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## Newfoundland Dog Club of Canada

### General Rules and Regulations

#### Governing Water Rescue Tests for Newfoundland Dogs

##### Purpose

Water Rescue Tests for Newfoundland Dogs encompass two levels of testing: Water Rescue Dog and Water Rescue Dog Excellent. Water Rescue Tests have been created to encourage the instinctive and ancestral skills of the breed as a working companion to humans in water rescue work. The dog's natural ability and skills are developed through training in simulated water rescue situations. Water Rescue Tests are designed to demonstrate the working bond between dog and handler. Dogs should show not only efficiency in accomplishing the tasks in the tests but also a willingness to work with the handler.

1. Water Rescue Tests shall be open to Newfoundland Dogs. No other breeds are permitted to participate.
2. The judges must excuse a dog at any time during a test for lack of physical capacity or unsoundness.
3. All dogs must be at least six months of age on the day of the test.
4. Clubs holding Water Rescue Tests shall not accept any entries received after the closing time and date specified in the premium list unless maximum entries are not received by closing; then Day of Test entries may be accepted.
5. A Test Committee may decline any entries, or may remove any dog from its test for just cause.
6. Every test shall have a qualified veterinarian within easy call during the entire progress of the test.
7. A judge officiating at a Water Rescue Test held under these rules shall not be subjected to indignities of any kind during the progress of the test. It shall be the duty and obligation of the Club holding the test to see that this rule is effectively carried out.

8. Any handler who displays unsportsmanlike conduct, or is seen to kick, strike, or otherwise roughly manhandle a dog while on the grounds of a Water Rescue Test, or at any time during the holding of the event, may be expelled from the test by the Water Rescue Test Committee.
9. Judges shall also have the authority to expel a handler from a test if they observe unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of the handler, or see the handler kicking, striking, or otherwise roughly manhandling a dog while the dog is being judged. In a multi-judge test, the judges must consult with each other, in the presence of the Chief Steward or other test official, and be unanimous in their decision to expel the handler. It will be the duty of the judges to report the expulsion promptly to the Water Rescue Test Committee.
10. The Test Secretary shall submit a complete report to the NDCC of any action taken under this section within 7 days of such ruling.
11. Verbal encouragement is permitted throughout all Water Rescue Tests.
12. While some anticipation is allowed for "keenness", a dog must always be under control. A dog that in any way endangers a person or another dog shall be marked "Fail".
13. Dogs may be restrained lightly by their collar between exercises.
14. Handlers will not enter the water unless called for in the specific exercise. Such entry will result in "Fail".
15. Government approved flotation devices and appropriate footwear must be worn by all handlers and stewards during the Water Rescue Test.
16. The ring for the Control Exercises shall be a minimum of 12 meters x 15 meters. The water site shall have a minimum of 18 meters waterfront, and be at least 6 meter deep on shore, and should be roped off to keep spectators out of the test area.
17. All dogs may participate in a pre-swim, except for bitches in season, which will be given a pre-swim just prior to their judging. The pre-swim is a 15 minute session prior to the start of judging of each division. Dogs and handlers may familiarize themselves with the test waters, but this period is not intended for training. No food may be offered or carried. Handlers may use one retrieving object. In WRDX entries, the dog may get on and off the beached boat.
18. Prior to each dog's individual test, the entrant may ask permission of the judges to enter the water with the dog so the dog becomes wet.
19. Judges will inspect each entrant's equipment prior to the start of the test to ensure equipment meets the requirements of the exercises.

### **Club Applications**

1. Clubs must hold Water Rescue Tests under the Newfoundland Dog Club of Canada's (NDCC's) name.
2. An NDCC Event Application must be filled out and submitted to the Working Dog Chair of the NDCC at least 6 months prior to the event. The Working Dog Chair shall present the application at the next general meeting for approval. Insurance coverage will be approved for the Water Rescue Test at that time. The Working Dog Chair will notify the Regional Club of NDCC approval. The Canadian Kennel Club (CKC) application can then be completed and sent to either the NDCC President or Secretary for signature. The signed application will be forwarded to the CKC for approval. These procedures may be completed via fax, e-mail, or postal service.

### **Rule Publication**

Clubs holding Water Rescue Tests are required to have copies of the latest edition of these Water Rescue Test Rules and Regulations available for all entrants as requested.

### **Officials & Committees**

1. As submitted on the CKC application, the Test Chair and Test Secretary, along with the Chief Steward and all other members of the Test Committee will be listed in the premium list and the catalogue.
2. Except as otherwise provided in these regulations, the Test Chairperson is in charge of the test.
3. The Test Chair, Test Secretary, and Chief Steward must be members of the Newfoundland Dog Club of Canada.
4. No person shall act as a test official and officiating judge at the same test.
5. The test-giving club shall select stewards. They will assist the judges and Chief Steward as required.
6. The Water Rescue Test Committee shall be comprised of at least five members of the test-giving club, and must each have a copy of these regulations. The Test Committee shall be responsible for compliance with all of the Water Rescue Test Rules and Regulations, and shall have the authority to decide upon any matter arising during the test, except those matters under the sole jurisdiction of the judges.

### **Test Equipment**

- Rope and stanchions/ring gates to mark off the shore test area
- Rope and stanchions/ring gates for control exercise ring
- Suitable sized row boat with oars, equipped with a non slip platform
- Distance markers
- Judges' Supplies
- Evaluation Sheets
- Judges' Records
- Whistles
- Stop Watches
- Clip boards
- Pens
- First Aid Kit
- Rosettes and/or medallions
- Armbands and/or bibs
- Water Rescue Test Rules
- Catalogues for the Judges (marked at the end of test)
- Name tags for judges and test officials
- Catalogues for spectators and handlers

## **Judges**

### **Application for Approval of Judges**

- After a club has been granted permission by the NDCC to hold a Water Rescue Test, the club must submit an application for Approval of Selected Judges. The application must be submitted to the Working Dog Chair not less than 120 days prior to the date of the test. The application must set forth the names and addresses of the persons selected to judge, as well as the level assigned to each judge. The Working Dog Chair will advise the club, in a timely manner, that their choice of judges is approved.
- The club shall not select any judge who is ineligible to officiate at a test held under these rules and regulations.

### **Number of Judges and Alternate Judge**

- A test may have 1, 2, or 3 judges. When there is more than one judge at a test, they must judge independently. There may also be an alternate judge. The names and addresses of all judges, including the alternate, are to be published in the premium list. Should a judge have to be replaced, the approved alternate judge must be on site to step in. There is no right to a refund of entry fees due to a substitution of judges unless the competitor is ineligible to compete under the alternate judge.

### **Judges' Decision Final**

- During the test, the decision of the judges shall be final in all matters affecting the working of dogs and handlers, and in evaluation of their performance. The Test Committee shall decide other matters arising at the test.

