

## **PUTTING ON A PCA WC / WCX TEST**

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The application for holding a PCA WC/WCX test must be received by the PCA WC/WCX chairperson at least 120 days before the test. In order to meet that deadline, planning for the event must take place well before that time. A timeline is provided with a more detailed narrative following the timeline for the various things that need to be done, as well as forms for you to use. The forms are also available for you to download from the PCA website.

PCA allows the club to decide if their test will be open to other breeds. Your club may allow other breeds. If you have Golden or Flatcoat Retrievers who wish to enter you must contact their parent club even earlier than PCA requirements as they have a longer time frame and a more difficult approval process.

## TIMELINE and CHECKLIST

TIMEFRAME	ITEM	INITIAL WHEN COMPLETED
STAGE ONE  5-6 months before test	pick a test date	
	pick a location and obtain permission from landowner	
	select test committee	
	contact 2 judges and see if they're available for your test and willing to judge	
	fill out PCA test application and mail	
STAGE TWO  4-5 months before test	determine all applicable laws pertaining to a test	
	contact enforcement officer or other agency to obtain any necessary permits	
STAGE THREE  after receiving PCA approval, 3-4 months before test	obtain photographer*	
	obtain veterinarian or nearest emergency vet clinic	
	get certificate of insurance from club treasurer for land owner	
	hire 2 judges after receiving PCA approval for test	
	get list of nearby motels that accept dogs*	
	find out if there are places / facilities for motorhomes*	
	make arrangements to borrow/rent wingers, blinds, shotguns, gun stands, a duck dryer, etc.	
	do premium list and announce it	
	make preliminary contact to order birds	
	make initial list of volunteers	
if you are having any food catered, book services*		
STAGE FOUR  3-4 months before test	order rosettes**	
	order duck bands**	
	contact sponsors for donations	
STAGE FIVE  1 month before test	contact bird supplier to remind them about test and approximate number	
	make motel reservation for the judges	
	contact landowner	
	order supplies	
	order portajohn if required	
	start working on catalog**	
STAGE SIX 10 days before test	make final bird order and arrangements for them to be delivered	
STAGE SEVEN  1 week before test	do drawing for running order—email to entrants and post on website	
	make sure you have a test dog available	
	make score sheets for the judges	
	make copies of the Judges Evaluation	
	make copies of the Club Evaluation	

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TIMEFRAME	ITEM	INITIAL WHEN COMPLETED
	make copies of the Rules and Guidelines to have available to hand out	
	make copies of the rules/guidelines for spectators*	
	complete catalog and make copies if used**	
	pre-print labels for rosettes*	
	gather all food and supplies	
STAGE EIGHT	make sure portajohn is delivered if needed	
	make sure birds are delivered and in a safe place with shade, food, and water	
day before the test	make sure equipment is on site	
	set up tents, tables, and coolers for food*	
	make sure rosettes, duck bands, and supplies are on site if used	
	work with judges on selecting land and water areas	
	put drinks in coolers with ice—leave some coolers where food will be served but make sure there is a cooler with drinks for the judges and at both blinds	
	post running order	
	make sure both blinds have a duck call, ducks, gun & ammo	
	give judges clipboards and a pen with a score sheet for each dog in running order, Rules & Guidelines for WC/WCX	
STAGE NINE	Completion of test, mark 2 catalogs with the judges and have them sign (you keep one and the other goes to the PCA WC/X chairperson) or have the judges sign the entry forms of the dogs that passed.	
day of test	give the judges the forms for evaluating the club	
	put labels on rosettes for those who qualified and give out rosettes, bands, and any other prizes if used	
	get a group picture of all qualifiers*	
	make sure grounds are in as good as, or better, condition than when you arrived	
STAGE TEN	complete the form for evaluating the judges	
after the test	mail a copy of the marked catalog or the Judges signed entry forms of all dogs that passed and the evaluation of the judges to the PCA WC/X chairperson	

\*optional

\*\*optional but highly recommended

## DETAILED DESCRIPTION

### **STAGE ONE:** 5 to 6 months before test

Obviously one of the first steps is to pick a test date. You may have to select 2-3 dates in order to find a site, volunteers, and judges for the test.

