

## JUDGING PROGRAM

33rd PWDCA National Specialty Show with Sweepstakes, Veteran Sweepstakes, Futurity/Maturity, BPUP, Junior Showmanship, 2 Obedience Trials and 2 Rally Trials

## PORTUGUESE WATER DOG CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.

(AKC Member)



*Hosted by*

**The 2025 Where East Meets West Team**

*Held At*

**The Purina Event Center at Purina Farms  
300 Checkerboard Loop, Gray Summit, MO 63039**

**Monday, August 25 THROUGH Friday, August 29, 2025**

**For Portuguese Water Dogs Only**

**All Judging will be held indoors**

**\*\*Anyone crating in the Great Hall will need to be sure to bring plastic sheeting to put under crates.\*\***



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**OFFICIAL NOTICE:** Substitution of Judges. Reference Chapter 7, Sections 8 & 13 of AKC Rules: Owner has the right to withdraw his entry and have his entry fee refunded provided notification of his withdrawal is received no later than one half-hour prior to the start of any regular conformation judging. Due to overloads:

**Assignment**  
Graduate Open

**Original Judge**  
James Communale

**New Judge**  
Patricia Maynard

**PWDCA National Specialty Updated Schedule**  
**Sunday August 24 – Friday August 29 - Purina Farms**  
 Building opens at 6 am and closes at 10 pm

Sunday	1 pm Grooming Setup 1 pm Vendor Setup
Monday	8 am Obedience Trial 1 8 am Rally Trial 1 8 am Conformation Futurity / Maturity – Main Ring 9:30 am Fetch Trials 1 & 2 – Main Ring 9 am CGC - Founders Room Welcome 5pm Senior Parade - Main Ring 6 pm Welcome Reception - Founders Room 7pm Breeder Development Presentation - Founders Room
Tuesday	8 am Obedience Trial 2 8 am Rally Trial 2 8 am Conformation Veteran Sweeps – Main Ring Conformation Puppy Sweeps – Main Ring 7 am Scent Trial 1 – Inside - Founders Room; Outside -TBA 5 to 7 pm Boutiques 6 pm Top 20 – Main Ring
Wednesday	8:30 am Agility Trial 1 7 am Scent Trial 2 - Inside - Founders Room; Outside -TBA 9 am Conformation (dogs) – Main Ring Jr Show to follow Dogs –Main Ring 10 am to 1 pm Boutiques 5 pm Annual Meeting – Founders Room w/snacks
Thursday	7 am Judges Education – Founders Room 8:30 am Agility Trial 2 9 am Conformation 4-6 Month Puppy – Main Ring Conformation (Bitches) – Main Ring Time TBD Owner Handler Awards – Founders Room “Parts Match” to follow Judges Education hands-on after Bitch Classes – Main Ring All are welcome to attend the Parts Match
Friday	9 am Conformation Breed & All Bests– Main Ring 5:30 pm Awards Banquet w/Basket Raffle – Founders Room

**Show Hours Each Day 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. - EST**

This is an UNBENCHED Show. Dogs are not required to be at the show site until scheduled time of judging. All dogs not needed for further judging will be excused.

**SHOW LOCATION AVAILABLE TO EXHIBITORS ON Sunday, August 24, 2025 after 5pm**

**This Portuguese Water Dog Club of America Parent Club Specialty is sponsored by Purina/Purina Pro Plan**



## PROGRAM OF JUDGING

### MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 2025 RING ONE - FUTURITY/MATURITY JUDGE: Dr. Cynthia O'Connor

#### 8:00 AM

- 6 - Futurity
    - 2 - 9-12 mos Puppy Dogs
    - 1 - 15-18 mos Dogs
    - 2 - 9-12 mos Puppy Bitches
    - 1 - 15-18 mos Bitch
      - Best Junior in Futurity
      - Best Senior in Futurity
  - 7 - Maturity
    - 2 - Under 2 yr Dogs
    - 4 - Under 2 yrs Bitches
      - Best in Maturity
      - Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Maturity
- 13 Total

