

4th Annual Leonberger Club of America Water Test

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Water Dog (WD) Water Rescue Dog (WRD)
Water Rescue Dog Excellent (WRDX)

All Breeds

September 7-8, 2024

Nolte State Park, Enumclaw, WA

Judges: Deborah Rothwell (NCA) and Laura Gallagher (NCA)

CLOSING DATE: Monday, August 26th, 2024

LCNW is partnering with Newfoundland Club of Seattle (NCS) to share the same test dates, site, judges and equipment. The NCS Water Test is a separate test. The NCS test is not all-breed.



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Water Test Committee

Test Chair: Jody Woodruff, pkw3355@aol.com

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3rd Committee Member: Jessica Hayes, jessicainfrance@hotmail.com

GENERAL ENTRY LIMITATIONS

Entries limited to 15 dogs total on each day

Saturday: 15 total WD, WRD, WRDX

Sunday: 15 total WD, WRD, WRDX

An inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are present. By attending these events, you voluntarily assume all risks related to exposure to COVID-19.

THE LCA Water Test is a series of exercises designed to test the intelligence, instinct and stamina of the Leonberger. Due to test conditions and restrictions these exercises cannot be executed as they would be in realistic situations. These exercises simulate real life rescue situations safely within the constraints of the test site. The ideal working relationship is a balance of controlled performance and natural independence. Dogs should display not only efficiency in accomplishing their tasks, but also willingness and enjoyment in their work.

Test Site Deep Lake is a public lake at Nolte State Park in Enumclaw, WA. Deep Lake has a max depth of 75'. Leonberger swimming depth is approximately 10 feet from shore (water-level dependent). The beach area is sloped compact sand and rocks. It is located next to a public swim area. The water is clear to mildly murky. The lake is stocked. There are shade trees in the vicinity. The site has ample room for crating nearby. Bring pop-ups for added shade, crates, water, battery-operated fans and any other necessities. Full bathrooms are on site. All unentered dogs must be kept quiet, on leash, or crated and away from the designated test area during testing hours. Unentered bitches in season are not allowed. Spectators are encouraged to leave unentered dogs at home. Clean up after your pet.

Attention Exhibitors Each exhibitor is responsible for providing his/her own water test equipment, including a U.S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation device and suitable foot protection to be worn in the water. Please keep your dogs on lead or crated when not being tested. Entered dogs should be crated or on lead when not being tested; dogs that are not being tested at the time are not permitted in the official Water Test Areas.

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.

Waiver of Rights - Animals in Distress The Leonberger Club of America, and the LCNW hosting this event, reserves the right to remove any animal in distress from a parked vehicle or crate, and all persons attending this dog event hereby waives any claim for damages against the Club for such removal. The LCA regards the health, safety, and life of any dog on the event grounds to be paramount to other property or privacy rights. If the owner cannot be found in a timely manner, we will take whatever action is necessary for the safety of the dog, which may include breaking windows to enter a vehicle. Dogs found in an unsafe environment, distress, or in harm's way (i.e., left in a vehicle without proper ventilation) will be removed to safety. Exposing a dog to an unsafe environment, distress, or harm's way is considered mistreatment and subject to appropriate discipline.

On Good Sportsmanship Owners and handlers please be mindful that Good Sportsmanship is a condition of membership and an object of the Leonberger Club of America (LCA) and Leonberger Club of the Northwest (LCNW) Constitutions. Be respectful toward owners, handlers, judges, volunteers, other officials, and the clubs. Failure to exhibit good sportsmanship may result in suspension and/or expulsion pursuant to the Bylaws of the LCA.

Entries

Regulations: All entrants are responsible for obtaining, knowing, and understanding the LCA Water Test Program Regulations, adopted May 2019. The regulations are available from LCA Working Dog Committee Water Work Liaison directly (contact Erin Andersen, efische002@gmail.com) or via download from the LCA's website: <https://www.leonbergerclubofamerica.com/our-dogs/ww>

Eligibility: This test is open to all breeds that are at least 6 months of age on the date of the test. Bitches in season or that have undergone the ovary-sparing spay (OSS) will be tested after all other entrants have been judged for the day. If your bitch will be in season, please notify the test secretary as soon as possible. No unentered dogs will be allowed near the test site on the day of the test. Other restrictions listed in the LCA Water Test Regulations also apply.