In some cases, finding a site is the hardest part. The site must have plenty of land and an adequate pond. Grass should be field grass, not yard grass. Cover for the WC test should be several inches tall while cover for the WCX test should be taller, although not considerably taller. This should be a very large field (at least 100 yards x 100 yards) with no traffic. The pond should be set up to discourage bank running, and neither too big or too small (you'll have to use your own experience with this, as there is no set size). The water should preferably be deep enough to require dogs to swim. If you are allowing WC/X dogs to enter Stakes (if you're doing Stakes), or if you're doing a training day, it is preferable that you have at least 2 ponds and enough land that you do not use the same ponds and land for the test. If the judges are familiar with the site, find out which they prefer to use for the test and use the other pond and a different field for the training day. Rules and Guidelines for WC/WCX Tests state that "Although not desirable, practice days may be held the day prior to the test on the same land/water on which the test will be conducted".

Contact the landowner and obtain permission to use the site for the test date. Written permission outlining what the landowner needs to know and what the club will do to make sure the site is left in as good or better condition than before the test. It is also necessary to make sure a test will be permitted on that site by local zoning ordinances in some cases.

You will also need 4-6 people to serve on the test committee. These people must be willing to commit to the proposed date well in advance, as they must be at the test. Their names go on the test application, which must be received by PCA at least 120 days before the test.

PCA requires 2 judges. One judge should have judged at least one licensed AKC or UKC-HRC Hunt Test or Retriever Breed Club WC/WCX test. The other judge must have titled a dog in Seasoned, Senior or higher and have earned a WCX title. They must be named on the application, along with their credentials. If they are AKC judges, you can get their past judging assignments by going to <http://www.akc.org>. In the Judges Directory, look up the judge and then click on Past Assignments.

Once these items have been secured you are ready to complete the application and mail it to the PCA WC/WCX chairperson (name and address is on the PCA website at [www.poodleclubofamerica.com](http://www.poodleclubofamerica.com)).

Get a copy of the AKC's Retriever Hunting Test Procedure Manual and read through it. It has good descriptions of the responsibilities of various positions.

### **STAGE TWO:** 4 to 5 months before test

While waiting for PCA approval, contact the Wildlife Commission or other applicable government bureau in your state to determine what laws will affect the test. Some states do not require hunting licenses for this type of event, others do. Some will require you to obtain a field trial permit or other permit in order to hold the test, or to allow out-of-state hunting licenses. Some states require the gunners, throwers, and everyone working at the test to have hunting licenses. Some also require the owners of the dogs, not just handler, to have a hunting license. Talk to several different officials, particularly the enforcement officer(s) in the county where the test will be held, to make sure you have a thorough understanding of

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what is required by your club and participants. You certainly don't want to have your participants receive a hefty fine for not having the appropriate license for your area.

### **STAGE THREE:** 3 to 4 months before test

As soon as you receive PCA approval, obtain the services of a photographer for the date. Most are booked well in advance for events.

Find a local veterinarian who is willing to be on call that day, although they do not have to be present at the test or the nearest emergency vet clinic. You will also need to find the nearest hospital or medical facility that will be open in case of emergency.

Now that the test date and location have been approved, have your club treasurer get a Certificate of Insurance for the test site and date and have it sent to the landowner. Confirm the dates with your judges and find out if they have any food or drink preferences or if there is anything they can't or don't eat or drink.

Send letters to your judges (sample in the forms after this section) confirming the dates and locations. Include a copy of the Rules and Guidelines for WC/WCX Tests.

This is a good time to make a preliminary contact about ordering birds for the test. Give the person the test date and an approximate number and types of birds that will be needed. PCA prefers that ducks be used for land and water. Smaller ducks can be used for the smaller dogs, although there is no requirement to do so. Upland game birds can be used for land if necessary. PCA Guidelines say to have 2 birds per entry (1 for land and 1 for water). You may not use all of them, though, so have a plan on what to do with any live birds at the end of the test (perhaps have the Game Marshall kill them and sell them at cost). Tell the supplier you will touch base about a month before the test, then again about a week before the test, but be sure to get on their calendar so they will have plenty of birds available.

If you are having food catered, contact them now and reserve their services for that date. You will probably need to provide lunches for workers and participants, and definitely for judges, so have a plan in mind.

You will need to have wingers for the test if at all possible, blinds, a duck dryer, duck bags or buckets(3), and shotguns and ammo. Gun stands are nice but not required. You may be able to borrow or rent these from a local retriever or hunt club. Make arrangements for this now so you don't have to worry about locating them.

You also need to start lining up volunteers. Make sure if your state requires it that they have, or can get, hunting licenses. In many states you simply have to go purchase one, but in others a class is required. Make sure they have adequate time to do this if they want to help. Be sure to find someone with the knowledge, experience, and willingness to humanely kill the birds.