### RING TWO - OBEDIENCE TRIAL 1 JUDGE: Mr. James Comunale

#### 8:00 AM

- 3 - Utility B 204, 207-207
- 3 - Utility A 257-259

#### 9:00 AM

- 9 - Open B & Preferred Open P735, 202-208, 210

#### 10:15 AM

- 8 - Open A 134-141

#### 11:15 AM

- 3 - Graduate Novice 501, 503-504

#### 11:45 AM

- 15 - Novice B 70-72, 74-77, 79-82, 84-87

#### After Noon

- 2 - Novice A 5-7
- 1 - Preferred Novice 701
- 3 - Veterans 651-652, 654
- 14 - Beginner Novice B 953-957, 959-963, 965, 967
- 5 - Beginner Novice A 901, 903-906

67 Total

### RING THREE - RALLY TRIAL 1 JUDGE: Ms. Patricia Maynard

#### 8:00 AM

- 2 - Choice 605, 624

#### 8:15 AM

- 13 - Master 604-605, 611-612, 621-629

#### 9:00 AM

- 17 - Excellent B 601-602, 605, 608, 610-612, 617-620, 624-629
- 2 - Excellent A 702-703

#### 10:15 AM

- 15 - Advanced B 600, 602, 605, 607, 611-612, 615-616, 620, 624-629
- 3 - Advanced A 404-405, 407

#### 11:15 AM

- 15 - Intermediate 300, 302, 304-314, 317

#### After Noon

- 21 - Novice B 200-202, 204-205, 207-211, 214-220, 224-226, 228
- 3 - Novice A 5-7

91 Total

### RING THREE

JUDGE: Ms. Patricia Maynard

#### Immediately following Rally

- 1 - Obedience Graduate Open 551

### RINGS TWO & THREE

JUDGES: Mr. James Comunale

Ms. Patricia Maynard

#### Upon completion of all other obedience

- 2 - Team 851-855, 857-860

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2025 RING ONE - SWEEPSTAKES JUDGE: Mrs. Sarah Higgins

#### 8:00 AM

- 36 - Veteran Sweepstakes
  - 9 - Veteran Dogs, 7-9 yr
  - 6 - Veteran Dogs, 9-11 yrs
  - 2 - Veteran Dogs, 11-13 yrs
  - 8 - Veteran Bitches, 7-9 yrs
  - 7 - Veteran Bitches, 9-11 yrs
  - 3 - Veteran Bitches, 11-13 yrs
  - 1 - Veteran Bitch, 13 yrs & over
    - Best in Veteran Sweepstakes
    - Best of Opposite Sex in Veteran Sweeps

#### 60 - Puppy Sweepstakes

- 4 - 6-9 mos Puppy Dogs
- 3 - 9-12 mos Puppy Dogs
- 3 - 12-15 mos Dogs
- 7 - 15-18 mos Dogs
- 8 - 18-24 mos Dogs
- 6 - 6-9 mos Puppy Bitches
- 6 - 9-12 mos Puppy Bitches
- 7 - 12-15 mos Bitches
- 7 - 15-18 mos Bitches
- 9 - 18-24 mos Bitches
  - Best in Sweepstakes
  - Best of Opposite to Best in Sweepstakes

96 Total

### RING TWO - OBEDIENCE TRIAL 2 JUDGE: Ms. Patricia Maynard

#### 8:00 AM

- 3 - Utility B 204, 206-207
- 3 - Utility A 368-259

#### 9:00 AM

- 10 - Open B 201-210

#### 10:15 AM

- 6 - Open A 135, 138-142

#### 11:00 AM

- 16 - Novice B 70-73, 75-77, 79-83, 85-87, 90

#### After Noon

- 3 - Novice A 5-7
- 2 - Veterans 651-652
- 13 - Beginner Novice B 951-954, 956-960, 963, 966-967, 969
- 4 - Beginner Novice A 901-904