Limitations and Procedures:

Entries are limited to 15 dogs on each day

Saturday: 15 total WD & WRD & WRDX

Sunday: 15 total WD & WRD & WRDX

Priority will be given to entries that have not earned titles in the division entered. Titled dogs may be entered for judging (requalification) if entry limits have not been filled, and the entry form must state that the entry is for requalification.

Key Dates:

Earliest Postmark for LCA Members: July 10, 2024

Earliest Postmark for Non-LCA members: July 20, 2024

LCA members are granted a 10-day early entry as a benefit of their membership in the LCA. If the dog is co-owned either all co-owners of the dog must be LCA members or the handler must be an LCA member to take advantage of the early entry. All breeds welcome from July 20th forward. Starting July 20th all entries will be treated equally, whether the owner is an LCA member or not. Postmarks prior to the above dates will be returned. Entries may be submitted electronically, via USPS mail, or by hand. If e-mailed or hand delivered, the postmark will be the date the form is received. If mailed, the envelope must show a visible postmark. The opening date is the earliest date an entry can be postmarked; the closing date is the last day an entry can be received by the test secretary and is unrelated to the postmark. All forms and fees must be received by or on the closing date.

Entries Close: at 5pm on Monday, August 26th

Entry Fee: The entry fee is \$45.00 per dog, per test. Entries close August 26, 2024. Make Checks Payable to *Leonberger Club of the Northwest*.

Entry Form: Entries must be made on an official LCA entry form. Be sure to include a current copy of the dog's most current AKC, ILP/PAL, or foreign registration. Please type or print legibly.

Please send entries to the Water Test Secretary:

Via Post: Lise Brandhagen, 1020 LAFOREST DR SE, NORTH BEND, WA 98045

Via Email: Lise Brandhagen, 2leotravels@gmail.com

Alternates and Refunds: The available entry slots will be filled according to the postmark date. If the number of entries with the same date exceeds the number of available slots, a drawing will take place to fill the vacancies and determine the alternates.

If an entrant submits an entry to a Water Test but is not assigned a place in the test, the Test Secretary must notify the entrant immediately after the closing date and give the entrant the option to be placed on the alternate list. If the entrant prefers not to be on the alternate list, he or she will receive a full refund. If the entrant chooses to stay on the alternate list and pulls their entry at a later date, they will not receive a refund. Entrants placed on an alternate list will receive a full refund if they do not get into the test on the day of the test.

Once the closing date and time listed in the Premium List have passed: if an entrant notifies the Test Secretary that they are withdrawing their entry or have passed at a previous test, all entrants on the alternate list must be notified that their ranks have changed. If a space does not become available for an alternate on the day of the test, the alternate will receive a full refund. In the event that a slot does open up and the alternate is not present at the Test Check-in, the next alternate on the list will move into the open slot. In addition, an entrant with one dog in the test and another on the alternate list may not substitute one dog for the other. If the entrant must pull the entered dog, then the first dog on the alternate list will fill the opening.

Changing Entries: If an entrant has been assigned a spot in the test but their dog passes at a previous test, the handler must notify the test secretary by 6 pm the night before the test as to whether they will move their entry to another division (i.e. WD to WRD), withdraw from the test, or requalify in the same division if the test is not full. If the test is full, they have the option of being moved to the end of the alternate list to requalify.

Post-entries/Move-ups: Dogs that successfully complete the requirements for Water Dog (WD) at the test may be post-entered into the Senior Division if space allows and will be tested at the conclusion of the Senior Division judging. Dogs will test in the Senior Division until they fail an exercise. Post-enter at the Secretary's table at the conclusion of the Junior Division. A dog earning his Water Rescue Dog (WRD) title during a water test is not permitted to post-enter up to Excellent Division being held on the same day due to time constraints. Entrants passing WRD may change their entry to WRDX at future tests in which they had entered the WRD division as long as the division has not filled any posted limit. Post-entry fee for same day is \$25.00.

Withdrawing Entries: To withdraw an entry, the entrant must notify the Test Secretary by phone, email, or U.S. Mail. Do this as soon as possible. The Test Secretary must confirm receipt of such notification. The entrant will receive a full refund of the entry fee if the notification is received prior to the closing date and time for entries.

