

**NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB OF AMERICA
DRAFT TEST
2 DAYS - 2 TESTS PLUS BDD and DDX
October 31 and November 1, 2020**



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

JUDGES

Keith Mallinson	Bethany, CT
Gary Walker	Napoleon, MO

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 21 (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 \$40.00 each test
Mail an Entry Form for each day to:
Joyce Butler
168A Thompson Hill Rd
Aliquippa, PA 15001

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PONC Web Site: www.ponc.org

Draft Test Committee

Chairman	Perri Graf
Secretary	Joyce Butler
Chief Steward	Bethany Karger
Safety Officer	Nick Graf
Hospitality	Shannon Pilolli

Plus all the volunteers who generously donate their time and talents!

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

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS AT 2 A.M. ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1.
YOU GET AN EXTRA HOUR OF SLEEP SUNDAY MORNING!**

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, October 31, 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 1, will be limited to 4 BDD, 5 DD/TDD and 3 DDX for a total of 12 entries.

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 1, 2020. No entries from NON NCA members will be accepted with a postmark prior to October 10, 2020.

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: \$40.00/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

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Make checks payable to **PONC**
MAIL ENTRIES TO:
Joyce Butler
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, 2019 and effective July, 2019, and NCA DDX Test Regulations effective 2015 as updated April, 2019. 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.

Don't Forget!

First acceptable postmark is **October 1** for NCA members

October 10 for non-NCA members

Entry deadline is **October 21**

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.

Please note: Awards will be presented at the successful completion of the individual test. There will be no formal awards ceremony.

SPECIAL AWARDS – SATURDAY

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.

SAM BUTLER MEMORIAL AWARD

“Follow Your Dreams” Newfoundland garden flag to be awarded to any exhibitor who successfully completes BOTH backing exercises at the DD or TDD level, and to any exhibitor who successfully passes the DDX test.

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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.

Motels Allowing Dogs (15 minutes from the test site)

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 water and electric hook-ups. Units must be self-contained. No dumping allowed. Bathroom and shower facilities are available on the grounds. Cabins are no longer available. Contact John Davis at 567-674-2010 for more information.

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

Comfort Inn
5425 Clarkins Dr
Austintown, OH
330-792-9740

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.

Schedule

7:30-11:00 AM	Coffee, packets for tea, cocoa, soup and donuts
7:45-8:15 AM	30-minute course familiarization
7:45-8:15 AM	Entrants must check in with Draft Test Secretary. (After 8:30 AM, alternates will be offered available spaces.)
8:30-9:00 AM	Judges meet with entrants and stewards.
9:00 AM	BDD Test Begins Order of Exercises <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Controlled Walking• Recall• Harnessing, Hitching and Equipment Check• Maneuvering• One Minute Stay and Freight Load• Distance Freight Haul
9:00 AM	DD/TDD Test Begins Order of Exercises <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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	30 minutes course familiarization for DDX entrants After which Judges meet with DDX entrants Exercises <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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

COVID-19: Staying Safe & Having Fun!

Please read and follow these guidelines to make sure we have a safe & fun weekend:

1. If you are sick or if you have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 within 14 days prior to our Tests ~ **DO NOT COME.**
2. If you are at high risk, if you do not feel safe, if you do not feel comfortable, if you are afraid, or if you feel we should not be having these tests ~ **DO NOT COME.**
3. If you want to have a good time, wear masks, practice social distancing, and want to show dogs ~ **COME AND HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND AT OUR DRAFT TEST!**
4. Please be respectful to others, adhere to the rules and listen to all Committee Members, and above all ... **HAVE FUN!!!**
5. Masks must be worn in the building and on Test grounds
6. Social Distancing must be adhered to whenever possible.
7. **Draft Test is CLOSED to the general public.**
8. No children under the age of 18 unless they are Testing a dog.
9. Our committees reserve the right to wipe down and disinfect any common areas which are viewed to have been touched excessively.
10. **NO FOOD will be served. You are welcome to bring your own snacks and/or meals.**
11. Crating and set-ups will be outside. Feel free to bring your own pop-up tents for shade/shelter, as well as your own personal chairs.
12. No flexible leashes allowed as this would go beyond the 6-ft social distancing. Please pick-up after your dog.
13. PONC has the right to cancel this test at any time. If the test is cancelled, and you have already entered, your check will be shredded.
14. If the State of Ohio or the NCA makes changes according to COVID-19, we will abide by the Governor and/or the NCA changes.

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 Coe 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, ad 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: _____

COVID-19 RELEASE / WAIVER

(must be completed, signed, and returned with your entry)

I attest that to the best of my knowledge, I do not have the Coronavirus (COVID-19) at the time of attending this draft test and understand the risks of unknowing exposure to this and other illnesses by or to myself, my family, other participants, and third parties. I have not been tested and found positive; am not waiting for test results; and do not currently have symptoms or have had symptoms during the past 14 days. I have not been in contact with or exposed to any known carrier of COVID-19 within the past 14 days. If I have previously tested positive for COVID-19, I certify that I have been released by government officials and/or health care providers to resume normal activity without limit. I agree that I will not knowingly expose others to any illness I may have or be at risk to have. I will follow all PONC rules and requirements to help reduce exposure and possibility of contracting or spreading the virus. I will also fully cooperate with and follow any City, County, or State (including applicable health department) guidelines that have jurisdiction in the location of this test and/or any PONC sponsored events. If any of the above should change prior to my arrival at the draft test site that is the subject of this consent, I will inform a PONC designated volunteer and proceed accordingly.

I agree that I am attending this event, class, or training entirely at my own risk and assume all risk and full responsibility for my own health, well-being, and safety during this class or event. I understand that that the circumstances regarding COVID-19 are changing from day to day and that, accordingly, guidelines are regularly modified and updated and I accept full responsibility for familiarizing myself with the most recent updates.

Signature _____

Date _____



NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB OF AMERICA WORKING TEST ENTRY

Test Location: NEO Retreat Center, 16278 Shillings Road, Berlin Center, OH 44401

Test Giving Club: Penn-Ohio Newfoundland Club

CLASS	REQUAL	DATE 1	DATE 2	DATE 3

ENTER WD, WRD, WRDX, RDD, DD, TDD, DDD, OR TDDX UNDER CLASS

Entries close at: **5:00 am/PM, On: October 21, 2020.** Entries postmarked before **October 1, 2020** (NCA Members) or **October 10, 2020** (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 **\$ 40.00** entry fee payable to: PENN-OHIO NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB

Return entries to the Test Secretary:

Joyce Butler
168A Thompson Hill Rd
Alliquippa, PA 15001

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY:

****Information on this form will be used for recordkeeping and to generate a certificate of qualification should the dog and handler pass. (Only AKC & 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 to make this entry)

Day Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

E-mail: _____ NCA Member: YES NO