### **Judge's Criteria**

Judges who were "grandfathered in" at the establishment of Water Rescue Tests for Newfoundland Dogs, owing to their experience with Water Rescue Test training, will continue as Judges as long as they are willing and able.

To become a new Water Rescue Dog/Water Rescue Dog Excellent Judge, a person would have to complete all of the following:

1. Perform stewarding duties at a Water Rescue Test at least once.
2. Earn a title to the level they wish to judge.
3. Shadow judge at a test to the level they wish to judge.

Using the Judge's Evaluation Sheet, Shadow Judges will evaluate both the ring and water exercises from outside the test area. While shadow judging, there shall be no contact with the official judges during testing, or with any other provisional judges.

It shall be the duty of judges officiating at a test with Shadow Judges, to evaluate their performance and review their evaluation sheets at the end of the test. A Provisional Judge's form must be signed by each Officiating Judge following the assessment, and given to the Test Secretary.

The signed Shadow Judge's forms stating the date(s), location(s) of title(s) earned, and stewarding duties performed, shall be sent to the NDCC Working Dog Chair before a person will

be moved to the Current List of Judges. Judges on the Newfoundland Club of America (NCA) list of qualified Water Rescue Test Judges will be eligible to adjudicate at a Canadian Water Rescue Test to the level they are qualified in the United States. It will be the duty of the club inviting an American to judge a Canadian Water Rescue Test to provide them with copies of the Canadian Rules prior to the test.

### **Premium List**

A premium list must be provided to the NDCC Working Dog Chair as it becomes available. The premium list shall be printed (any printing or copying process is acceptable). The following information must be listed on the cover of a premium list:

- The name of the club; Newfoundland Dog Club of Canada, hosted by (club name)
- Date of event
- Exact location of the test
- Date and closing time for entries, or the statement, entries will close automatically when a specified limit for each test has been reached, even if the official closing date for entries has not arrived. If the maximum numbers of entries are not received by closing, the club has the option of accepting Day of Test entries. This should be noted in the Premium list if Day of Test entries will be accepted in this case.
- Dogs which successfully complete all the exercises in the Water Rescue Dog level at a test may be post-entered in the Water Rescue Dog Excellent level at that same test and will be tested at the conclusion of all WRDX judging of the pre-entered entrants. An additional entry fee will be charged. The club may limit the number of these post entries in the WRDX test.

The premium list must contain the following information:

- A list of NDCC Executive, Regional Club Executive, and NDCC Working Dog Chairperson
- A list of the Water Rescue Test Committee members
- Name, address, and phone number of the Water Rescue Test Secretary
- Officiating Judges, Alternate Judge if applicable, and their mailing addresses
- The amount of the entry fee for each entry
- Limitations, if any, on the number of entries
- One or more official CKC entry forms
- Vet on call, name of clinic and address
- The statement regarding indignities to a judge
- The statement 'Bitches in season are allowed to compete.', or the statement, 'Bitches in season are not allowed to compete.'
- Re-qualifications are accepted pending 'space available'. Re-qualifications shall be judged last in the level they enter
- A statement that a CKC tracking fee will be charged for non-CKC members. The Non-Member Participation Fee applies to dogs wholly owned by a resident of Canada who is not a member of the CKC; it is not applicable to CKC members or dogs co-owned with a CKC member. In order for the title to be awarded, the non-member will have a choice to either become a CKC member or pay the Non-Member Participation Fee. Failure to comply within 30 days of notification will result in the title being withheld and the dog cannot be moved up to the next level.

Clubs are free to include other rules and regulations as they deem necessary. However, if other rules are included, they must be stated in the premium list and shall be enforced.

Clubs pay a fee to the CKC to produce the WRD and WRDX certificates, while the NDCC keeps the official records. Therefore, Clubs do not collect listing fees or pay recording fees. Listed dogs are not able to participate. All dogs must have a number prior to entering a Water Rescue Test.

### **Catalogues**

An official catalogue must be printed for all approved Water Rescue Tests. The club should have enough copies present at the test for the exhibitors and any spectators attending the test.

The following information must be listed on the outside front cover or the first page of the catalogue:

- Name: Newfoundland Dog Club of Canada, hosted by (club name)
- The dates of the test
- Exact location of the test

The catalogue must contain the following information:

- Executive of NDCC, Club Executive, and NDCC Working Dog Chair
- List of the Water Rescue Test Committee
- Name, address and phone number of the Test Secretary
- A complete list of the judges and their mailing addresses
- The statement regarding indignities to a judge
- Judging Schedule
- Vet on call, Name of Clinic, Phone number

All dogs entered must be listed in the catalogue, by level, and in order of competing.

The information in the catalogue for each dog must be in the following order:

- Catalogue number of the dog
- Registered name of the dog (in capital letters)
- CKC registration number or Event Registration Number or Performance Event Number.
- Date of birth
- Name of breeder(s)
- Registered name of sire
- Registered name of dam
- Place of birth (Canada or elsewhere)
- Name of owner(s)
- Address of owner(s)
- Agent (if applicable)

A test-giving club shall provide a complimentary copy of its catalogue to each officiating judge after the test, marked with the results from all officiating judges.

### **End of Test**

Within 10 days of the Water Rescue Test, the Test Secretary shall forward to the CKC, a letter stating the date and location of the test, the number of certificates required, a copy of the Premium List, the entry forms, a marked catalogue, the signed Judges' Records, and a cheque to cover the cost of the certificates, including any tax payable. Cost of the certificates is listed on

the CKC Schedule of Fees under Other Fees - Recording/Issuance of Versatility Titles. Any other information that the regional club deems necessary can be included.

The Test Secretary shall also send to the NDCC Working Dog Chairperson, a copy of the letter sent to the CKC, a marked catalogue for the Club records, and any Shadow Judges' Evaluation Forms from the test.

The Test Secretary shall keep copies of the Judges' Records and a marked catalogue for at least one year from the date of the Test.

### **Amendments**

These rules are subject to amendment by the Newfoundland Dog Club of Canada's Working Dog Committee and NDCC Executive. Any member or Regional Club may propose amendments to these rules by presenting such to the Working Dog Committee for consideration. It shall be the duty of the Working Dog Committee to review any proposals and make its recommendations to the NDCC Executive for its consideration and input, prior to making its final decision. Any amendment to these Rules shall be approved by a simple majority vote of the NDCC Executive. The Executive shall set the effective date of any approved amendment.

### **Control Exercises – Water Rescue Dog Test Only**

Control demonstrates the dog's ability to be a safe and obedient companion and worker.