60 Total

### RING THREE - RALLY TRIAL 2 JUDGE: Mr. James Comunale

#### 8:00 AM

- 1 - Choice 624

#### 8:15 AM

- 11 - Master 604, 611-612, 621-624, 626-629

#### 9:00 AM

- 17 - Excellent B 601-603, 608-612, 617-620, 624, 626-629
- 3 - Excellent A 700, 702-703

#### 10:15 AM

- 16 - Advanced B 600, 602-603, 606-607, 611-612, 614-616, 620, 624, 626-629
- 7 - Advanced A 400-405, 407

#### 11:30 AM

- 15 - Intermediate 300-310, 312-313, 317-318

#### After Noon

- 2 - Novice A 5-6
- 23 - Novice B 200-201, 203-211, 214-215, 217, 219-222, 224-228

95 Total

Obedience & Rally Judges will take a luncheon break at their discretion both days.

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2025**

**RING ONE**

**JUDGE: Ms. Marilyn Rimmer**

**9:00 AM**

- 47 - Regular & Non-Regular Class Dogs
  - 9 - Veteran Dogs, 7-9 yrs
  - 3 - Veteran Dogs, 9-11 yrs
  - 2 - Veteran Dogs, 11-13 yrs
- 3 - Working Dogs
- 3 - 6-9 mos Puppy Dogs
- 1 - 9-12 mos Puppy Dog
- 2 - 12-15 mos Dogs
- 2 - 15-18 mos Dogs
- 4 - Bred-by-Exhibitor Dogs, Puppy
- 8 - Bred-by-Exhibitor Dogs, Adult
- 3 - American-Bred Dogs
- 7 - Open Dogs
  - Winners Dog

**followed by**

- 3 - Junior Showmanship
- 1 - JS Novice Jr 9-12
- 2 - JS Open Sr 15-18

**12:30 PM**

- 5 - Stud Dogs
- 6 - Brood Bitch
- 5 - Brace

**66 Total**

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**THURSDAY, AUGUST 28, 2025**

**RING ONE**

**JUDGE: Mrs. Paula Nykiel**

**9:00 AM**

- 4 - 4-6 mos Beginner Puppy Competition (3-1)

**To Follow**

- 78 - Regular & Non-Regular Class Bitches
  - 10 - Veteran Bitches 7-9 yrs
  - 6 - Veteran Bitches 9-11 yrs
  - 3 - Veteran Bitches 11-13 yrs
  - 1 - Veteran Bitch 13 yrs & over
- 8 - Working Bitches
- 4 - 6-9 mos Puppy Bitches
- 3 - 9-12 mos Puppy Bitches
- 4 - 12-15 mos Bitches
- 3 - 15-18 mos Bitches
- 5 - Amateur Owner-Handler Bitches
- 4 - Bred-by-Exhibitor Bitches, Puppy
- 10 - Bred-by-Exhibitor Bitches, Adult
- 5 - American-Bred Bitches
- 12 - Open Bitches
  - Winners Bitch

**78 Total**

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**FRIDAY, AUGUST 29, 2025**

**RING ONE**

**JUDGE: Mrs. Paula Nykiel**

**9:00 AM**

- 79 - Best of Breed Competition (42-37)
  - Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed
  - Best Puppy
  - Best Bred-by-Exhibitor
  - Best Veteran
  - Best NOHS
  - Award(s) of Merit

**79 Total**

There are 206 dogs, with 331 entries, plus 77 Ob Trial 1, 60 Ob Trial 2, 91 Rally Trial 1 and 95 Rally Trial 2 entries in this with 4 Beginner Puppy entries.

