

Newfoundland Club of America



**Beginner Draft Dog Test
Draft Dog Test & Team Draft Dog Test
Draft Dog Excellent Test & Team Draft Dog Excellent Test**

**Hosted by the
Newfoundland Club of Florida**



February 1st and 2nd, 2025

**EAGLE FARMS
14116 CARRIE PAULINE LANE
RIVERVIEW, FL 33569**

Judges:

**George Norman – Riverview, FL
Ron Horn – Greenwood Village, CO**

Entries for the Beginner Draft Dog, Draft Dog, Team Draft Dog, Draft Dog Excellent, & Team Draft Dog Excellent tests are limited to a total of 15 per day.

Entries open for NCA Members **Sunday, December 1, 2024** at 9 AM EST
Entries open for non-NCA Members **Wednesday, December 11, 2024** at 9 AM EST
Entries for all tests close on **Wednesday, January 15, 2025** at 11:59 PM EST

**Permission to hold this Draft Test has been granted by
the Working Dog Committee of the
Newfoundland Club of America, Inc. (NCA)**

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Chief Steward.....Jeff Arent

Safety Officers.....Pete Peters* & Donna Viger
* Pete is canine CPR and canine first aid certified.

NEWFFLA Web Site: www.newffla.com

***The committee thanks the Judges, Stewards and Volunteers who generously
donate their time and talents to make these tests a success!***

The NCA Draft Tests

The NCA Draft Tests are series of exercises designed to develop and demonstrate the natural abilities of purebred Newfoundland Dogs. While working in a capacity involving hauling, the dog and handler must demonstrate teamwork skills. The Newfoundland has historically functioned as a draft dog in various capacities, and the performance of these exercises is intended to demonstrate skills resulting both from natural ability and training that are applicable to realistic work situations.

Dogs in all divisions must be willing to work with their handlers, and the exercises must be accomplished efficiently. The goal of each handler is to maintain control while encouraging his/her dog's natural independence; together, they demonstrate teamwork. Since a dog can perform draft work only in cooperation with a person, each handler must demonstrate an understanding of draft work with the dog's ability, training, and equipment.

The NCA Draft Test Regulations is a set of standards by which handlers and Newfoundlands are judged in all divisions of NCA sponsored draft tests. NCA Draft Tests follow AKC policies for Judges, Entrants, and Sportsmanship if not explicitly covered in these regulations. The Regulations are neither a guide on how to train for draft work nor a definition of draft work.

Rules and Regulations

These tests will be held under the NCA Draft Test Regulations for All Divisions revised May 2022, effective July 1, 2022.

Draft Test Regulations can be found in the Working Dog Forms Library of the NCA website at: www.ncadogs.org/forms.html.

Each exhibitor is responsible for providing his/her own draft test equipment, including loads for the freight haul.

Directions to the Test Site

The NCA Draft Tests will be held at **Eagle Farms** in Riverview, Florida (near Tampa) which is the home of NEWFFLA members George and Donna Norman.

**14116 Carrie Pauline Lane
Riverview, Florida 33569**

GPS is the best choice for directions. One option for driving to the test site is as follows: From Interstate 75 and US 60: Go east on US 60 (Brandon Blvd.) approximately 2 miles, turn right on South Kings Avenue, go approximately 3 miles, turn left on Bloomingdale Avenue, turn right on Bell Shoals Road, Bell Shoals Road becomes Boyette Road, Boyette Road will turn to the left, turn right onto Carrie Pauline Lane and end at the test site address.

Acceptance of Entries

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***Exhibitors are encouraged to use the NCA Working Dog online entry system at:
<https://www.ncanews.org/wdc/>***

Entries can also be mailed to Krystle Stamps, NEWFFLA Draft Test Chair, 322 Melton Rd, Elkin, NC 28621-7122. Please make checks payable to NEWFFLA.

Eligibility

NCA Draft Tests are open to purebred Newfoundland dogs of either sex that are at least 18 months of age on the date of the test.

