

Rio Salgado
Portuguese Water Dog Club of Arizona
presents:

PWDCA Sanctioned Water Trials



Wednesday and Thursday, May 6 and 7, 2026

Canyon Lake Marina, near Phoenix, AZ
16802 N.E. Highway 88

Tortilla Flat, AZ 85219-9898

All Test Levels Offered

Judge: Susan Lefebvre, Loudon, NH

Entries open 8:00 am March 17, 2026

Entries close 8:00 pm April 18, 2026

We are using perfdog.com to accept entries.

<https://perfdog.com>

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Members Frank Baucom, Kathy Groschupf, Lauren McDermott,
John Murnane, Mary Lou Oliver, and Janis Welsh

Water Trial Secretary John Murnane
8043 S. 13th St., Phoenix, AZ 85042
jmurnane@asu.edu

Order of Judging

May 6: Junior, Apprentice, Working, Courier, Master
May 7: Master, Courier, Working, Apprentice, Junior

Entry Limit: Entries are limited so as to not exceed 30 teams or 8 hours of judging per day. If these limits are exceeded prior to closing, all entries in excess of limits will be put on a waiting list in the order received.

Closing Date and Time: 4/18/2026 at 11:59 PM.

Waiting list: Entries received prior to closing in excess of limit will be assigned to a waiting list in the order received. The waiting list will be used to fill slots as they become available.

Cancellations: Cancellations after the closing date and time will not receive refunds. Please contact the trial secretary, however, if you have to cancel for any reason.

Day-of-Trial Entries: Day-of-trial entries and day-of-trial move-ups will be accepted if space and time are available, at the discretion of the judge and trial secretary.

Non-Regular Entries: Non-regular entries will be allowed on a space available basis after all regular entries are accommodated.

Entries are \$55 which includes a \$3 non-refundable Processing Fee.

Entries may be cancelled or changed online prior to the closing date and time, with refunds (less the processing fees per entry). Entries may be cancelled after closing, but no refunds will be given.

Veterinarian:

Arizona Veterinary Emergency & Critical Care Center
86 West Juniper Ave., Gilbert AZ 85233
<https://www.azervets.com/locations/gilbert>
(480) 497-0222

Tentative Schedule

Official schedule will be included in acknowledgement letter.

	Wednesday	Thursday
7:30 am	Site set up	Site set up
8:30-9:00	Equipment check for Junior and Apprentice	Equipment check for Master, Courier, Working
9:00 am	Judge's briefing for Junior followed by judging	Judge's briefing for Master, followed by judging
	Judge's briefing for Apprentice followed by judging	Judge's briefing for Courier, followed by judging
		Judge's briefing for Working, followed by judging
8:30-10:30	Equipment check for Working, Courier, Master	Equipment check for Apprentice and Junior
	Judge's briefing for Working, followed by judging	Judge's briefing for Apprentice, followed by judging
Lunch	A lunch break will be taken at the judge's discretion and may be in the middle of a class.	
	Judge's briefing for Courier, followed by judging	Judge's briefing for Junior, followed by judging
	Judge's briefing for Master, followed by judging	

Breaks and awarding of ribbons will be determined by the judge.

Water Trial Volunteers Needed

May 6 and 7, 2026

We will make volunteer assignments a week in advance of the trials and will email them to participants. If you would like to tell us your preferences you may use the link to a Google Form or send the form below to Lauren. We will make assignments whether you respond or not. Thank you for understanding.

NOTE: When making assignments we will attempt to use your preference and we may ask you to do something else, so look for the email one week prior to the trials, or look for the assignment list when you arrive at the trial site.

If you are not able to provide the assistance indicated on the assignment list please let Lauren McDermott or Janis Welsh know as soon as possible.

To tell us your preference: Please use this link to fill out a Google Form:
<https://forms.gle/es2UQmpUzrYkzuUh9>

or alternatively, complete the information below and send it to:
lmcdermott@cox.net

Volunteer Form: If you are entering the trials, please indicate which class you are entering. Include classes in which you are substitute stewarding.

- Junior Apprentice Working Courier Master

Name(s) _____ Phone (___) _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Email _____

Do you have water trial experience? Briefly explain. (Don't worry if you don't.)

Here are some of the tasks for which we may need volunteers for. Please circle the ones you are interested in helping with.

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| Land Steward (can throw 60') | Grounds set up (Wed., Thurs.) |
| Boat Steward (can row a boat) | Grounds clean up (Thurs.) |
| Gate Steward | Equipment Check |
| Score Table | I'll help wherever I'm needed |

All volunteers will be required to sign the PWDCA Water Trial Agreement Form at the trials.

Thank you for volunteering!