Control will be demonstrated off-leash, in a ring approximately 12 metres by 15 metres. All dogs will be brought into and leave the ring on leash for all exercises

Three basic exercises will be completed:

- Heel Off-Leash
- Recall
- One Minute Down

Praise, vocal commands, and hand signals are acceptable on any motion exercise.

#### **Heel Off-Leash**

The handler and dog will wait in the ring until asked "Are you ready?" by the Judge. The dog is to be under control and attentive to the handler. On an affirmative answer, (the handler must have hands off the dog, and/or the dog's collar), the Judge will say "Forward".

The dog shall be on the handler's left side, and shall remain within arm's reach of the handler at all times. The Judge shall use each of the following commands at least once: "forward", "slow", "fast", "normal", "right turn", "left turn", "about turn", and "halt" in any order predetermined by the lead Judge, and shall be the same for each dog. The dog must respond to each of the handler's commands and remain within arm's reach of the handler throughout the exercise. After the pattern has been completed the lead Judge will say, "Exercise Finished."

*The handler will enter the ring with the dog on leash and progress to the marked starting position. The handler will remove the dog's leash and give it to the steward.*

*Handler may give verbal encouragement and/or extra commands while the dog is working.*

*The dog shall remain on the left side of the handler throughout the exercise and stay within arm's reach of the handler.*

*The sit at heel is desirable by not mandatory.*

*The handler may not touch the dog during the exercise.*

Failing Performance

- Dog left the ring
- Dog did not respond to commands
- Dog did not stay within arm's reach
- Handler touched the dog while working

#### **Recall**

The dog shall sit by the handler's side at one end of the ring. The lead Judge will ask "Are you ready?" On an affirmative answer (the handler must have hands off the dog and/or the dog's collar), the Judge will say "Leave your dog". The handler will command the dog once to stay, by voice, hand signal or a combination of both. The handler shall then walk briskly to the opposite end of the ring where he shall turn to face the dog. The dog must not move from his place after the handler has left his side.

When the handler is in position at the opposite end of the ring, the Judge will tell him to call the dog. The dog shall start to come on the first command. The dog must come directly to the handler and sit or stand close enough to be touched. The Judge will then say "Exercise Finished". *The dog must remain sitting until called by the handler. The handler may not give more than one command to stay by voice, hand signal, or combination of both. Once the dog has responded to the command to come, the handler may give extra encouragement by voice, hand signals, or a combination of both.*

#### **Failing Performance**

- Dog did not stay
- Dog did not come on the first command
- Dog did not return directly to the handler
- Dog did not return close enough to the handler
- Dog left the ring before exercise was finished

#### **One Minute Down**

The One Minute Down will be held as a group exercise, off-leash with the handlers across the width of the ring. No more than 10, nor less than 2 dogs, shall be judged at one time. The dogs must enter the ring on leash and line up in catalogue order along one side of the ring. Handlers' armbands, weighted with leashes, shall be placed behind the dogs. On the judge's order, the handlers shall down their dogs by command and/or signal, or dogs may be manually positioned in a down. On further order, handlers shall give the command and/or signal to stay, immediately leave their dogs, walk to the opposite side of the ring and turn and face their dogs. One (1) minute from the time the order to "Leave your dogs" was given, on the judge's order, the handlers must return promptly to their dogs, each walking around behind his own dog to the heel position. The dog should stay in the down position until the judge says "Exercise finished."

#### **Failing Performance**

- Dog did not stay
- Dog disturbed other dogs
- Dog sat or stood
- Handler gave more than one command to stay

## Water Rescue Dog Exercises

### Simple Retrieve

#### Purpose:

To demonstrate the dog's willingness to perform as a working Newfoundland Dog, and demonstrate the control to retrieve a thrown bumper on the command of his handler.

#### Equipment Required:

Bumper (A short line on the bumper is allowed to facilitate throwing.)

#### Qualifying Performance:

Handler and dog will wait on shore until asked "Are You Ready?" by the judge. The dog is to be under control and attentive to the handler. On an affirmative answer (the handler must have hands off the dog, and/or the dog's collar), the handler will then throw the bumper approximately 9 meters. If the throw is not of adequate distance the judges will instruct the handler to throw the bumper again. The Test Committee will appoint a steward to serve as a designated thrower in the event one should be needed. On command the dog will enter the water, swim out, take hold of the bumper and return it to the handler. Delivery must be to hand. Once the handler has the bumper in hand, the lead judge will say "Exercise Finished".

*The handler has the option of requesting that the designated thrower steward throw the bumper. Handler may give verbal encouragement and/or extra commands while the dog is working.*

*The handler may give the retrieve command after the bumper has left the hand.*

*The handler may move to any part of the defined test area to meet the dog when it returns the bumper to the shore.*

*The dog may be recalled once from the water in order to be re-directed to the bumper, but must stay in the defined test area. The handler may move to any part of the shore test area to direct the dog to the bumper.*

*If the dog drops the bumper before delivery, the handler may command the dog to pick it up and deliver it to hand.*

#### Failing Performance:

- Dog did not retrieve bumper within time. The Time Steward will notify Judges when the two minute limit has been reached. In adverse conditions the Judges may choose to extend the time.
- Dog did not deliver to hand
- Handler entered the water
- Handler touched dog while working
- Dog left the shore test area

### Marked Retrieve

#### Purpose:

To demonstrate a dog's ability to "spot" an article in the water, and his ability to follow the handler's directions in making the retrieve.

**Equipment required:**

The article to be retrieved is either a boat cushion or an approved life jacket.

Article will be determined by the judge(s) prior to the start of the test and will be the same article for all handlers.

**Qualifying Performance:**

Handler and dog will wait on the shore. The dog is to be under control and attentive to the handler. The lead judge will signal to the boat steward to row across the test area at the 15 metres mark from shore. The article will be quietly placed on the seaward side of the boat at the point determined by the lead judge. After the boat has left the area, the lead judge will ask the handler "Are You Ready?" On an affirmative answer (the handler must have hands off the dog and/or the dog's collar), following the handler's direction, the dog will enter the water, swim out, retrieve the article and return it to the handler. Delivery must be to hand. Once the handler has the article in hand, the lead judge will say "Exercise Finished".

*The handler may move to any part of the defined test area to meet the dog when it returns the article to the shore.*

*The dog may be recalled once from the water in order to be re-directed to the article, but must stay in the defined test area. The handler may move to any part of the on shore test area to direct the dog to the article.*

*If the dog drops the article before delivery, the handler may command the dog to pick it up and deliver it to hand.*

**Failing Performance:**

- Dog did not retrieve article within time. The Time Steward will notify Judges when the two minute limit has been reached. In adverse conditions the Judges may choose to extend the time.
- Dog did not deliver to hand
- Handler entered the water
- Handler touched dog while working
- Handler touched article before delivery to hand
- Dog left the shore test area

**Tow a Boat****Purpose:**

To demonstrate a dog's intelligence, speed, and strength, in returning an adrift boat to shore.

