

PWDCNC Water Practice Guidelines
2009 Season FAQ

Q: When can I sign up for Water Practice?

A: You may sign up on Sunday, May 17th at Shadow Cliffs Regional Park during the PWDCNC Club Picnic. Sign-ups will be first-come, first-served immediately following the Water Demonstration at 1:00 pm. If you cannot attend the Picnic, you may sign up by mail beginning on Monday May 18th by sending a registration form and payment to Karen Pratt, 249 Summerford Cir, San Ramon, CA 9458. Registration forms will be available at www.pwdcnc.org on Sunday, May 17th.

Q: When are the practice sessions this year?

A: Practices will be on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from June 2nd through August 19th. Crews will be either Morning (9:30 am – 2:30 pm) or Evening (1:30 pm – 6:30 pm).

Q: How much will each practice slot cost?

A: \$60 for each 30 minute slot for the regular season.

Q: Where will the practices be held?

A: All practices are held at Shadow Cliffs Regional Park in Pleasanton, CA near the Boat Rental. Entry fees to the park are \$6 with no in-and-out privileges. Annual memberships may be obtained at the park kiosk. For more information about the park, please visit http://www.ebparks.org/parks/shadow_cliffs

Q: I heard that the time commitment for Water Practice is pretty huge. What exactly is the commitment?

A: You must be able to come to your assigned practice time every week during the session, for a total of 60 hours during the season. Each practice time will be 5 hours per week. Each dog/handler team will be allowed 30 minutes of time working in the water with the boats during the practice time. When it is not your turn, you are expected to help other members by setting up or tearing down the practice site, holding boats, stewarding, and “judging.”

Q: What if I can't commit to 5 hours every week?

A: You may sign up to be on the Water Practice email list by sending an email to Kathleen Jose at kathleenjose@comcast.net and watch for drop-in slots. Drop-in slots will be available only if a regular team is not available to attend. It is up to the person owning the slot to determine to whom they will give their slot. The time commitment for a drop-in slot is 5 hours, as you are a replacement for the person that is giving up the slot.

Q: Who is allowed to be at practice?

A: Anyone is welcome to attend a practice. However, only PWDCNC members in good standing are eligible to sign up for water practice slots and be the primary handler. Handlers must be a minimum of 10 years old, per PWDCNC rules. To become a member of the PWDCNC, please send a membership application to Sandy Holden. Information is available on the website at www.pwdcnc.org

Q: What am I supposed to do with my dog if I'm in the water helping?

A: Your dog should be contained in a crate or ex-pen. It tends to get hot during the season; please plan accordingly and bring plenty of water. Ample shade is available near the beach.

Q: I don't see my question answered here. Who should I contact?

A: Karen Pratt via email at mom2pwd@yahoo.com or by phone at 925-858-9302.