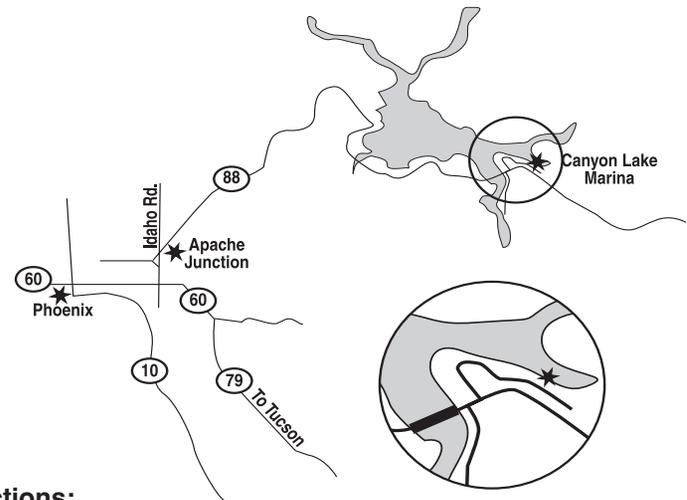
ENTER ONLINE!

We are using <https://perfdog.com> to accept entries.
Enter online and pay with a credit card.

Entry fee is \$55 per trial, which includes a \$3 PerfDog fee per trial.

Water Trial Site

The water trials will be held at the Canyon Lake Marina, in the Tonto National Forest, located near Apache Junction, just east of Phoenix, AZ
Canyon Lake Marina, 16802 N.E. Highway 88 Tortilla Flat, AZ 85219-9898
<https://www.canyonlakemarina.com>



Driving directions:

- From Highway 60 (Superstition Freeway) exit at Idaho Road (exit #196) and go north. Follow signs to Hwy 88 (Apache Trail).
- Turn right onto Hwy 88. Travel 14 miles NE on the scenic Apache Trail.
- After the second one lane bridge, turn left into Canyon Lake Marina.
- On your right is the entrance to the beach where the trials will be held, as well as the RV parking, and camping area.
- Pay to enter at the drive through booth, or park and walk in to the Marina office to pay. Please note that a Tonto pass is not required and not accepted at the Marina Campground.

Notice to All Participants

Additional rules and restrictions, if any, will be announced at the start of Trial #1.

Equipment: Participants may use their own equipment if approved after inspection by the judge or designee, if allowed in the water trial rules. Extra equipment will be provided by the RSPWDC. USCG approved PFDs as well as protective footwear must be worn by all participants.

No dogs allowed off leash except for dog being tested. This is a campground and park rule, and it applies to everyone before, during, and after the trials.

Awards: Teams that successfully pass all exercises required in their test level will receive the applicable title certificate from the PWDCA, Inc. Ribbons will be awarded to all qualifying teams, compliments of the RSPWDC.

Rules and Regulations: The trial will be held in accordance with the rules and regulations of the PWDCA, Inc. and it will be the responsibility of each participant to familiarize themselves with these regulations. Copies of the PWDCA Water Trial Manual may be downloaded from <https://www.pwdca.org>

Bitches in season will participate after all pre-entered teams, and shall not be brought to the test area nor surrounding area until it is time for the team to begin their warm up. Handler is required to be present at judges briefing for level entered.

Fees charged by Canyon Lake Marina are separate from those charged for RSPWDC events and activities. No glass containers of any kind are allowed.

Refunds: Entry fees shall not be refunded in the event the dog is absent, excused by a veterinarian or judge, or barred from competition by action of the host committee. If for any reason it is impossible to open or complete the trial, no refund of entry fees will be given. Please inform the trial secretary if you have to cancel your entry for any reason.

Substitute Stewards: A participant may use his/her own steward where allowed by the water trial rules, and the substitute steward must be named on the entry form. Requests for any change in steward must be approved by the trial secretary and judge. Substitute stewards must conduct themselves according to the PWDCA Water Trial Rules and Regulations, and must sign the agreement contained in this premium list.

Day of Trial Move-ups will be considered at the discretion of the judge and the trial secretary. They will take place on a time and space available basis and will take place after the last regularly scheduled team.

Meals: No lunches will be provided at these trials. Please bring the food and water needed for you and your dogs. There will be a Chili Dinner after on Wednesday.

There is a small selection of snacks and drinks available at the Marina Store. Beyond that the closest convenience store or restaurant is more than a 40 minute drive away. Please bring the food and water that you will need for you and your dog.

Hotel

We are unable to reserve a block of rooms for our small group. The following listed hotels have been used previously by our water trial participants.

Be sure to confirm all policies and charges, including pet fees, when making your reservation, and reserve as soon as possible.

La Quinta Inn & Suites by Wyndham - Superstition Springs/Mesa
6530 E Superstition Springs Blvd., Mesa, AZ 85206. 480-654-1970

Motel 6, 251 E 29th Avenue, Apache Junction, AZ 85119 480-288-8888

La Quinta Inn & Suites by Wyndham Phoenix Mesa West
902 West Grove Avenue, Mesa, Arizona 85210 480-844-8747

On Site Camping (RV or tent)

Canyon Lake Marina and Campground is where we hold the Water Trials. RV sites and tent sites may be available. Previous attendees have preferred the RV sites to the tent sites even when they camped in a tent. You may camp in an RV or in a tent at an RV site. The RV sites are closer to the water trial test area than the tent sites are.

Tents with floors are not allowed on the grass and must be set up on the gravel.

Shade canopies are allowed on the grass and are typically set up near the trial site for shade during the trials.