**Equipment required:**

Bumper with attached rope (of sufficient length as the site determines).

**Qualifying Performance:**

Handler and dog will wait on the shore. The dog is to be under control and attentive to the handler.

The Rowing Steward will position the bow of a rowboat approximately 22 meters from shore. The lead judge will ask the handler "Are You Ready?" On an affirmative answer (the handler

must have hands off the dog and/or the dog's collar), the lead judge will signal the Boat Steward to attract the team's attention by calling, and by tossing a bumper attached to a tow rope into the water. The handler will command the dog to enter the water, swim to the boat, take the bumper in his mouth and tow the boat to shore. When the handler has the tow rope in his hand, the lead judge will say "Exercise Finished".

*The handler may move to any part of the defined test area to meet the dog when it returns the tow rope to the shore.*

*Handler may give verbal encouragement and/or extra commands while the dog is working.*

*The dog may be recalled once from the water in order to be re-directed to the boat, but must stay in the defined test area. The handler may move to any part of the on shore test area to direct the dog to the boat.*

*If the dog drops the tow rope before delivery, the handler may command the dog to pick it up and deliver it to hand.*

*At some sites, where it may be undesirable to beach the boat (i.e. an ocean beach where the barnacles can damage the bottom), the tow rope shall be of sufficient length, as determined by the judges, to allow the dog to deliver the bumper to the handler without endangering the boat.*

**Failing Performance:**

- Dog did not tow boat to shore within time. The Time Steward will notify the judges when the two minute limit has been reached. In adverse conditions the judges may choose to extend the time.
- Dog did not swim to boat
- Dog did not deliver to hand
- Handler entered the water
- Handler touched dog while working
- Dog left the shore test area

**Take a Line**

**Purpose**

To demonstrate the dog's willingness to aid in a rescue by delivering a line to a swimmer in distress.

**Equipment required:**

75 foot floating line either knotted at one end or with a bumper attached.

**Qualifying Performance:**

Handler and dog will wait on the shore. The dog is to be under control and attentive to the handler. A steward (who is a stranger to the dog) will swim out about 15 metres into the water and turn to face the shore. The lead judge will ask the handler "Are You Ready?" On an affirmative answer (the handler must have hands off the dog and/or the dog's collar), the lead judge will signal the steward to call for help and attract the dog's attention but must not call the dog by name. The handler will command the dog to take the end of the line with the bumper/knotted end. The handler will then command the dog to enter the water and carry the line to the steward. When the steward has hold of the line the lead judge will say "Exercise Finished".

*The handler may pick up the rope (bumper/knotted end) on shore once after the initial take, but must not touch the dog when commanding him to take it.*

*If the dog drops it on shore for a second time the handler must command the dog to pick it up.*

*The dog may be recalled once from the water in order to be re-directed to the steward, but must stay in the defined test area. The handler may move to any part of the on shore test area to direct the dog to the steward.*

*Handler may give verbal encouragement and/or extra commands while the dog is working.*

*The handler is allowed to feed the rope out to avoid it becoming entangled with an obstruction along the shore line.*

*The dog must swim close enough to the steward, so the line can be grabbed with an out reached hand.*

### **Failing Performance:**

Dog did not deliver line within time. The Time Steward will notify Judges when the two minute limit has been reached. In adverse conditions the Judges may choose to extend the time.

- Dog did not take line
- Handler touched the dog while working
- Dog endangered the steward in the water
- Handler entered the water
- Dog left the on shore test area

### **Swim With Handler**

#### **Purpose:**

To demonstrate the dog's ability to be a safe, reliable swimming companion that is also available for assistance.

#### **Qualifying Performance:**

Handler and dog will wait on the shore. The dog is to be under control and attentive to the handler. The lead judge will ask the handler "Are You Ready?" On an affirmative answer (the handler must have hands off the dog and/or the dog's collar), the dog and handler will wade out to swimming depth for the dog. Dog and handler must swim together an additional 6 meters out into the water. The dog may swim on either the left or right side of handler at a safe distance of approximately 2 meters, so not to interfere with the forward movement of the handler. When the distance has been reached, the lead judge will signal the handler by whistle. The handler will stop swimming, and then command the dog to turn towards shore. The handler must not aid the dog by physically turning the dog. The handler will take hold of the dog and be towed towards the shore. The handler must be free floating during the tow. Once the dog has reached walking depth, the handler may stand. The lead judge will then say "Exercise Finished".

*The handler has the option of designating another handler for this exercise, if desired.*

*Handler may give verbal encouragement and/or extra commands while the dog is working.*

*The handler may use any swimming stroke desired.*

*If the dog has been trained to tow by grasping the handler's arm, some type of protection (supplied by handler) for the arm may be used. The type of protection must not be construed as a training aid for the dog.*

**Failing Performance:**

•Dog did not perform this exercise within time. The Time Steward will notify Judges when the two minute limit has been reached. In adverse conditions the Judges may choose to extend the time.

- Dog refuses to swim
- Dog interfered with handler
- Handler aided the dog in turning towards shore
- Dog did not tow handler
- Dog left the water without handler

## Water Rescue Dog Excellent Exercises

### **Directed Retrieve**

#### **Purpose:**

To demonstrate the dog's ability to follow direction to retrieve the specific object desired by the handler.

#### **Equipment required:**

The articles to be retrieved are a boat cushion and an approved life jacket. Article placement and order will be determined by the judge(s) prior to the start of the test and shall be the same for all dogs.

#### **Qualifying Performance:**

Handler and dog will wait on the shore at the approximate midpoint of the test area. The dog is to be under control and attentive to the handler. The lead judge will signal to the boat steward to row across the test area at the 15 metres mark from shore. The articles will be quietly placed about 15 metres apart, on the land side of the boat, at a point determined by the lead judge.

The lead judge will tell the handler which article is to be retrieved first and shall be the same for all dogs. After the boat has left the area the lead judge will ask the handler "Are You Ready?" On an affirmative answer (the handler must have hands off the dog and/or the dog's collar), the handler and dog may now move to any area of the test site.

Following the handler's direction, the dog will enter the water, swim out, retrieve the first article and return it to the handler. Delivery must be to hand. If desired, the handler and dog may then move to another part of the test site, to mark the dog on the second object. The handler will command the dog to swim out, retrieve the second article and return it to the handler. Delivery must be to hand. Once the handler has the second article in hand, the lead judge will say "Exercise Finished".