## SHOW COMMITTEE

Show Chair . . . . . Christine Dostie, 981 Church Hill Rd., Leeds, ME 04263

## SHOW VETERINARIANS - ON CALL. No Veterinarians on site.

\*Washington Veterinary Clinic (24 hour Emergency Care) John Stoltz, DVM  
5585 Hwy. 100, Washington, MO 63090 (636)-239-5445

\*Fox Creek Veterinary Hospital, 18962  
Hwy. 100, Wildwood, MO 6309; (636)-458-6559 until 7:30pm;  
After 7:30pm call (636)-327-9400 Veterinary Specialty Services, Manchester, MO

## EXHIBITORS PLEASE NOTE

**Exhibitors should follow their Veterinarian's recommendation to assure their dogs are free of Internal and external parasites, any communicable diseases, and have appropriate vaccinations.**

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**"Dogs found in an unsafe environment, distress, or harm's way (for example left unattended on a grooming table in a noose not attached to a safety release clip; 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."**

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## JUDGES

Mrs. Paula Nykiel, Washington, MO. . . . . Bitches, Best of Breed, all Bests, 4-6 month BPUP  
Ms. Marilyn Rimmer, LaJolla, CA. . . . . Dogs, Stud Dog, Brood Bitch, Brace, Team, Junior Show  
Dr. Cynthia O'Connor, Plymouth, MA. . . . . Futurity and Maturity  
Mrs. Sarah Higgins, West Corinth, ME. . . . . Sweepstakes, Veteran Sweepstakes  
Mr. James Comunale, Ballwin, MO . . . . . Obedience Trial 1, Team Obed. Trial 1, Rally Trial 2  
Ms. Patricia Maynard, Longmont, CO. . . . . Obedience Trial 2, Team Obed. Trial 1, Rally Trial 1  
\*Indicates provisional assignment

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**We would like to extend our appreciation to Purina/Nestle for their generosity.**

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## OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHER and VIDEOGRAPHER

### Official Photographer:

Phyllis Ensley, 12335 Lower Burris Rd., Canton, GA 30114  
770-345-9738 [www.phyllisensleyphotography.com](http://www.phyllisensleyphotography.com)

### Official Videographer:

Dog Show Video Pros; Irv B. Krukenkamp, MD, 2639 Pocolomas Crt., Las Cruces, NM 88011  
[www.showdogvideopros.com](http://www.showdogvideopros.com)

**Only the Official Photographers may take win pictures. No personal use of picture podiums is permitted.**

The professional video services and live streaming at this show are governed by an exclusive video contract with the Club. No other commercial video recording, video recording from a tripod, monopod, or other supported camera/device, or any video recording or streaming of large parts or whole classes shall be permitted. The contract terms permit individuals to record small bits of video of their own dogs only, and using handheld devices only (e.g. phone, table or small camcorder.) Individuals may post recorded videos of their own dogs to social media (Facebook, YouTube, etc.) However, during show hours, LIVE Broadcast streaming to social media is NOT permitted. Submission of an entry form and/or physical presence on the show grounds shall constitute both implied and real consent for both the handler and the dog to be professionally video recorded and streamed live only by the professional video services as contracted by the Club for this show.

All rights to video record and live stream or otherwise exploit this event and/or the persons or animals participating in it, including the names, likenesses, and biographical matter of dogs, owners, handlers, breeders, and kennels participating in the event shall belong solely to the show giving Club, and/or the American Kennel Club, Inc. No spectator, participant, owner handler, breeder or kennel shall make commercial use of any video recordings of any person or animal participating in this event without prior written approval from the Club. This event may not be broadcast to social media (e.g. Facebook, Live, YouTube, etc.) without prior written approval from the Club. The Portuguese Water Dog Club of America, Inc., retains all rights to photograph or videotape by any means, and televise or reproduce this event in any way, now, and in the future.

Official Recorded Streaming Video "One Dy Delayed"

## SHOW SITE PARKING

**NOTICE to EXHIBITORS:** Park in designated areas only. A specific area will be designated for RV and Box Truck Parking.

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## ACCOMMODATIONS

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### RECREATIONAL VEHICLE PARKING

All reservations must be made through Purina Farms by emailing the completed reservation form to [rvparking@purina.nestle.com](mailto:rvparking@purina.nestle.com) or mailing to Purina Farms, Att: RV Engagement Specialist, 300 Checkerboard Loop, Gray Summit, MO 63039. Please call (866) 979-2488 with any overnight camping questions. Reservation form outlines all information regarding RV and Box Van accommodations.