Entry Fees and Limits

The entry fee is \$50 for a single or team entry *per day*. Entries are limited to a total of 15 per day combined across all divisions. Entry slots will be filled according to postmark or online entry date. No fax, email or phone entries will be accepted. In the event entries exceed the daily limit, an alternate list will be maintained. Openings will be filled from the alternate list in postmark order.

Requalifiers will be accepted on a space available basis. Untitled dogs will be given priority even if their entry is postmarked after that of a titled dog.

All entries will be confirmed by email only unless the entrant does not have email.

Entry fees will be refunded under the following circumstances only: entry is cancelled by notifying the test secretary by email or phone prior to the closing date; club cancels the test; or alternate entrant does not receive a testing slot by designated check-in time on the day of the test.

Bitches in Season

Bitches in season may participate in NCA Draft Tests. Bitches in season will be tested at the end of the competition after all male dogs are judged. When not being tested, bitches in season must be contained in a designated area well away from male dogs and the official test areas.

Maneuvering Course and Freight Haul Description

The test site is a rural setting with multi-acre properties, including farm and domestic animals in neighboring areas. The maneuvering course will be in a grassy, partially wooded area with trees, scrubs, fencing, manmade and natural obstacles. The freight haul course will be held on public and private land, with various surfaces including grass, dirt, and gravel. A portion of the haul will be on a public dirt road adjacent to farmland, pasture, and wooded areas with natural distractions and a portion will be in an open field.

Draft Dog Excellent Test Exhibitors

Eleven (11) maneuvers that will be spaced out throughout the 450-yard course with the “Weight Exchange” maneuver near the half-way point of the course. The club-provided freight load for the Weight Exchange exercise will consist of a 30 lb. bag of cat litter approximately 14” W x 22” L x 3” H.



The Drag Away Removable Obstacle is a log approximately 30 inches long with a 3-inch diameter, with two eye hooks, and weighing approximately 17 to 20 pounds.

Spectators and Unentered Dogs

Spectators, as well as well-behaved unentered dogs (except bitches in season), are welcome at the NEWFLA Draft Test. **Unentered dogs will not be permitted near the test site area.** The Safety Officer is responsible for ensuring that all unentered dogs are kept outside and away from the test site. As a courtesy to our Exhibitors, we ask that all dogs be kept quiet and leashed or crated.

No dogs are allowed to be kept in closed vehicles even if the air conditioning is running. If a dog is in a vehicle, the vehicle must have at least one open window, door, or hatchback. The Safety Officer will remind everyone on this policy and will check vehicles in the parking area throughout the day.

Out of Control Dog Policy

Approved NCA Board of Directors – November 11, 2023

At all NCA Events dogs must be kept under control to prevent harm to itself or others. It is the owner/handler's responsibility to ensure their dogs are under control for the duration of the event.

At NCA events dogs must be crated or leashed and collared at all times, except when the dogs are required to perform off leash. When dogs are leashed, the length of the leash must not exceed SIX (6) feet and the leash may NOT be a retractable leash.

Dogs should not be allowed to approach another dog without permission from the other dog's owner/handler.

Any dog that, in the opinion of the judges, event committee or designated safety officer representing the event, appears dangerous, shall be asked to leave the event promptly or be crated for the duration of the event and is excused from further participation in the event. Anyone who witnesses a dog appearing to be dangerous should bring their concerns to the judges, event committee or safety officer. Part of upholding good sportsmanship is to take action through the appropriate channels.

Examples of out of control behavior would include but are not limited to:

Aggressive vocalization such as barking and growling, or aggressive behavior toward any person or animal such as snapping, biting, lunging, charging, attacking or attempting to attack at any time while on the test grounds.

Owners and handlers are responsible for monitoring the well-being and safety of their dog(s). If left unattended the owner/handler must check on them frequently to ensure they are safe.

