



LEONBERGER CLUB OF AMERICA

Water Test

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

Leonberger Club of the Northwest invites you to join us...



Saturday & Sunday
September 6 - 7, 2025



Nolte State Park
36921 Veazie Cumberland Road
Enumclaw, WA 98022



2025 Registration Opens
July 11th (LCA Members)
July 21st (All Breeds & Non-LCA)



2025 Registration Closes
August 25th at 5pm



Judges
Sue Raney (NCA)
Heidi Forrest (NCA)



All Breeds Welcome
The LCA Water Test is an
all-breed test.



Entry Limitations
15 dogs total on each day
(WD, WRD, WRDX)



Get Involved
Volunteers Needed
(Training Session TBA)

2025 LCNW Water Test Committee

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The LCA Water Test



The [LCA Water Test](#) is a series of exercises designed to test the intelligence, instinct, and stamina of the Leonberger. The exercises cannot be executed as they would be in realistic situations due to test conditions and restrictions. 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 efficiency in accomplishing their tasks and also a willingness and enjoyment in their work.

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The 2025 LCNW Water Test

Two Clubs, Two Tests

LCNW is partnering with [Newfoundland Club of Seattle](#) (NCS). Both clubs will share the same test dates, site, judges, volunteers, and equipment.

The NCS Water Test is a separate test. The [NCA Water Test](#) is not all-breed.

The Test Site



About Deep Lake at Nolte State Park

[Deep Lake](#) is a 39-acre public lake at [Nolte State Park](#) in Enumclaw, WA.

Max depth: 75'

Leonberger swimming depth: 10 feet from shore (water-level dependent)

Lake water: Clear to mildly murky. [Stocked](#).

Test area: Sloped shoreline, compact sand and rocks. Next to public beach.

General Area: Shade trees and grass. Ample room for crating. Full bathrooms and a water spigot are on site.



Crating Area

A [paved trail](#) leads from the [parking lot](#) to the crating area. Bring pop-ups for added shade, crates, water, battery-operated fans and any other necessities. Consider a wagon or cart to transport gear from the lot to the site.



Spectators & Unentered Dogs

Spectators are welcome.

Unentered dogs are allowed but 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



Handler Equipment

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.



Entered Dogs – While 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.



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.



Good Sportsmanship

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

LCA Water Test Regulations

All entrants are responsible for obtaining, knowing, and understanding the [LCA Water Test Program Regulations, adopted May 2019](#).

LCA Water Test Program Regulations

Download & Print: <https://www.leonbergerclubofamerica.com/our-dogs/ww>

Request a copy: Erin Andersen (LCA Water Work Liaison) efische002@gmail.com

Eligibility

This test is **open to all breeds that are at least 6 months of age** on [the date of the test](#). Female dogs 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 female 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.

Entry Limitations



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

Entries Open

..... Earliest postmark

LCA members
July 11, 2025

Non-LCA members
July 21, 2025

Entries Close

..... Received by

All Exhibitors
August 25, 2025 (5pm)

Early Entry – LCA Member

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.

Regular Entry – All-Breed, Non-LCA Members

All breed entries are welcome from July 21st forward. Starting July 21st all entries will be treated equally *whether the owner is an LCA member or not*. Postmarks prior to the above dates will be returned.

The opening date is the earliest date an entry can be postmarked; the closing date is the last day an entry & fee can be received by [the test secretary](#) and is unrelated to the postmark.

Fees, Forms & Submission



Entry Fee

Entry fee: **\$50.00** per dog, per test

Make Checks Payable to: **Leonberger Club of the Northwest**



Entry Form

- Complete the [official LCA entry form](#) (below; type or print legibly).
- Multiple entries for the same dog may be on one form.
- Include a copy of the dog's AKC, PAL/ILP, or foreign registration.



Submit Entries

All forms and fees must be received by the time specified on the closing date. Entries may be submitted via US mail, email, or hand-delivery. If mailed, the envelope must show a visible postmark. If e-mailed or hand delivered, the date the form is received will be the "postmark."

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

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

*Entries via email still require payment via check.

Multiple Entries & Alternates

Multiple Division Entries

Dogs may be entered in more than one division on the same day if they have already qualified - at previous tests - in all of the divisions entered.

Judges must excuse any dog not in condition to finish the division entered and, if so, the dog will not be able to continue in any other division entered that day. Entry fees will not be refunded for dogs that are excused. Entrants are discouraged from pushing dogs beyond their limits.