To reserve an RV or tent site book online or call:

<https://canyonlakemarina.com/camping/#camping>
(480) 288-9233

Camping fees include entry to the beach and water trial site.

Lunches

Lunches will not be provided by the host club. There is no restaurant at the marina. The Marina Store may have snacks and drinks available for sale. Please bring food and water for you and your dog.

Dinner Wednesday

We will have a Chili dinner on Wednesday after the judging concludes for the day.

Chili and toppings will be provided. There is no charge to participate. You may bring your own food if you prefer. You may bring snacks, sides, or desserts to share but you are not required to. If you are camping please consider bringing your own tableware, so we can reduce the amount of disposable tableware products that we use.

Please let us know that you plan to attend the Chili Dinner by sending an email to

Kathy Groschupf: birdsounds@aol.com

or alternatively, use this link to fill out a Google Form:

<https://forms.gle/es2UQmpUzrYkzuUh9>

Water Trial Entry Form

Canyon Lake Marina, 16802 N.E. Highway 88, Tortilla Flat, AZ 85219
Hosted by the Rio Salgado Portuguese Water Dog Club, May 6 and 7, 2026

Entry Fees: \$55.00 per entry.

Entries open 3/17/26, and close 4/18/26 after which time entries cannot be cancelled for refund.

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Day-of-trial entries and move-ups, if available, will be accepted.

Level Entered:

5/6/26 Junior Apprentice Working Courier Master

5/7/26 Junior Apprentice Working Courier Master

Working on Leg # Working _____ Courier _____ Master _____

Registered name of dog _____

Call Name _____ PWDCA titles _____ Sex _____

Date of Birth _____ AKC Reg, ILP or other Reg # _____

Dam _____

Sire _____

Breeder _____

Owner(s) _____ Phone (____) _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Email (owner or handler) _____

Handler (if different) _____ Phone (____) _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Substitute Steward _____ Phone (____) _____

I hereby certify I am the actual owner of the dog or duly authorized agent of or handler for the actual owner whose name has been entered above. I have read and agree to be bound by the agreement printed on this entry form as well as the stipulations contained in the premium list plus any directive received from any official involved in staging the event.

Signature of owner/handler* _____ Date _____

I have read and agree to be bound by the agreement printed on this entry form as well as the stipulations contained in the premium list plus any directive received from any official involved in staging the event.

Signature of substitute steward* _____ Date _____

*If the handler and/or substitute steward named herein is under 18 years of age, this entry form must be signed and acknowledged by his/her legal guardian.

PWDCA Water Trial Participant Agreement

Conditions: These trials are open to pure bred Portuguese Water Dogs. I/we understand that the dogs must be in good health, proper fitness and condition for the test they are about to enter and must be at least 6 months of age in order to compete in the water trials. I/we agree to these terms. I/we accept full responsibility for the care of my dog(s) during the water trial.

Special Rules: The water trial is located within the confines of Canyon Lale Marina, Tortilla Flat, AZ. I/we agree to become familiar with and adhere to all site rules and regulations including but not limited to the following: Dogs must be on leash or confined to a crate at all times except when participating in practice sessions or when actually being judged. If my dog soils the ground, I am responsible for cleanup.

General Rules: The Portuguese Water Dog Club of America, Inc., (hereinafter "PWDCA") rules, regulations, policies and guidelines for water trial participants (hereinafter "the rules") are in the current PWDCA Water Trial Manual available on the Web site, www.pwdca.org. I/we have received the current Manual and/or have read the rules via the Web site and I/we agree to obey the rules.

Hold-harmless: I/we agree to hold the PWDCA and the event-giving club, their members, directors, officers, agents, and judge(s) at this event, the owner and/or lessor of the premises, any provider of services for this event and any employees or volunteers of any 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, animal or thing by the act of my dog while in or upon the trial grounds or while entering or leaving same, and I/we further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim for loss, disappearance or theft of, or damage or injury to, my dog, whether such loss, disappearance, theft, damage, or injury is caused or alleged to be caused by the negligence of the club or any other parties aforementioned, by the negligence of any other person, or by any other cause or causes.

Indemnification: 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 there from, sustained by any person or persons, including myself (ourselves) or on account of damage to property, arising out of or in consequence of my (our) participation in this water trial, howsoever such 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 any other persons.

Arbitration: Notwithstanding any of the above, in the event that I/we or my dog(s) suffer any damage, injury, illness, or loss (including the death of the dog(s) arising from the water trial), I/we agree that any claim arising out of or related to the entry, exhibition or attendance at the event or as to the construction, interpretation and effect of this agreement shall be settled by arbitration pursuant to the applicable rules of the American Arbitration Association. I/we agree that any such arbitration will take place in Arizona within 60 days of the incident giving rise to the claim, or at such other time and place as the parties may agree. I/we agree to pay a pro-rated share of the costs of any such arbitration.

I/we agree that these clubs have the right to refuse this entry or any entry for any cause which they deem to be sufficient.

Owner/Handler's initials: _____ Substitute Steward's initials: _____
Date: _____ Date: _____

Entry is not valid unless signed, dated, and submitted with fees by the closing date.