

PWDCOntario / 2019



Beginners' Water Camp

Sunday June 2, Registration 9:30 Camp 10:00-4:00

Location Laurel Creek Conservation Area 625 Westmount Road,
Waterloo ON N2J 3Z4, www.grandriver.ca.

Registration closes May 24th. Note there is a \$7.00 entrance fee per adult, \$5.50 per senior, \$3.00 child to 14.
(Note: Late registrations after May 24th will be accepted space permitting.)

Now is your chance to practice all you've learned and been training for the Junior and Apprentice levels. You will get hands-on assistance with your training. Limited to maximum 15 dogs (register early!!). Unlimited number of auditors.

Fees:

PWDCOntario Members: \$40.00 working a dog
\$15.00 auditor, no dog

Non-members: \$55.00 working a dog
\$20.00 auditor, no dog

No refunds after May 24, unless a Veterinary certificate is provided NOTE: a bitch is in season may participate but at end of day.

Even if you don't plan to Trial, this is an opportunity to train your dog around water and learn the work he was born to do! Your dog should have basic commands: down, sit, stay, come. Additionally, if your dog retrieves and has been swimming, that is ideal but not a pre-requisite!

You will, however, be asked to keep your dog under control. Please invest in a long training line (see #6). Even well-trained adult PWD's get over-excited sometimes, and a long line then sends a strong clear message.

Water Work is a Co-operative Activity Everyone needs to pitch in to make a trial and/or a training session a success. Water Work requires handlers and dogs supported by rowers, stewards (Land and Boat).

Please be aware that not all dogs are comfortable in an unstructured situation. Know your dog, and act accordingly:

All the dogs need to be supervised, and on leash at all times (except when working in the water or on the boats).

Intact males and bitches require special vigilance, even if "normally" they are fine with other dogs. Therefore, bitches in season may participate but will be scheduled to practice at the end of the day;

What you should bring:

DOG STUFF

1. Your dog!
2. A crate, blanket/towel and something to cover the crate in case your dog is upset at being crated. (Covering the crate usually solves the problem)

3. Food, water and bowls

4. **LOTS OF TRAINING TREATS!** We highly recommend a variety cut into small pieces (about the size of a Chick Pea) such as: freeze dried chicken hearts, liver, and fish, cheese, hot dogs

REMEMBER: The Treats will get wet, so don't use anything made with flour, trust me, you will be sorry! Yuk!

DON'T FORGET A TREAT BAG THAT CAN BE CLOSED TIGHT.

If the bag doesn't close tight, the treats will float away in the lake and the fish will get them!

Try to find a fine mesh bag that closes, so it drains well.

5. **Water Gear:** We will be working with a bumper, 3 handled toy, and float line. We will have club equipment for you to use. A quick drying harness can be sourced at www.ezydog.com or check at Ren's Pet Depot and other pet stores. If you purchase a bumper, add a non-sinking 18" finished rope to the end.

6. **Leash and a Long Training Leash** – Flat collar or harness only, no choke or pinch collars and bring a flat cotton training lead at least 15 ft. long. Nylon rope will burn your hands, and you won't have the required control. 5/8" cotton web lead - 50 ft long costs about \$20.00.

HANDLER, PEOPLE STUFF

1. Bring your Pop-up tent as there is little shade.
2. Lunch and lots of water for yourself. We will break for lunch, and hopefully, it will be a nice day for a picnic. There is nowhere to purchase food close by, and we want to keep the lunch break short.
3. Life jacket and closed-toe water shoes.
4. Bathing suit, towel, wet suit optional, and a change of clothes (the weather can change rapidly.)
5. Insect repellent (there may be black flies and mosquitoes)
6. Sun screen and a hat.
7. Chair(s) for resting your tired body.
8. Towels, both for people and dogs
9. Anything else you would take along for a day at the beach.

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