*The dog may exit the water at the closest point to land.*

*The handler may move to any part of the defined test area to meet the dog when it returns the article to shore.*

*The articles may be re-positioned if they are blown too far off the test site as determined by the judges.*

*Handler may give verbal encouragement and/or extra commands while the dog is working.*

*If the dog drops the article before delivery, the handler may command the dog to pick it up and deliver it to hand.*

**Failing Performance:**

- Dog did not retrieve articles within time. The Time Steward will notify Judges when the four minute limit has been reached. In adverse conditions the Judges may choose to extend the time.
- Dog leaves the water without retrieving an article
- Dog did not deliver to hand
- The dog retrieves the wrong article
- The dog does not retrieve both articles
- Handler entered the water
- Handler touched dog while working
- Handler touched article before delivery to hand
- Dog leaves the shore test area

**Carry Line/Tow Boat****Purpose:**

To demonstrate the dog's willingness to cooperate in a rescue.

**Equipment required:**

Floating line with a bumper attached (length to be determined by site and conditions)

**Qualifying Performance:**

Handler and dog will wait on the shore. The dog is to be under control and attentive to the handler. The Rowing Steward will position the bow of a rowboat approximately 23 meters from shore. The lead judge will ask the handler "Are You Ready?" On an affirmative answer (the handler must have hands off the dog and/or the dog's collar), the lead judge will signal the boat steward (who must be a stranger to the dog) to attract the dog's attention by calling for help and encouraging him to come but the steward must not call the dog by name.

The handler will command the dog to take the bumper, and the dog will then enter the water and swim close enough to the boat to deliver the line to the steward. When the steward has the line in hand, the dog will tow the boat to shore, delivering the bumper to the handler who shall remain on shore. When the handler has hold of the line the lead judge will say "Exercise Finished".

*The handler may move to any part of the defined test area to meet the dog when it returns the tow rope to the shore.*

*The dog must bring the line close enough to the boat for the steward to grab it without endangering himself or the boat.*

*If the dog drops the line at any point before delivery to hand, the handler may command the dog to pick it up and continue on to complete the exercise.*

*Handler may give verbal encouragement and/or extra commands while the dog is working.*

**Failing Performance:**

- Dog did not take line
- Dog did not deliver line within time. The Time Steward will notify Judges when the two minute limit has been reached. In adverse conditions the Judges may choose to extend the time.
- Handler entered the water
- Handler touched dog while working
- Dog leaves the shore test area
- Dog left the water before completing the exercise

**Dive from Boat to Rescue a Stranger****Purpose:**

To demonstrate the dog's willingness to rescue a human in distress.

**Equipment required:**

If the dog rescues by grasping the swimmer's arm, protection must be supplied to the steward by the handler. The type of protection must not be construed as a training aid for the dog.

**Qualifying Performance:**

Dog and handler will wait on shore. The dog is to be under control and attentive to the handler. The lead judge will ask the handler "Are You Ready?" On an affirmative answer (the handler must have hands off the dog and/or the dog's collar), the handler and dog will proceed to the boat and board the platform. The rowing steward will row the team out to the 15 metres marker; turn the boat parallel to the shore, with the platform facing the "victim". At the same time as the boat is rowing out, the drowning steward (who must be a stranger to the dog) will swim out to the 15 metres marker positioning themselves 7.5 – 9 meters from the boat and turn to face the platform. The drowning steward will then splash, and otherwise indicate that a rescue is required. Following the handler's direction, the dog will dive from the boat, swim directly to the victim, and either grasp the victim by the arm or allow him to take hold. The dog will then tow the drowning steward either to the boat, or to the shore. The exercise is finished when the drowning steward touches the boat and raises their free arm in the air. If the dog takes the "victim" to shore, the exercise is finished when the steward has reached wading depth and stands up.

*The dog and handler may touch while on the boat platform, but the handler may not physically restrain or manipulate the dog.*

*The handler may wade into the water to board the boat.*

*The handler's feet may be in the water while sitting on the platform.*

*The handler may stabilize the boat with his/her hands if the dog is boarding the boat in rough water conditions.*

*The dog must board the boat willingly and ride out in a safe manner that does not endanger the boat, the stewards, or his handler.*

*Rowing time will not be counted in the overall time.*

*The Line steward will receive and hold the dog until the handler returns if the dog brings the drowning steward to shore.*

**Failing Performance:**

- Dog did not complete the exercise within time. The Time Steward will notify Judges when the two minute limit has been reached. In adverse conditions the Judges may choose to extend the time.
- Dog did not willingly board the boat in a timely manner
- Dog endangered the handler and stewards on the boat
- Dog did not dive from boat in a timely manner
- Dog did not swim directly to the victim
- Dog did not grasp the victim or allow the victim to take hold
- Dog did not take victim to shore or to the boat
- Dog left the water before completing the exercise

**Differentiated Rescue****Purpose:**

To demonstrate the dog's ability to know when rescue is indicated, and to effect such a rescue.

**Equipment Required:**

Life ring with a 1 meter to 1.5 metre rope attached. Rope may be knotted, as this demonstrates the dog's ability to use any available equipment in an emergency situation. However, if desired, the rope may be tied to a bumper to facilitate carrying.

**Qualifying Performance:**

Handler and dog will wait on the shore at the approximate midpoint of the test area. The dog is to be under control and attentive to the handler. The team will wait in that position while three stewards enter the water and swim out to the 23 metres marker and space themselves 9 meters apart, as indicated by markers on shore. One steward (the same for each dog) will be designated as victim. The position of the victim shall also be the same for each dog. Once the stewards are in position, the lead judge will ask the handler "Are You Ready?" On an affirmative answer (the handler must have hands off the dog and/or the dog's collar), the handler and dog may now move to any area of the test site. The judge will signal the victim to indicate that rescue is needed by splashing and calling for help. The other stewards will quietly tread water and turn to face the victim. The handler will then give the rope with the life ring attached to the dog and command the dog to deliver the ring to the steward that is calling for help. The dog must carry the life ring close enough to the victim so that the victim may grasp the life ring, rope, or the dog. The dog will then tow the victim to shore. The exercise is finished when the steward has reached wading depth and stands up. The lead judge will then say "Exercise Finished".

*The dog may tow the victim to the closest point to land.*

*The handler may move to any part of the defined test area to meet the dog when the dog and victim return to shore.*

*If the dog drops the line at any point before delivery to the victim, the handler may command the dog to pick it up and continue on to complete the exercise.*

*Handler may give verbal encouragement and/or extra commands while the dog is working.*

**Failing Performance:**

- Dog did not complete the exercise within time. The Time Steward will notify the Judge when the two minute limit has been reached. In adverse conditions the Judges may choose to extend the time.
- Dog did not take the line
- Dog delivered to the wrong steward
- The life ring, rope, or dog were unreachable by victim
- Dog did not tow the victim to wading depth
- Handler entered the water
- Handler touched the dog while working
- Dog left the water before completing the exercise

**Submerged Retrieve****Purpose:**

To demonstrate the Newfoundland's instinct to dive underwater to retrieve an object.