You will also need to put together your premium list at this time and get it out. Find out what motels are close by, and if they accept dogs. You will need to put the motels with their phone numbers in the premium list. (optional) Find out if motorhomes are allowed at the test site. If so, how many will be allowed and are hook-ups available? If they are not allowed on the site, is there a campground or somewhere else close that they can park? Is there a fee? Include all this information in the premium list. (optional)

The premium list should contain:

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- the address, date, and time that entries close
- the name of the host club
- the type of test
- the test date
- the test location
- the date, time, and location of the drawing for the running order
- if other breeds will be tested
- the club officers
- the names of the test committee
- the name, address, phone number, and email address of the test chair and secretary
- the names and addresses of the judges
- the names of the Chief Marshall, Assistant Marshall, and the Game Marshall
- the name, phone number, email address, and website of the photographer(optional)
- the types of birds that will be used
- prizes
- information regarding bitches in season, injured dogs, and refunds
- the location of the test headquarters
- Guidelines (dogs must be on leash or confined when not running, electronic collars are not permitted, exercise dogs away from test location and pick up after your dogs, park where directed, bring water for your dog and shade, etc.)
- a statement that it is vital that the grounds be left in the same, or better, condition than when the test started and that everyone is responsible for making sure this happens
- any special events such as Poodle Stakes and a description
- Spectator information (wear dark clothing, park only where directed, no dogs in the gallery, bring a chair, place chairs where instructed by the Marshall
- information regarding hunting licenses with a statement that your club will not be liable for anyone who does not have the required license(s)
- directions
- information regarding the availability of food and drinks
- dog and human emergency information (veterinarian, hospital, etc.)
- motels(optional)
- motorhome information(optional)
- entry forms for Poodle Stakes or other special events
- entry forms for the WC/WCX test

An entry form is at the end of this section with other forms you will need for the test. It can also be downloaded from the PCA website and the appropriate spaces filled in (the top section) to put in your premium list. If you are allowing other breeds, delete "Poodle" under Breed.

Send copies of the premium list to all club members and others in the area with Poodles. Even if not entered, they may come to watch. Post the premium list on your club's website, and announce that it has been posted on the HuntingPoodle email list and any other Poodle lists. Tell everyone you run across with a Poodle about the test.

**STAGE FOUR:** 3 to 4 months before test

You need to pre-order ribbons or rosettes at this time.(optional but highly recommended) They can be ordered from Hodges Badge Company at <http://www.hodgesbadge.com> or 800-556-2440. Since this is not an AKC event, they do not have to be dated so any that are not used can be used at your next test. You will need to submit your club logo to them if your club does not already use them for their shows. Hodges Badge has camo ribbon in green or brown. Poodle Clubs have used the standard AKC obedience qualifying green for WC with green camo side streamers, and dark green for WCX with green camo side streamers.

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Duck bands are traditionally given to everyone who passes a test. These can be ordered in a variety of colors from National Band and Tag. Their website is <http://www.nationalband.com> and their phone number is 859-261-2035. You want to order size 18. The bands can/should be engraved with your club's name. This company only does the engraving app. once a month, so be sure to order well in advance of your test.(optional)

It may be a good idea for your club to get some sponsors for your test. Dog food companies may be willing to donate treats or other items that can be used as prizes. Smaller companies may be willing to donate an item or two than can be used as a raffle item. You can do raffles for qualifiers, workers, anyone entered, or anything else.

**STAGE FIVE:** 1 month before test

Contact your bird supplier about a month before the test to remind them of the date and the approximate number of birds that will be needed. Tell them you will contact them again one week before the test to make the final order.

Contact the landowner to remind them of the date and make sure all arrangements are made.

Contact a portajohn company and reserve one for your test date if needed.

Make the motel reservation for the judges if needed.

Order your supplies now so that they have plenty of time to get to you. Club members may have some of these items, or you can purchase them to make a kit for future tests. You will need:

- ammo
- ear plugs (at least 1 set for every gunner and every thrower)
- safety glasses (at least 2 pair)
- 2 duck calls on lanyards
- a whistle on a lanyard at the holding blind is a nice touch in case someone's whistle doesn't work
- judge's gifts if you are doing this (highly recommended)

You can start working on your catalog now so that you only have to enter the dog's information in running order after the closing date. The catalog should contain:

- name of club
- type of test (Working Certificate and Working Certificate Excellent)
- date
- location
- notices and guidelines including
  - a. dogs must be on leash or confined when not running in the test
  - b. non-entered dogs must be kept away from, and out of sight of, the tests as they are being run and can not be in the gallery area
  - c. electronic collars are not permitted
  - d. exercise your dog away from the test location and away from areas likely to have foot traffic
  - e. clean up after your dog
  - f. please park or drive only where directed by the test committee
- officers of the club
- test committee
- test secretary and chairperson
- judges
- judges for Poodle Stakes or other event, if applicable
- chief marshal, assistant marshal, game marshal
- chief steward and gun captain
- gunners and throwers