Enter at Own Risk: Entrants participate in an LCA Water Test at their own risk. Entrants agree to abide by the LCA Water Test Regulations and the Constitution and By-laws of the LCA. Entrants agree that they will uphold the AKC Code of Sportsmanship, the LCA Code of Ethics, and (if applicable) the LCA Judges Code of Ethics. They also agree that any violation of the AKC Code of Sportsmanship, the LCA Code of Ethics and/or the Judges Code of Ethics will be handled pursuant to the LCA SEC Grievance policies listed in the LCA Bylaws.

Schedule

Actual schedule may vary. A detailed schedule will be provided after closing.

Saturday – After NCS Test

8:15 – 8:30am Check in
[Following NCS Test] Site familiarization / Pre-Swim (15 min)
[Late morning, Following Pre-swim] Equipment Check
Judges meet with stewards & entrants
WD Test begins
WRD Test to follow WD Test
WRDX
Awards
Raffle

Sunday – Before NCS Test

8:15 – 8:30am Check in
8:30am Site familiarization / Pre-Swim (15 min)
9:15am Equipment Check
Judges meet with stewards & entrants
WD Test begins
WRD Test to follow WD Test
WRDX
Awards

Order of Exercises

WD

1. Basic Control
2. Single Retrieve
3. Drop Retrieve
4. Take-a-Line
5. Tow-a-Boat
6. Retrieve off a Boat
7. Swim with Handler

WRD

1. Directed Retrieve
2. Line to Shore
3. Take-a-Life Ring
4. Underwater Retrieve
5. Take-a-Line/Tow-a-Boat
6. Rescue

WRDX

1. Abandoned Boat
2. Multiple Person Rescue
3. Unconscious Victim
4. Capsized Raft
5. Line to Stranded Vessel
6. Team Rescue

Additional Details

Meals: A breakfast snack and lunch will be provided for entrants, judges, and stewards.

Note: there are not any convenient services near the park.

Awards: Each exhibitor will receive an entry favor. Each qualifying dog will receive a trophy.

Practice at Nolte: There will not be an organized practice prior to the event.

Photographs: Volunteer amateur photographer(s) will take photographs for publication in the LeoLetter and on the club website. Neither the Club nor the volunteer photographer make any warranties, express or implied, regarding photographers or photographic results.

Release and use of images and publishing of results: By entering this event, you hereby give your consent to publish and/or alter any and all photos and/or videos (hereby referred to as Images) taken of you or your dog(s) that are present during this event, whether they are entered as exhibitors or not, and you agree to waive any claim, action, lawsuit and further agree to indemnify and hold LCA, the host club and any Judge harmless from claims, actions or lawsuit resulting from the use of these images and your participating in this event. Results of the event, whether dogs passed or failed, the names of dogs, the names of handlers, the names of owners, and/or the names of breeders may also be published. Use of and publishing may be in any printed or video format, including but not limited to, email, websites and/or social media.

Volunteers Needed: Please consider helping steward on either day. It is a great opportunity to learn about the water test and the LCNW - and to support our event. Contact Jody Woodruff, Test Chair (see page 1).

Donations:

Monetary Donations to the LCNW for Working Dog activities will be graciously accepted. If received by the closing date, donors will be acknowledged in the catalog. Please send donations to the LCNW Water Test Secretary (see page 3).

Raffle Donations will be accepted for the combined LCNW & Newfoundland Club of Seattle (NCS) JumboRaffle on *Saturday* afternoon. Please bring donations to Nolte State Park on Saturday Morning, September 7th, or make arrangements with a member of the LCNW Water Test Committee (see page 1) ahead of the test. Raffle Tickets will be available at Nolte State Park on the day of the event only.

Parking/Discover Pass: All visitors need to display the Discover Pass on their vehicles when visiting state recreation lands managed by the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission. Nolte State Park is a Washington State Park. The penalty for not displaying the pass is \$99. For information and exemptions, please visit the Discover Pass website: <https://www.discoverpass.wa.gov/> Washington Libraries allow library card holders to check-out a special Discover Pass (no charge). For a list of participating libraries check here (<https://www.discoverpass.wa.gov/148/Check-Out-Washington>).