If the dog is excused from the test grounds for aggression, the automatic grievance policy of the NCA is enacted. If an injury to a dog or person occurs, the AKC Rules Applying to Dog Shows Ch 11, section 15 goes into effect. (References, chapter 2, section 14 in both water and draft regulations)

Safety Rules

Please supervise all dogs carefully

1. Dogs must be crated or leashed at all times.
2. When on leash, the length of the leash must not exceed SIX feet and may NOT be a retractable leash.
3. When on leash, dogs must be under control at all times.
4. Dogs showing uncontrolled or aggressive behavior will be asked by the Chair, Secretary, Committee Member, Safety Officer, Judge, or other official to leave the site promptly or be crated for the duration of the event.

On-site Veterinarian Medical Assistance:

Taylor Vinge, DVM	Pete Peters Canine CPR and Canine First Aid
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Off-site Emergency Veterinarian Medical Assistance:

BluePearl Pet Hospital – Brandon (approx. 10 miles from test site) 607 Lumsden Professional Ct, Brandon, FL 33511 Phone: (813) 571-3303 Emergency Hours: 24/7	Animal Emergency Clinic of Brandon (approx. 10 miles from test site) 693 W. Lumsden Rd. Brandon, FL 33511 Phone: (813) 829-1990 Hours: Evenings and Weekends
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Silent Auction/Raffle at the Draft Test

There will be a Silent Auction/Raffle at the Draft Test to include Newfie items you are sure to love. The proceeds will help cover the costs of the Draft Test.

**** Thanks to all who have donated these incredible items! ****

T-Shirt Orders

Judges, Exhibitors and Stewards will be provided a complimentary T-Shirt. A separate order form will be provided to order T-Shirts for those interested.

Hotels and RV Campground Options

There are numerous hotels, campgrounds, VRBO and Airbnb pet friendly accommodations in the Riverview, Brandon and Tampa area. Please contact any of the committee members for specific recommendations.

Pizza Dinner Saturday Night - February 1, 2025

Please join us after the tests on Saturday night for pizza dinner* at the test site.
\$10 per person

Exact time to be confirmed/announced on Saturday morning.
Dinner will commence with the completion of all Draft Test Divisions.

* Please advise a committee member if there are any dietary restrictions.

NCA Preliminary Draft Test Schedule for Saturday 2/1/2025

Test Division Order:

- 1. Draft Dog Division**
- 2. Team Draft Dog Division**
- 3. Beginner Draft Dog Division**
- 4. Draft Dog Excellent Division**
- 5. Team Draft Dog Excellent Division**

6:45 AM - 7:00 AM: Judges, Committee, Stewards, and Exhibitors arrive.

The hospitality table opens, and complimentary breakfast pastries, juice and coffee will be available each morning starting at 7:00 AM.

7:00 AM - 7:30 AM: **All*** Draft Test Exhibitors must check-in with the Draft Test Secretary and sign test forms.

7:40 AM - 8:10 AM: DD and TDD course familiarization and walkthrough.

Exhibitors may walk the course with their dogs on lead, but not hitched. (Note: Exhibitors will not be permitted to walk the course after this 30-minute time period).

8:10 AM - 8:20 AM: Draft Test Exhibitor questions and Judges' instructions.

8:20 AM - 8:30 AM: Draft Test Stewards meet with Judges for instructions.

8:30 AM: DD and TDD Test begins.

Lunch:** Timing of lunch will be at the Judges' discretion.

Awards: Following test completions.

The BDD test will begin 15 minutes after the DD and TDD tests are complete. It will proceed with a course familiarization, walkthrough, and Judge's briefing for the BDD Draft Test Exhibitors, followed by the Stewards briefing and then the start of the BDD test.

The DDX and TDDX tests will begin 15 minutes after the BDD test is complete. It will proceed with a course familiarization, walkthrough, and Judge's briefing for the DDX and TDDX Draft Test Exhibitors, followed by the Stewards briefing and then the start of the DDX and TDDX tests.

*** NOTE:** If an Exhibitor is not present within 30 minutes of the start of check-in time, an Exhibitor from the alternate list will be assigned the absent Exhibitor's position.

**** NOTE:** Complimentary picnic lunch will be provided for Judges, Stewards, and Exhibitors. Spectators and other attendees may also participate in the picnic lunch for \$10.00. Please advise a committee member if there are any dietary restrictions.