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- hospitality chair and committee
- equipment manager
- any other volunteers
- photographer(optional)
- prizes
- information regarding hunting licenses
- start time
- type of birds
- test headquarters
- bitches in season and injured dogs information and information regarding refunds
- This test is open to all AKC registered poodles. PCA Rules and Guidelines for WC/WCX Tests will be used. They are available online at <http://www.poodleclubofamerica.org>. The Poodle Stakes is a non-regular class and is open to all varieties and to all Poodles 8 weeks old and older."
- spectator information from the premium list
- emergency information for dogs and people
- sponsors and supporters (including the club loaning you equipment, if applicable)
- PCA Rules and Guidelines for WC/WCX Tests can be put in for spectator information—be sure to note that they are printed with permission of PCA and give the PCA website
- PCA Medallion information can be used, noting it is printed with permission of PCA and giving the PCA website
- for each dog entered, provide:
  - a. number (from running order draw)
  - b. registered name
  - c. registration number
  - d. call name
  - e. sex
  - f. date of birth
  - g. variety
  - h. sire
  - i. dam
  - j. breeder
  - k. owner
  - l. owner's address
- the last page should have:
  - a. Judge's Certification  
I certify that \_\_\_\_\_ dogs passed this Working Certificate test and \_\_\_\_\_ dogs passed the Working Certificate Excellent Test and that the above information identifying these dogs was entered prior to my signing this page.  
(a line should be provided for each judge to sign)

**STAGE SIX:** 10 days before test

Make the final bird order and make arrangements for them to be delivered or picked up.

**STAGE SEVEN:** 7 days before test

Do the drawing for the running order at the date, time, and location given in the premium list. Email the running order to everyone entered and post on your club's website. Make sure you have a test dog available.

Complete the catalog and make copies as soon as possible. Allow 1 for each entry, 1 for each judge, 1 for PCA, 1 for the club, 1 for each worker, and at least 15 for spectators.

Optional: Get the Avery 1/2" x 1 3/4" labels (#18167). An email address is on their instruction sheet. Email them and ask for a template for 18167 (follow the directions on how to do this on

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the instruction sheet). Using the template, put each dog's call name, the date of the test, and either WC or WCX depending on which it was entered in (if it was entered in both, make a label for each test). You will put these on the back of the rosettes before you hand them out to the qualifiers.

Prepare a score sheet for each dog. Make at least 3 copies—1 for each judge and a spare set.

Make copies of the forms for the judges to evaluate the club and the club to evaluate the judges. Also make copies to the Test Rules and Guidelines to have available as handouts at the test.

OPTIONAL: Make copies of the rules/guidelines for spectators to hand out as they arrive so they know where they can go, where their dogs can go, etc.

Gather the food, drinks, and other supplies now. A checklist is provided after the timeline below.

#### **STAGE EIGHT:** 1 day before test

Make sure the portajohn is delivered and put where you want it.

Make sure the birds are delivered and have shelter, food, and water. Ducks will need to be kept wet somehow.

Make sure the wingers, blinds, guns, duck dryer, etc. are all on site.

Set up tables, tents, and coolers for food. Drinks can be put on ice so they will be cold for the test.

Make sure rosettes, duck bands, prizes, and other supplies are on site.

Work with the judges on selecting the land and direction for land and water retrievers. Make sure the test is fair but not overly easy. Remind the judges that many entrants are novice dogs and handlers. Have them remind handlers not to touch the dog until after they have the bird.

#### **STAGE NINE:** Test day

Be sure you have a small cooler of drinks for the judges and one in each blind. Bring a larger cooler down to the test area for the gallery.

Post the running order. Make sure the Chief Marshall and Assistant Marshall also have copies of the running order and/or a catalog.

Give the judges a clipboard and pen, with the score sheets in running order. Also in their packet give them another copy of the PCA Rules and Guidelines for WC/WCX Tests.

Make sure each blind has a duck call, ducks, a gun, and poppers. A whistle at the holding blind in case someone's doesn't work is not necessary but a nice touch.

If using a catalog, after the test, go through the catalog with the judges and mark those who passed, failed, and were absent. Mark 2 catalogs and have both judges sign the Judges Certification on the last page. If using entry forms, mark each entry form with a "**pass**" for the dogs that were passed and have each judge sign the form.