<https://pwdcans.org/wp-content/uploads/Portuguese-Water-Dog-Club-of-America-RV-Reservation-Form-1.pdf>

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### AIR TRAVEL

Nearest Airport:

Lambert-Saint Louis International Airport (STL)  
1071 Lambert International Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63145  
43 miles (approx..45min) from show site

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### REGISTRATION and MERCHANDISE

Be sure to register on the [www.PWDCANS.org](http://www.PWDCANS.org) specialty website. A large selection of wonderful PWD merchandise is available through THE STORE. Check out the Specialty Website to pre-order. Merchandise. Pre-order to be sure to get the items you want in your preferred color and size! **There will be no extra specialty merchandise available for sale at the show.** A wonderful bag of goodies will be available to those who order a registration bag, Don't miss out!

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### DOG BATHING AND GROOMING

**Purina Farms has bathing areas available in both the Event Center and the RV Service Center.** Grooming will be indoors in the air-conditioned Event Center. Be sure to read the grooming rules and register for Reserved Grooming in the PWDCA store at [www.pwdcans.org](http://www.pwdcans.org).. The Portuguese Water Dog of America, Inc and Purina Farms will not be responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged items.

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### BOUTIQUES

If you are a member of PWDCA and have hand-made or personalized merchandise for sale, please consider selling your wares during Boutique hours! We will offer two occasions to offer your goods to our attendees. Booth space is still only \$50. Order at THE STORE [www.pwdcaspecialty.org](http://www.pwdcaspecialty.org)  
And SHOPPERS - DON'T MISS THESE FABULOUS BOUTIQUES! Contact Patti Cleary for more information about selling your items in the boutiques! Email: [Pattilax@aol.com](mailto:Pattilax@aol.com)

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### BASKET RAFFLE DONATIONS

The BASKET RAFFLE is a fun tradition at every National! It also helps us pay for all of the amenities provided at the National Specialty. We welcome your participation! Please contact Kimberly Beach Email: [kimberlybeach39@gmail.com](mailto:kimberlybeach39@gmail.com) with any questions or if you need some ideas or assistance in putting together a basket. It would also be helpful to let Kim know what items you will be donating

**★ NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS ★**

**JUDGES WILL NOT WAIT FOR ANY DOG HOLDING UP A CLASS.** Owners or agents alone are responsible for the presence of their dogs in the judging ring when their classes are called to be judged. The show-giving club and the superintendent have no obligation or responsibility for providing service through a public address system or stewards or runners for the purpose of calling or locating dogs that are not brought into the ring when required.

**ALL DOGS PRESENT** must be held on leash or confined to their crates except when being judged or when in the exercising ring.

**CLASS CASH PRIZES** will be paid in the ring to the person showing the dog. Claims for prize money must be made in the ring before the judging of that class is over, and the Show Secretary to be advised at once. The Show Secretary and Show-giving Club may disclaim any liability for cash prizes after the judging of the class is over.

**THE SHOW COMMITTEE/SUPERINTENDENT** will use due care and diligence for the welfare of dogs and exhibitors, but will not be responsible for, nor assume any liability in the event of an accident or misfortune to either dogs or exhibitors participating in this show.

**THE SHOW-GIVING CLUB**, the Show Superintendent, their agents, employees, etc., assume no responsibility for any loss, damage or injury sustained by exhibitors, handlers or to any of their dogs or property and further assume no responsibility of injury to children not under the control of their parents or guardians.

**EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2006** an administrative fee of \$2.00 will be withheld from all refunds for entries cancelled prior to the closing of entries.

Exhibitors should follow their veterinarians' recommendation to assure their dogs are free of internal and external parasites, any communicable diseases and have appropriate vaccinations.