**Equipment Required:**

An object sufficiently weighted so that it sinks directly to the bottom and shall be no more than 4 inches in height.

**Qualifying Performance:**

Dog and handler will wait on shore. The dog is to be under control and attentive to the handler. The lead judge will ask the handler "Are You Ready?" On an affirmative answer (the handler must have hands off the dog and/or the dog's collar), the handler and dog will enter the water and wade out until the dog is at belly depth. The lead judge will indicate to the handler, by voice or whistle, when they have reached the required depth. The dog and handler will then turn so they are parallel to the shore. The handler will toss the object at least 3 feet (approximately 1 meter) in front of the dog. The handler will command the dog to retrieve the object. The dog will move towards the point that the object entered the water, submerge its head, pick up the object, and deliver it to hand. The handler will raise the object over their head to indicate to the judge that the object has been retrieved. The lead judge will then say "Exercise Finished".

*The dog may move in any direction around the object and paw to locate it, but must remain at belly depth.*

*The judge may call off the retrieve if the dog moves the object and it is no longer at belly depth and instruct the handler to re-throw the object again at the correct depth. If the dog can't locate the object the handler may re-toss the object as often as desired during the 3 minute time limit, but each throw must be at the dog's belly depth, at least 3 feet (approximately 1 meter) in front of the dog and parallel to shore.*

*The handler may stand in any position to the dog during this test, but must not block the view of the judges.*

**Failing Performance:**

- The dog refused to pick up the object
- The dog did not deliver the object to hand
- Handler touched the dog after the start of the exercise

•Dog did not retrieve and deliver the object to hand within time. The Time Steward will notify the Judges when the three minute limit has been reached. In adverse conditions the Judges may choose to extend the time.

## **Duties of Stewards at Water Rescue Tests**

1. All stewards must be familiar with the Test Regulations.
2. No immediate family will be allowed as a boat steward or drowning steward for a dog / handler team.
3. While it may be ideal to have the same steward(s) for all dogs, it may not be possible and substitutions may be made to avoid a conflict. Boat stewards and drowning stewards should be substituted if they have trained/ handled an entered dog 3 months prior to the day of the test.
4. Stewards may not give advice or assist the teams in such a way as to affect their performance.
5. Stewards are required to supply their own approved life jacket and are required to wear appropriate footwear.
6. Experienced stewards are preferred, but if not possible a training seminar is advised before a test.
7. There should be a rowing steward and a boat steward acting as ballast for all exercises in which the entrant and dog are on the boat platform.

### **Chief Steward - General duties**

- Assist Judges as directed and supervise all other stewards
- Ensure that all stewards at water site are wearing approved flotation devices and appropriate footwear
- Supervise water site, particularly with regard to the safety of everyone present, and to ensure that only the Judge(s), necessary stewards, test officials, and the current handler and his dog are on the site
- During the test, ensure that the marking sheets are ready and available to the Judge(s)
- If there are shadowing Judges, ensure that they have marking sheets
- Ensure that a test official is present if the Judges or shadowing Judges, if present, wish to confer - politely remind them, if necessary, that their scoring is to be individual

### **Chief Steward - Specific Duties**

- Call each handler in order by their assigned number and ensure that the Judge(s) have the appropriate marking sheet
- Enquire if the handler wants the Designated Throwing Steward to throw the bumper in Exercise #1 and inform the Steward accordingly
- Ensure the handler's equipment is in order and easily accessible, as not to slow down the exercises
- Enquire if the handler wishes to use the dog's retrieving bumper with the tow rope in Exercise #3, and/or the 23metre line in Exercise #4, and inform the Line Steward accordingly
- Take the leash as the dog and handler enter the shore test area
- Ensure the handler is wearing a life jacket and appropriate footwear
- Ensure the next handler is standing by

### **Time Steward – General Duties**

- Assist the Line Steward with duties as required
- Be available to assist with a rescue
- Assist the Chief Steward in controlling the water site

### **Time Steward – Specific Duties**

- Time all exercises from the moment the Judge tells the handler to begin
- Give the elapsed time, if requested by a Judge

### **Line Steward – General Duties**

Upon entry of the handler:

- Take all of the handler's equipment except for the retrieving bumper and store it until needed

### **Line Steward – Specific Duties in Water Rescue Dog Test**

#### **Exercise #1- Simple Retrieve: 9m**

- If requested, throw the retrieving object for the handler (a distance of at least 9m from shore)
- At the end of this exercise, take the retrieving bumper and return at end of Exercise #5, unless needed in Exercise #3 and/or #4

#### **Exercise #2 - Marked Retrieve 15m**

- Give the Boat Steward the appropriate boat cushion or life jacket and the tow rope needed in exercise #3. Ensure the bumper is attached to the tow rope, if requested by the entrant

#### **Exercise #3 - Tow Boat 23m**

- Collect the equipment at the end of the exercise

#### **Exercise #4 - Take a Line 15m**

- The Line Steward should have the appropriate rope laid out in advance and, if requested, attach the handler's bumper
- When giving the line to the handler, the handler should be offered to check the attachment of the bumper or attach the bumper themselves
- As the dog carries the line out, the Line Steward should help feed the line, if necessary, to ensure that the line does not get snagged.

#### **Exercise #5 - Swim with Handler 6m**

- Since the handler is in the water during this exercise, the Line Steward would normally be the closest at hand, and should be prepared to assist and/or rescue the handler if safety is endangered (e.g. If the dog climbs up on the handler and causes the handler's head to go under)
- The Line Steward, if suspecting a life threatening situation, should act immediately. It is better to err on the side of safety. The Judge(s) can permit the exercise to be repeated if they feel that the Line Steward intervened inappropriately
- At the end of this exercise, the Line Steward should assist the handler in gathering up the equipment.

