

LEONBERGER CLUB OF AMERICA

Water Test

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September 12 & 13, 2026

Camp McCullough

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

Leonberger Club of the Northwest invites
you to join us for our 2026 LCA Water Test:



Saturday & Sunday
September 12th & 13th



Camp McCullough
20665 SE 264th Street
Covington, WA



2026 Judges
Denise Castonguay (NCA)
Kerry Cook (NCA)



Registration Opens
July 15th (LCA Members)
July 25th (All Breed, Non-LCA)



Registration Closes
August 31st at 5pm



Divisions Offered
WD | WRD | WRDX



Entry Limitations
15 dogs each day



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



Get Involved
Volunteers Needed



**2026 LCNW
Water Test Committee**

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This LCA Water Test weekend is held in conjunction with the Newfoundland Club of Seattle's 50th Water Test.
The NCS test is a separate event. The NCS test is not an all-breed test.

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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LCA Officers

President: **Sandy Pearsall**
Vice-President: **Erin Andersen**
Recording Secretary: **Eileen Pevarski**
Correspondence Secretary: **Wendy Jones**
Treasurer: **Linda Sebastiani**
Members-at-Large: **Nick Brown, Michelle Hofmann, Dr. Renee Wilkinson, Shelli Sinclair-Wood**



LCNW Officers

President: **Wally Johnson**
Secretary: **Jody Woodruff**
Treasurer: **Junko Ferguson**
Members-at-Large: **Maria Nelson, Mark Nelson**



The 2026 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. NCS is celebrating 50 years of NCA Water Tests in 2026.

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

The Test Site



About Pipe Lake at Camp McCullough

[Camp McCullough](#) is a retreat center located on Pipe Lake - a 52-acre lake surrounded by forested private property in Covington, WA.

Lake water: Clear to mildly murky

Max depth: 65', mean depth 27'

Leonberger swimming depth: 10 feet from shore (water-level dependent), depth increases gradually.

Test area: Sloped shoreline 110 feet wide of compact sand and gravel. Access to part of test area includes a bulkhead. A dock stands several feet above the lake (depending on water level) outside of the test area on the right. [Stewards](#) will monitor the test from atop the dock.

General Area: Trees within 20 feet of the water's edge. Plenty of shade trees and grass. Full bathrooms on site.



Crating Area

Parking lot is within 100 feet of the beach. Plenty of room for crating between beach and lodge/lodging. Bring pop-ups for added shade, crates, water, battery-operated fans and any other necessities. Consider a wagon or cart to transport gear.



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

LCA Water Test Program Administration

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About entries, eligibility,
flotation devices, etc.



LCA Water Test Program Regulations

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About exercises,
equipment, standards, etc.



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

LCA Water Test Program Regulations

To download & print, go to the water work page of the LCA Website:

<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

LCA members
July 15, 2026

Earliest postmark

Non-LCA members
July 25, 2026

Entries Close

Received by

All Exhibitors
August 31, 2026 (5pm)

Early Entry – LCA Member

LCA members are granted a 10-day early entry as a benefit of their membership in the LCA. **To take advantage of the early entry:**

- all co-owners of the dog must be LCA members **or**
- the handler must be an LCA member.

Regular Entry – All-Breed, Non-LCA Members

All breed entries are welcome from July 25th forward. Starting July 25th 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 (last page; type or print legibly).
Note: 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. Entrants are discouraged from pushing dogs beyond their limits.

Entry fees will not be refunded for dogs that are excused.

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 as described in [LCA Water Test Program Administration](#), Chapter 1, section 12.4 (p. 12).

If you submit an entry to a water test but are not assigned a place in the test, you will be notified immediately after the closing date and given the entrant the option to be placed on the alternate list as described in [LCA Water Test Program Administration](#), Chapter 1, section 12.6: Alternates & Refunds (p.13).

Changes, Move-ups & Cancellations

Change Entries

If you have been assigned a spot in the test but your dog passes at a previous test, you must notify [the test secretary](#) of changes to your entry by 6 pm the night before the test as described in [LCA Water Test Program Administration](#), Chapter 1, section 12.7: Changing Entries (p. 13).

If the test is full, you have the option of being moved to the end of the [alternate list](#) to requalify.

Move-ups for New WD Qualifiers (Post-enter, Same Day)

Dogs that successfully complete the requirements for Water Dog (WD) at this test may move up (*post-enter*) into 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 (same day move-up): \$25.00.

A team with a dog earning Water Rescue Dog (WRD) at this test may change their entry to Excellent division (WRDX) at future tests if space is available.

Withdraw Entries

To withdraw an entry, you must notify [the test secretary](#) by phone, email, or U.S. Mail. Do this as soon as possible. You will receive a full refund if the notification is received prior to the [closing date and time](#) as described in [LCA Water Test Program Administration](#), Chapter 1, section 12.5:

Withdrawing Entries & Refunds (p. 12).

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](#).

