Go west on Route 151 approximately 3.5 miles to Thompson Hill Road, on the right. Turn onto Thompson Hill Road and drive to the top of the hill to the Butlers' Farm sign on the right. Proceed down the farm lane to the test site.

From East: Take I-376 North to exit 48 and proceed as above.

From North: Take I-80 to I-376 (toll) to exit 48 as above.

From South: Take I-79 north to I-376 north. Follow I-376 toward Pittsburgh Airport/Beaver to exit 48 as above.



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

*****DON'T FORGET*****

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS AT 2 A.M. ON SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 1

YOU GET AN EXTRA HOUR OF SLEEP SUNDAY MORNING!

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 working with the committee or stewarding.

SITE DESCRIPTION

Butlers' Farm is a 40-acre historic farm founded in 1811 located in Independence Twp, Beaver County, Pennsylvania. There are wooded hiking trails, fields planted with wheat, hay, corn and sometimes, pumpkins. The terrain is varied, including grassy areas, wooded paths, paved areas, shade trees and open fields. The farmhouse is headquarters as well as the refurbished barn which houses the flock of laying hens. The heated garage is frequently used for meals during events held at the farm although the very large barn is also an option.

The ground is mostly flat although there is one fairly steep hilled pasture below the house.

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 chipmunks, rabbits, squirrels, ground hogs, deer and wild turkey.

ACCOMMODATIONS

RV and travel trailer camping are available at Butlers' Farm with electric and water hookups. No dumping allowed. Bathroom and shower facilities are available on the grounds.

MOTELS ALLOWING BIG DOGS

Cobblestone Inn & Suites

1111 New Economy Drive
Ambridge, PA
<https://staycobblestone.com/pa/ambridge/>
15 min from test site

Sonesta Simply Suites Pittsburgh Airport

100 Chauvet Drive
Pittsburgh, PA
<https://www.sonesta.com/>
15 min from test site

Microtel Inn & Suites by Wyndham

2801 Darlington Road
Beaver Falls, PA
STAY TUNED!!
25 min from test site

These are confirmed big dog friendly motels!

VETERINARY ASSISTANCE

RAINBOW VETERINARY HOSPITAL

129 STATE ROUTE 168
DARLINGTON, PA
724-843-5443
Friday 8 AM - 9 PM
Saturday/Sunday 8 AM - 5 PM
Monday - Sunday 10 AM - 10 PM Emergency Services

BLUE PEARL PET HOSPITAL (formerly PVSEC)

807 Camp Horne Road
Pittsburgh, PA
24 hour emergency service

NCA DOG POLICY

1. At all NCA Events dogs must be kept under control to prevent harm to itself or others. It is the owner/handler's responsibility to ensure their dogs are under control for the duration of the event.
2. Dogs must be crated or leashed and collared at all times, except when dogs are required to perform off lead. When on leash, the length of the leash must not exceed SIX feet and may **NOT** be a retractable leash.
3. 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 durations of 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.
4. Dogs should not be allowed to approach another dog without permission from the other dog's owner/handler.
5. 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.
6. Examples of out of control behavior would include but are 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.
7. 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.
8. If the dog is excused from the test grounds for aggression, the automatic grievance policy of the NCA is enacted. If an injury to a dog or person occurs, the AKC Rules Applying to Dog Shows goes into effect. (References, chapter 2, AKC Rules Applying to Dog Shows: Chapter 11, Section 15.
9. Dogs or handlers suspended from the AKC are unable to enter NCA dog events and dogs suspended from AKC events are not allowed on test grounds.

NOTE TO EXHIBITORS

Unmonitored practice time will be permitted from 2 to 4 PM on Friday, October 30 only.

7:30-11:00 AM	TENTATIVE Schedule Coffee, packets for tea, cocoa, soup and donuts
8:00-8:30 AM	Entrants must check in with Draft Test Secretary. (After 8:30 AM, alternates will be offered available spaces.)
8:40-9:10 AM	30-minute course familiarization
9:30 AM	Judges meet with entrants and stewards.
10:00 AM	BDD Test Begins Order of Exercises - Controlled Walking - Recall - Harnessing, Hitching and Equipment Check - Maneuvering - One Minute Stay and Freight Load Distance Freight Haul
Following BDD test	30 minutes course familiarization for DD/TDD Judges meet with entrants and stewards. DD/TDD Test Begins Order of Exercises Basic Control Harnessing, Hitching and Equipment Check Maneuvering Course and Basic Commands Freight Load and 3 Minute Out of Sight Distance Freight Haul
Lunch	Scheduled at judges' discretion
After Lunch	minutes course familiarization for DDX entrants After which Judges meet with DDX entrants DDX Test Begins Order of Exercises - Back through adjustable narrow - Drag away removable obstacle - Driven figure 8 - Moving stand 90 degree back-up 90 degree turns (1 right, 1 left) - Pass through removable obstacle - Serpentine - U turn - Weight exchange

Breakfast compliments of PONC
Coffee, tea, etc
Fresh fruit, donuts, breakfast casserole

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY LUNCH OPTIONS
Beverages, chips, cookie included
Jersey Mike's Subs

Mark your choices, send the order to Joyce Butler with payment.
Checks and credit cards accepted using the jotform.

	Saturday	Sunday
6" chicken salad @ \$12	_____	_____
6" tuna salad @ \$12	_____	_____
6" The Veggie @ \$12	_____	_____
Swiss, provolone, green peppers	_____	_____
6" Original Italian sub @ \$12	_____	_____
Provolone, ham, prosciuttini, cappa cuolo, salami, pepperoni	_____	_____
Choice of bread white wheat rosemary parmesan		
Customize onions lettuce tomatoes red wine vinegar olive oil blend oregano salt		
Toppings mayo dill pickles banana peppers hot chopped pepper relish jalapeno peppers yellow mustard spicy brown mustard honey mustard		
Total subs ordered	_____	_____
Payment included	\$ _____	



LUNCH MENU

Click on box to order online



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://workingentry.ncadogs.org/> 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. Online entries may be canceled prior to the closing date and the entry fee minus the Stripe charge will be refunded.



NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB OF AMERICA WORKING TEST ENTRY

Test Location: BUTLERS' FARM, 168A Thompson Hill Rd, Aliquippa, PA

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: 1:59 pm on October 21, 2026. Entries postmarked before September 26, 2026 (NCA Members) or October 7, 2026 (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 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