

HCNC's New Event for July Water Work!

VETERAN WATER DOG

A purely fun competition for those dogs 7 years of age and older. Veteran Water Dog will begin on Saturday following the close of the NCA Water Test. Your entry for this event is separate from entry into the water test. Newfs not entered in the test are welcome to register for this event. Decision of the judges will be final. Dog and handler will perform 5 exercises described below. Order of exercises will be determined by random draw just prior to the test. Dogs over 9 years can "opt out" of one exercise. A passing performance requires passing all the following exercises.

1. Veteran Directed Retrieve. Just like the Senior double retrieve exercise, only dog will get one object only as determined by the judge.
2. Modified Retrieve an Oar. Owner is rowed to 50 ft out while dog waits on shore, held loosely by steward. Owner calls dog to boat, tosses oar toward dog, dog must return the oar to the boat either back to the owner or the boat steward and deliver to hand.
3. Take A Line. Just like Junior Take a Line, except the drowner will be 75 feet from shore.
4. Retrieve an Abandoned Boat. Boat will be rowed to 50 feet from shore, and the bumper will be placed where the dog can see it. The dog will be sent to retrieve the abandoned boat.
5. Rescue. The boat and owner will be rowed to 50 feet from shore. The owner will disembark from the boat and position himself toward the front of the boat on the far side from the dog. The owner can peek out from behind the boat to call the dog, and stay there in sight of the dog but holding on to the boat until the dog rescues the owner and brings him back to shore.