**Effective January 1, 2009** - Refund and Cash award checks are void after 180 days and will NOT be re-issued.

**AKC Weekend Club Hotline:** (919) 816-3955 or visit the AKC Event Cancellations page at: <https://www.akc.org/sports/event-cancellations/> for event cancellation information.

**The AKC is committed** to creating a safe and respectful sport environment for all. If you need to talk to someone, or need help, please call 800.656.HOPE (National Sexual Assault Hotline) or text HOME to 741-741 for free, 24/7, confidential services from trained crisis counselors.

**ADDITIONAL NOTICES**

Portuguese Water Dog exhibitors and fanciers have a long-standing reputation for maintaining their Specialty Headquarters and Show Site in excellent condition. Rings, grooming areas, and hotel rooms occupied by attendees are expected to be left clean and undamaged after the Specialty concludes.

To help uphold this standard, the following policies will be enforced during Specialty Week:

1. No dog should be left uncrated in a hotel room in the absence of occupants at any time. Please respect the policies of the hotel you are staying at.
2. Dogs that constitute a nuisance to occupants of the hotel by continual barking or howling may subject their owners to being removed by the hotel.
3. There will be no grooming of dogs in hotel rooms. Grooming will be permitted only in the area set aside for that purpose.
4. NO dogs shall be washed in hotel bathtubs; and hotel towels are NOT to be used on dogs for drying them or other grooming purposes.
5. The external and internal premises of the hotel and show site must be kept free of debris and feces caused by the presence of dogs attending the Specialty. Everyone must pick up after their dog(s).
6. The Show Committee may be called upon to inspect a room because of signs of unusual wear or damage due to the presence of dog(s), and will enforce appropriate damage compensation to the hotel as necessary. AKC considers show hotels a part of the show site and subject to Bench Committee hearings and discipline.
7. All dogs will be on leash at all times except when competing in performance events.
8. We have a beautiful Show Site – Clean and Pristine. At the end of each day, we would like to see it the same way!
9. Golf cart rental on the property is not available.

All buildings are handicapped accessible. Outdoor restrooms will include handicap-accessible facilities.

Admission is free for spectators. There is no fee for parking at the show site.

# AKC Code of Sportsmanship

*PREFACE: The sport of purebred dog competitive events dates prior to 1884, the year of AKC's birth. Shared values of those involved in the sport include principles of sportsmanship. They are practiced in all sectors of our sport: conformation, performance and companion. Many believe that these principles of sportsmanship are the prime reason why our sport has thrived for over one hundred years. With the belief that it is useful to periodically articulate the fundamentals of our sport, this code is presented.*

- Sportsmen respect the history, traditions and integrity of the sport of purebred dogs.
- Sportsmen commit themselves to values of fair play, honesty, courtesy, and vigorous competition, as well as winning and losing with grace.
- Sportsmen refuse to compromise their commitment and obligation to the sport of purebred dogs by injecting personal advantage or consideration into their decisions or behavior.
- The sportsman judge judges only on the merits of the dogs and considers no other factors.
- The sportsman judge or exhibitor accepts constructive criticism.
- The sportsman exhibitor declines to enter or exhibit under a judge where it might reasonably appear that the judge's placements could be based on something other than the merits of the dogs.
- The sportsman exhibitor refuses to compromise the impartiality of a judge.
- The sportsman respects the AKC bylaws, rules, regulations and policies governing the sport of purebred dogs.
- Sportsmen find that vigorous competition and civility are not inconsistent and are able to appreciate the merit of their competition and the effort of competitors.
- Sportsmen welcome, encourage and support newcomers to the sport.
- Sportsmen will deal fairly with all those who trade with them.
- Sportsmen are willing to share honest and open appraisals of both the strengths and weaknesses of their breeding stock.
- Sportsmen spurn any opportunity to take personal advantage of positions offered or bestowed upon them.
- Sportsmen always consider as paramount the welfare of their dog.
- Sportsmen refuse to embarrass the sport, the American Kennel Club, or themselves while taking part in the sport.



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