Alternates List

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.

After the closing date and time have passed: If an entrant notifies the Test Secretary that they are withdrawing or have passed a previous test, all entrants on the alternate list must be notified that their ranks have changed.

On the day of the test: If space does not become available, the alternate(s) will receive a full refund. If a slot does open up and the alternate is not present at Check-in, the next alternate 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 an entrant must pull an entered dog, then the first dog on the alternate list will fill the opening.

Changes, Move-ups & Cancellations

Change 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 for New WD Qualifiers (Same Day)

Dogs that successfully complete the requirements for Water Dog (WD) at the test may be *post-entered* into the Senior Division on the same day, if space allows. A post-entered dog:

- will be tested at the conclusion of Senior Division judging, and
- will test in the Senior Division until they fail an exercise.

To Post-enter: Go to the secretary's table at the conclusion of the Junior Division. Post-entry fee for same day move-up is \$25.00.

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.

Withdraw 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 notification. The entrant will receive a full refund of the entry fee if the notification is received prior to the [closing date and time](#).

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](#).

Test Schedule

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

SATURDAY After NCS Test

8:15 – 8:30am Check in (All exhibitors)
[After NCS Test] **Excellent** Pre-Swim (15 min)
[Following Pre-swim]
Equipment Check
Judges meet with stewards & exhibitors
Excellent Test begins
Junior Test to follow WRDX
Senior Test to follow WD
Awards

SUNDAY Before NCS Test

8:15 – 8:30am Check in (All exhibitors)
8:30am **Junior** Pre-Swim (15 min)
[Following Pre-swim]
Equipment Check
Judges meet with stewards & exhibitors
Junior Test begins
Senior Test to follow WD
Excellent Test to follow WRD
Awards

Order of Exercises

Junior

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

WD

Senior

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

WRD

Excellent

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

WRDX

Additional Details

On Test Day: Meals, Awards & Photographs



Meals

A breakfast snack and lunch will be provided for entrants, [judges](#), and stewards/volunteers each day.



Awards

Entrants: Each exhibitor will receive an entry favor.

Qualifiers: Each qualifying dog will receive a medallion.



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 & 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 club literature, email, websites, and /or social media.

Practice at Nolte

There will not be an organized practice on site prior to the event.

Get Involved



Volunteers Needed

Help steward for one day or both days. Volunteering is a great opportunity to learn about the water test and the LCNW - and to support our event. Contact [Jody Woodruff, Test Chair](#) (contact information, page 1).

Donations

Monetary donations to the LCNW for Working Dog activities will be graciously accepted.

- Make check payable to **Leonberger Club of the Northwest**.
- Send donations to the [LCNW Water Test Secretary](#).

If received by the [closing date](#), donors will be acknowledged in the catalog.

Directions, Parking & Accommodations

Nolte State Park

Address

**36921 Veazie Cumberland Road
Enumclaw, WA 98022**

Directions From Enumclaw

From SR 410, turn north on 284th Ave. S.E. Continue approximately seven miles to park entrance.



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

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 the list of participating libraries: <https://www.discoverpass.wa.gov/148/Check-Out-Washington>.

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 & policies vary – call ahead.

Safety & State Park Rules

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.

State Park Rules

- 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).
- Report disturbances to park rangers; they are trained to help you resolve issues and concerns.
- Park hours vary depending on weather and season. All day-use areas close at dusk. Nolte Park Summer Hours: 8am - Dusk
- Use the trash cans and dumpsters to help keep parks clean.
- Do not harm wild plants or animals. Feeding wildlife is strictly prohibited.
- Pets are allowed in most state parks. Pets 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.
- Alcoholic beverages are permitted only in designated campground and picnic areas.
- 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"/>

Entry Open Date for LCA Members: July 11, 2025

Entry Open Date for All Entrants: July 21, 2025

Entry Close Date: August 25, 2025

Entries must be received by the test secretary with payment by the closing date and time. Entries not received by the closing date and time will not be accepted. Entries received prior to the opening date will not be accepted.

Entry Fee: \$50.00 USD

Entry Fee Payable to: Leonberger Club of the Northwest

Return Entries to the Test Secretary: Lise Brandhagen, 1020 Laforest Dr SE, North Bend, WA 98045

Or email entry form(s): 2leotravels@gmail.com

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: _____

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: _____