Emergency Veterinarian

Veg ER for Pets | 253-260-3919

Address

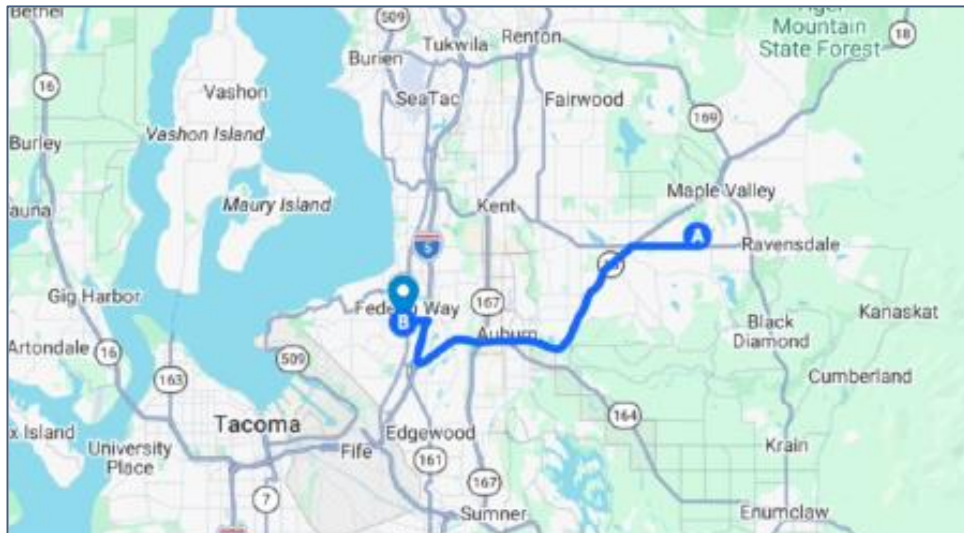
1209 South 320th Street,
Federal Way, WA 98003

Directions 17.4 miles

Google Maps: [WA-18W to I-5N to exit S. 320th St](#)

A: Camp McCullough

B: Veg ER for Pets



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

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

Practice at Camp McCullough

On Friday, September 10th, exhibitors may access the Camp McCullough beach area from 6pm. Site familiarization information will be shared in the exhibitor confirmation letter.

On Test Day: Meals, Awards & Photographs



Meals

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

Friends, family, spectators (lunch): \$15.00 per person, per day
Please pre-purchase friends and family meals to help with headcount.
Send a note with the number of meals and the total dollar amount by the closing date to [the LCNW Water Test Secretary](#).



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 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 print or video format, including but not limited to club literature, email, websites, and /or social media.

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](#).

Each volunteer will need:

- U.S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation device (optional for beach stewards).
- Secure footwear that can be worn in the water. No flip-flops.

Raffle

There will be a raffle on Saturday afternoon. Bring your items on Saturday, or make separate plans with a member of the water test committee ahead of the test. Raffle tickets will be for sale onsite.

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.

Advertise in the Catalog

Advertise your kennel or business. Celebrate your dog or cheer on the exhibitors. Email print-ready files to Lise Brandhagen (2leotravels@gmail.com). Deadline: August 31, 2026

Rates:

- Color: \$45.00 full page; \$25.00 half page
- Black & white: \$20.00 full page; \$10.00 half page

Directions, Parking & Accommodations

Camp McCullough

Address

20665 SE 264th Street
Covington, WA 98042

Directions From SR 18

From SR 18 Take WA-516 E/SE 272nd St exit. Continue east for 2.3 miles. Left on 204th Ave SE. Right on SE 264th St. Right on 208th Ave SE.



Camp McCullough is a Christian camp and retreat center in Covington, Washington. The 40-acre property is on [a private lake](#) with surrounding residential access only. Learn more about Camp McCullough by visiting: <https://www.campmccullough.us/>

Parking Details

Day-use parking is free and RV accessible. See overnight accommodations below.

Accommodations

Lodging at Camp McCullough

Overnight accommodations are available on site. Contact Jo Nussle (Newfmagic@comcast.net) for reservations and details.

- Bunkhouses (dogs allowed): \$20 per adult, per night
- Camping & RVs (no hook-ups): \$25 for the weekend

Hotels

Information on pet-friendly hotels or motels in the area:

- Pets Welcome: <https://www.petswelcome.com/pet-friendly-hotels/washington/enumclaw>
- Booking.com (select Travelling with Pets)
<https://www.booking.com>

Nearby cities: Auburn, Maple Valley, Buckley, Puyallup, Issaquah, and beyond. Hotel pet fees & policies vary – call ahead.

Safety & Site 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.



LCA Water Test Entry Form

Test Location: Camp McCullough, Covington, WA

Sponsoring Club: Leonberger Club of the Northwest

				Test 1	Test 2	Test 3	Test 4
WD	☐	WD Requal	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
WRD	☐	WRD Requal	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
WRDX	☐	WRDX Requal	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Entry Open Date for LCA Members: July 15, 2026

Entry Open Date for All Entrants: July 25, 2026

Entry Close Date: August 31, 2026

Entries must be received by the test secretary with payment by the closing date and time. Entries received after 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: _____