## **Line Steward – Specific Duties in Water Rescue Dog Excellent Test**

### **Exercise #3 – Dive from Boat to Rescue a Stranger**

- If the dog tows the Rescue Steward to shore, hold the dog until the handler returns for it

### **Rowing Steward - General Duties**

- Should be an experienced rower who can go backwards, forwards, in circles, and can keep the boat in place
- It is the duty of the Rowing Steward to be attentive, and be in the proper position, so to keep the test moving forward in a timely manner
- Works closely with the Boat Steward and is responsible for the safety of self, the Boat Steward and the boat
- Available to assist in any life threatening situation in or around the water site

### **Rowing Steward - Specific Duties in Water Rescue Dog Test**

#### **Exercise #2 - Marked Retrieve 15m**

- After the Boat Steward has received the article and tow rope from the Line Steward, and boarded the boat, row out 50 feet from shore, turn and face parallel to shore (outside of test area)
- At the Judge's signal, quietly row across the test area, so that the Boat Steward can place the article in the water. Be sure to keep rowing until you have exited the test area on the other side
- If the dog does not retrieve the article, row to the article, so that the Boat Steward can pick it up
- Return equipment after Exercise #4 to the Line Steward

#### **Exercise #3 - Tow Boat 23m**

- Row out 23 metres from shore as directed by Judge and face boat to shore
- If possible, ship the oars, but boat must not be allowed to drift out of test area or further than 23 metres from shore
- Once the dog starts to tow the boat, ship the oars and sit quietly. Allow the boat to gently touch bottom if conditions allow
- When the Judge indicates that the exercise is finished, row quietly out of the area. Try to be out of the dog's sight

#### **Exercise #4 - Take a Line 15m**

- Watch the Rescue Steward while they are in the water and be prepared to come to the steward's assistance if in danger (e.g. Dog climbs on the steward or tangles rope around the steward)

#### **Exercise #5 - Swim with Handler 6m**

- Watch handler while in the water; should handler get into difficulty, be prepared to assist Line Steward in rescuing the handler

## **Rowing Steward - Specific duties in Water Rescue Dog Excellent Test**

### **Exercise #1 - Directed Retrieve 15m**

- Rowing Steward will row the Boat Steward out 15metres, then turn and row across the test area, so that the Boat Steward can place the two articles in the water. Then Steward will row the boat out of the test area and remain there until exercise is finished
- If the dog does not complete the exercise, row to the article(s), so the Boat Steward can retrieve them. Articles should be returned to the Line Steward at the end of Exercise #2

### **Exercise #2 - Carry Line / Tow Boat 23m**

- Rowing Steward and Boat Steward will row to a distance of 23 metres from shore, as directed by the Judge, and face the boat to shore. If possible, ship the oars, but boat must not be allowed to drift out of the test area or further than 23 metres from shore
- When the dog has delivered the line to the Boat Steward and begins to tow the boat to shore, the Rowing Steward will ship the oars and sit quietly, allowing the boat to gently touch bottom, if conditions allow

### **Exercise #3 - Dive from Boat to Rescue a Stranger 15m**

- Rowing Steward and a Boat Steward to serve as ballast, accompanied by the dog and handler on the boat platform, will row out in the test area as directed by the Judge. The boat should be turned parallel to shore and kept in that position until the exercise is finished
- Rowing Steward will return the handler to shore when the exercise is completed
- Rowing Steward will row boat out of the test area for the remainder of the exercises

## **Boat Steward – Specific Duties in Water Rescue Dog Test**

### **Exercise #2 - Marked Retrieve 15m**

- Take the chosen article and the tow rope needed in Exercise #3 from Line Steward and board the boat
- After Judge signals, gently place the article in the water on the seaward side of the boat
- If the dog does not retrieve, the Rowing Steward will row to the article so that the Boat Steward can retrieve it
- Return the article to the Line Steward after Exercise #3

### **Exercise #3 - Tow Boat 23m**

- When the Judge signals the start of this exercise, attract the dog's attention by repeatedly tossing the bumper attached to the tow rope into the water and calling the dog
- Do not use the dog's name
- Once the dog is swimming towards the boat, let the dog see the bumper that he is to take hold of; keep the dog focused on the bumper
- If the dog takes hold of the bumper incorrectly, only intervene if the dog is so tangled that he will drown, or if the Judge requests it
- Once the dog is towing the boat towards shore, remain silent, so that the handler can encourage the dog
- When the exercise is completed, exchange equipment, as appropriate with the Line Steward

#### **Exercises #4 & #5**

- Be prepared to assist the Rowing and Line Steward if someone gets into trouble in the water

#### **Boat Steward – Specific Duties in Water Rescue Dog Excellent Test**

##### **Exercise #1 - Directed Retrieve 15m**

- Line Steward will give the life jacket and boat cushion to the Boat Steward. When the Rowing Steward has reached the correct distance from shore and is rowing across the test area, the Boat Steward will place the two articles in the water, about 15metres apart as predetermined by the lead Judge and shall be the same for all handlers. They will be placed in the water on the shore side of the boat, so the handler and dog can observe them.
- If the dog fails to retrieve one or both articles and the Judge has ended the exercise, the Rowing Steward will row over to the article(s) and the Boat Steward will retrieve them. The article(s) will remain in the boat until the end of Exercise #2.

##### **Exercise #2 - Carry Line / Tow Boat 23m**

- When the Judge signals the start of this exercise, the Boat Steward will attract the dog's attention by calling. The Boat Steward may use their own initiative in how to call the dog. The object is to get the dog to come to the boat. Do not use the dog's name.
- When the dog has carried the line close enough for the Boat Steward to reach it, take hold of the rope so the dog can tow the boat to shore. Do not talk to the dog during this portion of the exercise. Let the handler give the dog commands and encouragement.
- When the exercise is finished, exchange equipment, as appropriate, with the Line Steward.

##### **Exercise #3 - Dive from Boat to Rescue a Stranger 15m**

- A Boat Steward, other than the rower, should be in the bow of the boat to provide counter balance for the handler and dog on the platform.

#### **Rescue Steward(s)**

The Rescue Steward(s) must be a "stranger" to the dog being tested.

#### **Rescue Steward(s) – Specific duties in Water Rescue Dog Test**

##### **Exercise #4 - Take a Line 15m**

- The Rescue Steward will swim out 15 metres in the water and turn to face the shore
- At the signal from the Judge, the Rescue Steward will splash and encourage the dog to complete the rescue - do not use the dog's name.
- The Rescue Steward must not stretch their hand out too soon; this may cause the dog to drop the rope to turn prematurely back to shore.
- The Rescue Steward must not swim to the dog or the line, but shall reach out to receive the line without changing position.
- The Rescue Steward will encourage the dog to swim around him with the rope. This increases the chance of a successful connection.
- Once the Rescue Steward has the line in hand, hold it up so that the Judge(s) can see. At this point the exercise is finished.

## **Rescue Steward(s) – Specific duties in Water Rescue Dog Excellent Test**

### **Exercise #3 - Dive from Boat to Rescue a Stranger      15m**

- As the boat with the dog and handler are rowing out, the Rescue Steward will swim out 15 metres in the water, then turn to face the boat.
- When the boat is in place, the Rescue Steward should be positioned 7.5 – 9metres from the boat platform.
- At the signal from the Judge, the Rescue Steward will splash and encourage the dog by voice to complete the rescue. Do not use the dog's name.
- When the dog is within reach the Rescue Steward will take hold of the dog, and allow the dog to tow them to either the boat or the shore.
- If the dog has been trained to grasp the victim by the arm, the Rescue Steward will allow the dog to take hold of the protected arm and tow them to either the boat or shore.
- If the dog tows the Rescue Steward to the boat, the steward will touch the boat and raise their free hand to indicate to the Judge that the exercise is finished.
- If the dog tows the Rescue Steward to shore, the steward will stand up at wading depth to indicate to the Judge that the exercise is finished.