DIRECTIONS & ACCOMMODATIONS

Nolte State Park: 36921 Veazie Cumberland Road, Enumclaw, WA 98022

Located north of the town of Enumclaw, WA at the western edge of the Cascade Mountains. Nolte Park is in an unincorporated area near the Green River Gorge. Mobile service may be limited as you get closer to the park. Website: <https://parks.wa.gov/find-parks/state-parks/nolte-state-park>

Directions: (From Enumclaw) On SR 410, turn north on 284th Ave. S.E., and continue approximately five miles to park entrance.

Accommodations:

Information on pet-friendly hotels or motels for the area can be found at the following web sites:

- Pets Welcome (<https://www.petswelcome.com/pet-friendly-hotels/washington/enumclaw>)
- Bring Fido (https://www.bringfido.com/lodging/city/enumclaw_wa_us/)

Not familiar with the area? Other nearby cities: Buckley, Puyallup, Issaquah, and beyond. Hotel pet fees & acceptance policy may vary. Please phone ahead.

LCA SAFETY POLICY

LCA Safety Policy For Dogs At All LCA Events

- Dogs must be crated or on leash at all times.
- When on leash, the length must not exceed 6 feet and may not be retractable.
- When on leash, dogs must be under control at all times.
- Dogs showing uncontrolled or aggressive behavior may be asked by the event chair, a board member, or other official to leave the site promptly or be crated for the duration of the event.
- Current rabies certificates are required.
- There will be occasions when a dog will be allowed off-leash when approved by the event chairperson.
- Failure to meet these conditions may result in a disciplinary hearing.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

- Please observe State Park rules so that all park visitors may enjoy their visit. Please note that the following general park rules are not customized for each individual park, so not all rules will apply to all parks (for example, “campsites cannot be held for someone who might arrive later” only applies to parks with campgrounds).
- Please report disturbances to park rangers; they are trained to help you resolve issues and concerns.
- Discover Pass: All visitors to state parks will need to display the Discover Pass on their vehicles when visiting state recreation lands managed by the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission, the Washington State Department of Natural Resources and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. The fine for not displaying the pass is \$99. For information and exemptions, please visit the Discover Pass website: <http://www.discoverpass.wa.gov/>
- Park hours vary depending on weather and season. All day-use areas close at dusk. Nolte Park Summer Hours: 8am - Dusk
- Please use the trash cans and dumpsters to help keep parks clean.
- Please do not harm wild plants or animals. Feeding of wildlife is strictly prohibited.
- Wildlife, plants and all park buildings, signs and tables and other structures are protected; removal or damage of any kind is prohibited.
- Pets are allowed in most state parks. They must be on leash under physical control at all times. Owners are responsible for cleaning up after their pets on all state park lands. Pets are not permitted on designated swimming beaches.
- Smoking is not allowed inside vacation houses, yurts, cabins or other rustic structures.
- Glass bottles or metal cans are not allowed on swimming beaches.
- Alcoholic beverages are permitted only in designated campground and picnic areas.
- Fireworks are prohibited on all state public lands, including state parks and beaches that front state park lands.
- All Washington state laws are enforced in Washington state parks.



LCA Water Test Entry Form

Test Location: Nolte State Park, Enumclaw, WA
Sponsoring Club: Leonberger Club of the Northwest

				Test 1	Test 2	Test 3	Test 4
WD	<input type="checkbox"/>	WD Requal	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
WRD	<input type="checkbox"/>	WRD Requal	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
WRDX	<input type="checkbox"/>	WRDX Requal	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Return Entries to the Test Secretary: Lise Brandhagen
1020 LAFOREST DR NE
NORTH BEND, WA 98045

email: 2leotravels@gmail.com
(Emailed entries: fees must be received before closing)

Please print legibly. Information on this form will be used for record keeping and to generate a certificate of qualification should the dog and handler pass.

Attach a current copy of this dog's AKC, ILP, PAL or foreign registration

Owner's Name:

LCA Member:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Full Name of Dog:

AKC/CKC/ILP/PAL#

Date of Birth:

Sex: Male: Female:

Sire:

Dam:

Breeder(s):

Call Name:

Handler's Name:

LCA Member:

****Entry form must be signed to be a valid entry.****

I understand that I enter my dog in this LCA Working Test at my own risk. I have read the Test Regulations and I understand them. I agree to abide by the Test Regulations, the LCA Constitution and Bylaws, and further agree to be bound by the agreement printed on the entry form.

Signature:

Date:

Phone:

Alternate Phone:

Email: