

PNWPWDC 2016 Agility Fun Day – Workshops and Fun Runs

Does your PWD fly through the air with the greatest of ease? Channel that energy into the great dog sport of agility!

Date: Saturday, Oct. 8, 2016

**Location: The Sliger family property (address and directions provided prior to event)
Port Orchard, WA**

Profits from this event will go to the PWD Foundation, which is dedicated to funding canine medical research focused on issues that affect the health and well-being of Portuguese Water Dogs.

Who Should Participate

We've got something for **EVERYONE**, from the complete novice who knows absolutely nothing about agility to those who enjoy running international level courses. Any healthy dogs or puppies may participate. Young dogs and puppies will not be jumping or doing some activities, since their growth plates have not yet closed; however, they will still get a great introduction to agility and some equipment. This is a PWD event, but we will allow the non-PWDs in the family to participate, if space is available.

To Sign Up for the Workshop or Fun Run

Either fill out the pdf/fillable forms online, print and mail to Kimberley Hart with a check or pay online with PayPal and email completed form and waiver to Kimberley Hart. Day of entry allowed for fun run. **Prior registration for dogs participating in the workshop is required to allow us to plan. Registration closes Friday, Sept. 30.**

Auditors and pot luck participants who aren't running a dog, please notify Kimberley Hart by email, so that we know to expect you.

Tentative Schedule

(Note: Schedule could vary somewhat based on participant numbers. If we get lots of demand for some items and not for others, we may change the schedule slightly. Final schedules will be emailed to participants.)

8:30 – 9:00 Workshop check in/getting yourself set up.

9:00 – 11:00 New agility team workshop.

First, learn how to do some basic handling moves using an experienced agility dog. Then, we'll start working with you and your dog or puppy to learn some of the skills that will be required to get started in agility. We will introduce some beginning agility equipment like the tunnel and chute. Our goal is for you and your dog to be smiling at the end! This workshop is for dogs who have not started competing in agility, and will be geared to inexperienced handlers as well. We may adjust topics depending on experience level and age of participating teams.

11:00 – 12:30 Novice/Open level fun run

We'll have a novice/open level course set up. You do not need to be competing to participate, but please do not put dogs on equipment that they have not been trained to do. Feel free to break it down and just do part of the course. If you would like suggestions or input, please feel free to ask one of the experienced handlers. We will provide as much or as little input as you would like.

12:30 – 1:30 Lunch and socializing (We'll need help building the next courses!)

We'll provide meat and vegetarian main course and salad, please bring a side dish to share and beverage, if you wish.

1:30 – 4:30 Master's/International level fun run

Let's stretch ourselves with some challenging courses. If you are willing to help rebuild, we can do a couple! Let's work as a team to explore various options and have great collaborative conversations. We are open to course suggestions.

All participants are welcome to watch the other sections of the fun day. Stay to cheer on the dogs during the fun match, and grab a bite to eat at the pot-luck lunch.

Costs: Workshop cost for each participating team is \$25 for PNWPWDC members, \$30 for non-members. Workshop auditor cost (no dog) is \$10/person.

Fun Run cost is \$5.00 per run. Sign up for as many runs as you would like. If we have lots of participation, we will make sure that all have equal opportunity to run. Day of entry allowed.

Profits from the event will go to the PWD Foundation. Those who are only attending the lunch are encouraged to donate to the PWD foundation.

Questions:

For any questions, please contact event organizer, Kimberley Hart at alan.kimberley@live.com.

About your hosts:

Rebecca Sliger has been running agility since 2005. She started in agility with her PWD, Lucy. Lucy is now 12.5 years old and retired. Lucy earned 5 MACHs and a PACH, as well as numerous other AKC and NADAC agility titles. In her younger days, she was on Team PWD at the AKC Agility Invitational for three years, participated in the National Agility Championships twice and was Bad Dog Agility's fastest 16 Preferred PWD just before she retired. Rebecca is now trialing with her 3 year old Pumi, Ewok. They have very different strengths, and she and Ewok are still developing as a team. While running Lucy was like dancing with an old friend, running with Ewok is like a rollercoaster ride!

Dave Sliger and his PWD, ZaQ, are well known agility regulars. ZaQ is seven years old. He has 3 MACHs, was on Team PWD at the AKC Agility Invitational in 2014 and has participated in the National Agility Championship twice. His great combination of speed and consistency has led to numerous High in Trial Group Awards, including one at the AKC Invitational. Dave also has an 8 month old BC, Joule, who is just learning some preliminary agility skills.

Registration instructions

To Register for the workshop as a working team: Complete and sign the entry form and waiver, and either email the form and pay via PayPal or mail registration and payment to Kimberley Hart, the event secretary. You may bring more than one dog, but please plan to work only one dog at a time.

Auditors: Unlimited auditors. Please email Kimberley Hart to let us know that you will be participating.

Dogs on leash: Please keep all dogs on leash when not crated or in your car unless they are participating in an event. There are many dogs who are not comfortable with other dogs coming to greet them.

Site information: The Agility field is outdoors, so bring a pop up tent if you have one in case of light rain or sun (there is shade). There is an indoor training room for the workshop if needed, although we are planning to hold the workshop outdoors if weather permits. The potluck will be indoors if needed, outdoors if possible. There is an outdoor tub and hose with hot/cold running water to wash your dog off before heading home if needed.

New Agility Team Participant Workshop Registration form:

**Mail to: Kimberley Hart
20217 NE 163rd St**

Woodinville, WA 98077

Handler's name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone Number: _____

Dog's call name: _____ How old is your dog? _____

Is your dog a PWD? (Priority to PWDs) _____

What is your level of experience with agility? (Check all that apply):

_____ Heard of it/seen it on video

_____ Been to an agility trial

_____ Taken a few classes with this dog

_____ Have trained/and or competed with a different dog.

_____ Other (Please explain)

Have you done any other training? (Check all that apply. None is fine.)

_____ Puppy kindergarten/basic manners

_____ Obedience or rally (Level? _____)

_____ Nosework or tracking (Level? _____)

_____ Water work (Level? _____)

_____ Have trained/and or competed in non-agility events with a different dog.

_____ Other (Please explain)

Payment by check or via PayPal: PNWPWDC member \$25.00 _____ Non Member \$30.00 _____

Auditor (no dog) \$10.00 _____

Please let us anything else that you think might be relevant. Do you have specific goals, or just checking agility out?

(Note if you are competing in agility with this dog, please sign up for the Novice/Open fun run instead. We can still make handling and training suggestions there, if you would like, but you are too advanced for this workshop.

Fun Run Participant Registration:

**Mail to: Kimberley Hart
20217 Ne 163rd St
Woodinville, WA 98077**

Handler's name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone Number _____

Dog's call name: _____

How old is your dog? _____

Is your dog a PWD? (Priority to PWDs) _____

Which fun run session are you signing up for?

_____ Novice/Open

_____ Master's/International

Cost is \$5.00 per run. Don't pay now—pay on day of the Fun Run. The more runs you have, the more we can donate! Day of entry allowed. Payment by cash or check.

At what level are you competing with this dog? (Approximate if participating in non-AKC agility events):

_____ Pre-novice – training but haven't trialed yet

_____ Novice

_____ Open

_____ Excellent/Master's

_____ Premiere/International

Please let us anything else that you think might be relevant. Thoughts? Suggestions? Questions?

WAIVER TO PARTICIPATE (to be signed by all who attend)

I (we) agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the Pacific Northwest Portuguese Water Dog Club in effect at the time of this event and the owners of the property, Dave and Rebecca Sliger, and any additional rules and regulations appearing on the registration form and any decision made in accord with them. I (we) agree that the club holding this event has the right to refuse this entry for cause which the club shall deem sufficient. I (we) certify and represent that the dog entered is not a hazard to persons or other dogs. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry and of the holding of this event I (we) agree to hold the event-giving club, their members, directors, governors, officers, agents, superintendents or event secretary and the owner of the premises and any provider of services that are necessary to hold this event and any volunteers of the aforementioned parties, and any person helping at this event, 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 about the event premises or grounds or near any entrance thereto, and I (we) personally assume all responsibility and liability for any such claim; and I (we) further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim for loss, injury or damage to this dog. Additionally, I (we) hereby assume the sole responsibility for and agree to indemnify, defend 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, arising out of or in consequence of my (our) participation in this event, however such, injuries, death or property damage may be caused, and whether or not the same may have been caused or may be alleged to have been caused by the negligence of the aforementioned parties or any of their employees, agents, or any other person. I (WE) AGREE THAT ANY CAUSE OF ACTION, CONTROVERSY OR CLAIM ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO THE ENTRY, EXHIBITION OR ATTENDANCE AT THE EVENT BETWEEN THE PNWPWDC, THE SLIGERS AND MYSELF (OURSELVES) OR AS TO THE CONSTRUCTION, INTERPRETATION AND EFFECT OF THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE SETTLED BY ARBITRATION PURSUANT TO THE APPLICABLE RULES OF THE AMERICAN ARBITRATION ASSOCIATION.

Signature of Owner _____ Date _____

Printed Name of Owner _____ Date _____