### **Exercise #4 – Differentiated Rescue      23m**

- The Judge will choose one of the three Rescue Stewards to be the victim before they enter the water.
- The 3 Rescue Stewards will swim out to the 23 metres marker and space themselves approximately 9metres apart.
- At a signal from the Judge, the victim will splash and encourage the dog by voice to complete the rescue. Do not use the dog's name.
- The remaining two Rescue Stewards will turn and face the victim when the selected Rescue Steward begins to splash and encourage the dog.
- The selected Rescue Steward will grasp the life ring, and allow the dog to tow them towards the shore.
- The Rescue Steward will stand up when wading depth is reached to indicate to the Judge that the exercise is finished.

### **Appendix – List of Forms**

Metric Measurements used in Water Rescue Tests in Approximate Imperial Measurements

Water Rescue Tests Judging Panel Application

Water Rescue Dog Test Evaluation sheet

Water Rescue Dog Excellent Test Evaluation sheet

Water Rescue Dog Test Judge's Records

Water Rescue Dog Excellent Test Judge's Records

Shadow Judging Evaluation

Shadow Judging Panel Application

Metric Measurements used in Water Rescue Tests in Approximate Imperial Measurements:

1 metre – 3 feet

1.5 metres – 5 feet

2 metres – 6 feet

6 metres – 20 feet

7.5 metres – 25 feet

9 metres – 30 feet

12 metres – 40 feet

15 metres – 50 feet

18 metres – 60 feet

23 metres – 75 feet



# Newfoundland Dog Club of Canada Water Rescue Dog Judging Panel Application

Name of Regional Club \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Test \_\_\_\_\_ Location \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Address of Judge(s)	Level(s)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

**Newfoundland Dog Club Of Canada**  
**Water Rescue Dog Test**  
**Evaluation Sheet**

**Sponsoring Club:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Event:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Judge:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Dog #:** \_\_\_\_\_

EXERCISE	FAILING PERFORMANCE	COMMENTS	SCORE
<b>Control Heel Off-Lead</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Out of reach		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Continually unresponsive		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Leaves ring		
<b>Control Recall</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Did not stay		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Did not start to come on 1st command		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Did not come directly to handler		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Did not come within reach		
<b>Control Group Down Stay</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Did not stay		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Disturbed other dog		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Sat or stood		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Extra command or signal		
<b>Water #1 Simple Retrieve</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Dog did not retrieve bumper within time		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Dog did not deliver to hand		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Handler entered the water		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Handler touched dog while working		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Dog left the on shore test area		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Dog left the water more than once		
<b>Water #2 Marked Retrieved</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Dog did not retrieve article within time		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Dog did not deliver to hand		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Handler entered the water		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Handler touched dog while working		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Handler touched article before delivery to hand		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Dog left the on shore test area		
<b>Water #3 Tow Boat</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Dog did not tow boat to shore within time		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Dog did not swim to boat		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Dog did not deliver to hand		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Handler entered the water		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Handler touched dog while working		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Dog left the on shore test area		
<b>Water #4 Take A Line</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Dog did not deliver line within time		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Dog did not take line		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Handler touched the dog while working		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Dog endangered the steward in the water		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Handler entered the water		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Dog left the on shore test area		
<b>Water #5 Swim With Handler</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Dog did not perform this exercise within time		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Dog refuses to swim		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Dog interfered with handler		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Handler aided the dog in turning towards shore		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Dog did not tow handler		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Dog left the water without handler		
<b>General</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Rough handling		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Uncontrollable		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excessive Restrain		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Endangers a human being		
<b>Comments:</b>			
<b>Overall Score</b>			

**Newfoundland Dog Club Of Canada**  
**Water Rescue Dog Excellent Test**  
**Evaluation Sheet**

Sponsoring Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Event: \_\_\_\_\_ Judge: \_\_\_\_\_ Dog #: \_\_\_\_\_

EXERCISE	FAILING PERFORMANCE	COMMENTS	SCORE
<b>Directed Retrieve</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Dog did not retrieve articles within time.		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Dog leaves the water without retrieving an article.		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Dog did not deliver to hand.		
	<input type="checkbox"/> The dog retrieves the wrong article.		
	<input type="checkbox"/> The dog does not retrieve both articles.		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Handler entered the water.		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Handler touched dog while working.		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Handler touched article before delivery to hand. <input type="checkbox"/> Dog leaves the on shore test area.		
<b>Carry Line Tow Boat</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Dog did not take line.		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Dog did not deliver line within time.		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Handler entered the water.		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Handler touched dog while working.		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Dog leaves the on shore test area. <input type="checkbox"/> Dog left the water before completing the exercise.		
<b>Dive From Height To Rescue A Stranger</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Dog did not complete the exercise within time.		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Dog did not willingly board the boat in a timely manner		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Dog endangered the handler and stewards on the boat		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Dog did not dive from boat in a timely manner		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Dog did not swim directly to the victim <input type="checkbox"/> Dog did not grasp the victim or allow the victim to take hold		
<b>Differentiated Rescue</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Dog did not complete the exercise within time.		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Dog did not take the line		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Dog delivered to the wrong steward		
	<input type="checkbox"/> The life ring, rope & dog were unreachable by victim		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Dog did not tow the victim to wading depth		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Handler entered the water		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Handler touched the dog while working <input type="checkbox"/> Dog left the water before completing the exercise.		
<b>Submerged Retrieve</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> The dog refused to pick up the object		
	<input type="checkbox"/> The dog did not deliver the object to hand		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Handler touched the dog after the start of the exercise		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Dog did not retrieve and deliver the object to hand within time.		
<b>General</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Rough handling		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Uncontrollable		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excessive Restrain		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Endangers a human being		
<b>Comments:</b>			<b>Overall Score</b>







# Newfoundland Dog Club of Canada Shadow Judging Evaluation

\_\_\_\_\_, has completed their shadow judging assignment on

Name

\_\_\_\_\_, at the Water Rescue Dog Tests hosted by \_\_\_\_\_

Date

Regional Club

The preceding test has been discussed and the completed evaluation sheet has been reviewed and in our opinion,

\_\_\_\_\_ is qualified to judge \_\_\_\_\_

Name

Level

tests for the Newfoundland Dog Club of Canada.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Judge's signature

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Name of Regional Club \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Test \_\_\_\_\_ Location \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Address of Judge(s)

Level(s)


Date \_\_\_\_\_

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## NOTES