NCA Preliminary Draft Test Schedule for Sunday 2/2/2025

Test Division Order:

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- 2. Team Draft Dog Excellent Division**
- 3. Beginner Draft Dog Division**
- 4. Draft Dog Division**
- 5. Team Draft Dog Division**

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NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB OF AMERICA WORKING TEST ENTRY

Test Location: _____

Test Giving Club: _____

CLASS	REQUAL	DATE 1	DATE 2	DATE 3

ENTER WD, WRD, WRDX, BDD, DD, TDD, DDX OR TDDX UNDER CLASS

Entries close at: _____ am/pm, On: _____. Entries postmarked before _____ (NCA Members) or _____ (non NCA-Members) will be returned.

Entries must be received by the test secretary, by mail, by the closing date and time.

Entries not received by the closing date and time will not be accepted even if postmarked before this date!

Send entries with \$_____ Entry fee payable to: _____

Return entries to the Test Secretary: _____

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY:

****Information on this form will be use for record keeping and to generate a certificate of qualification should the dog and handler pass. (Only AKC, NCA & CKC titles are allowed)**

Attach a current copy of this dog's AKC Registration

Owner's Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Full Name of Dog: _____

AKC/ CKC/ ILP/PAL# _____ Date of Birth: _____ Sex: _____

Sire: _____

Dam: _____

Breeder (s): _____
_____ Call Name: _____

Handler's Name: _____

****Entry Form Must Be Signed To Be A Valid Entry**

**** I understand that I enter my dog in this NCA Working Test at my own risk.**

I have read the Test Regulations and understand them. I agree to abide by the Test Regulations, the NCA Constitution and By-Laws and further agree to be bound by the Entry Agreement included in the premium for this test.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

(Signature of Owner/ Agent duly authorized make this entry)

Day Phone: () _____ Home Phone: () _____

E-Mail: _____ NCA MEMBER: _____ YES _____ NO

NCA WORKING EVENT AGREEMENT

I (we) acknowledge that the NCA test regulations have been made available to me (us) and that I am (we are) familiar with their contents. I (we) agree that the club holding this event has the right to refuse this entry for cause which the club shall deem to be sufficient. I (we) agree that I(we) will uphold the AKC Code of Sportsmanship, the NCA Code of Ethics, and (if applicable) the NCA Judges Code of Ethics. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry and of the holding of this event and of the opportunity to have the dog judged and to win ribbons or trophies, I (we) agree to hold this club, its members, directors, governors, officers, agents, superintendents, or test secretary and the owner or lessor of the premises or grounds and the employees 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 or thing by the act of this dog while in or upon the test premises or grounds or near any entrance thereto, and I (we) personally assume all responsibility and liability for such claim; and I (we) further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim or loss of the dog by disappearance, theft, damage or injury, be caused or alleged to be caused by the negligence of the club or any of the parties aforementioned, or by the negligence of any other person or any other causes. I (we) agree that any violation of the AKC Code of Sportsmanship, the NCA Code of Ethics and/or the Judges Code of Ethics will be handled pursuant to the Grievance policies listed on the NCA website.

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 therefrom, sustained by any person or persons, including myself (ourselves) or on account of damage to property, or my vehicle arising out of or in consequence of my (our) participation in this test, howsoever such injuries, death or damage to property may be caused, and whether or not the 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 other persons.

I agree to grant to this club, and its authorized representatives permission to record on photography film and/or video, pictures of my participation. I further agree that any or all of the material photographed may be used, in any form, as part of any future publications, brochure, or other printed materials used to promote NCA or the regional club, and further that such use shall be without payment of fees, royalties, special credit or other compensation.

- The Newfoundland Club of America, this regional club, its members, directors, governors, officers, agents, superintendents, test committee, reserves the right to remove any animal in distress from a parked car or crate, and all persons attending this dog event hereby waive any claim for damages against the club for such removal. I understand that exposing a dog to an unsafe environment, distress, or harm's way is considered mistreatment and subject to appropriate discipline.

Signature: _____