Give the judges the forms for evaluating the club with a SASE. They can give them back to you or can mail them to the PCA WC/WCX Chairperson.

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Put the labels on the back of the rosettes for the qualifiers and have the judges hand them out. A club member can hand out the bands and any other prizes.(optional)

Be sure to have the photographer get a group photo of all the qualifiers.(optional)

**Make sure the grounds are left in as good as, or better than, condition than when you arrived.**

**STAGE TEN:** After the test

Complete the form for evaluating the judges.

Mail one copy of the marked catalog and the evaluation of the judges (and the judges evaluation of the club if they left them with you) to the PCA WC/WCX Chairperson. Keep the other marked catalog for the club. If using entry forms, send a copy of the judges signed entry forms for the dogs that passed to the PCA WC/WCX Chairperson.

Congratulations, you're done!

**IF ANY QUESTIONS OR DISCREPANCIES ARISE FROM THE ABOVE, PLEASE REFER TO THE "Rules and Guidelines for WC/WCX Tests".**

Please report any mistakes in these documents to:  
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## **SUPPLIES NEEDED**

- birds
- rosettes\*
- ribbons for Poodle Stakes\*
- duck bands\*
- portajohn if required
- field/hunt trial permit (depending on the state you are in)
- trash cans
- trash bags
- water
- other drinks
- coolers (1 small for judges, 1 small for each blind, at least 1 large for lunch)
- snacks\*
- lunches for judges and workers. Optional for others
- shotguns (at least 2)
- gun stands (optional)
- ammo
- whistle on lanyard for holding blind
- ducks calls—at least 2—1 for each blind
- canopy tents\*
- water for dogs\*
- extra chairs\*
- gift for judges\*\*
- cups\*
- plates\*
- utensils\*
- tables\*
- table covers\*
- first aid kit—human
- first aid kit—dog
- blinds—at least 3 (2 in field, 1 holding blind)
- wingers—at least 2
- bags or buckets for birds (3)
- weed eater\*
- ear plugs
- duck food
- containers to feed and water ducks
- some method to keep ducks wet
- poop bags
- catalogs\*\*
- copies of the PCA Rules and Guidelines for WC/WCX tests
- at least 1 copy of the Regulations & Guidelines for AKC Hunting Tests for Retrievers
- 2 copies of the form for judges to evaluate the club
- 1 copy of the form for the club to evaluate the judges

\*optional

\*\*optional but highly recommended



Poodle Club of America, Inc

**Rules and Guidelines for WC/ WCX Tests**

*For Judges and Participants*

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## **Rules and Guidelines for WC/ WCX Tests**

**RULES:** The Poodle Club of America, Inc. allows any registered Poodle over six months of age which meets the performance requirements to receive the Working Certificate and the Working Certificate Excellent. The purpose of the WC/WCX tests is to evaluate:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Natural Working Ability</li><li>• Marking Skills</li><li>• Willingness to enter and re-enter water</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Interest in birds</li><li>• Trainability</li></ul>
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These tests are designed to enable most Poodles with a natural working instinct to pass the Working Certificate Test and with modest training to pass the Working Certificate Excellent Test. These programs provide an avenue for Poodle owners to enjoy and develop an appreciation and understanding of the natural working abilities of their dogs and to engage in early training as a working retriever.

**It is imperative that the handler be familiar with the *Regulations and Guidelines for AKC Hunting Tests for Retrievers* and (chapter 4) the *Standards for Junior and Senior Hunting Tests*.**

**All WC/WCX tests shall be pass/fail.**

### **Working Certificate**

All WC tests shall be run in accordance with the Regulations and Guidelines for AKC Hunting Tests for Retrievers, Junior Hunting with the following exceptions:

1. Retrieval of two single birds not to exceed 50 yards on land in light cover.
2. Retrieval of two single birds not to exceed 25 yards on open water.
3. The dog may be held at the line as steadiness is not required.
4. Delivery to hand is NOT required. The bird must be brought across a line designated by the judges.
5. The dog must be able to see the marks hit the ground/water
6. No decoys
7. Handling your dog to a mark is not allowed

### **Working Certificate Excellent**

All WCX tests shall be run in accordance with the Regulations and Guidelines for AKC Hunting Tests for Retrievers, Senior Hunting with the following exceptions:

1. Retrieval of a double mark not to exceed 75 yards on land in light to medium cover, with an honor.
2. Retrieval of a double mark not to exceed 40 yards on water.
3. No diversion birds or shots
4. No blinds
5. No walkups
6. Dogs should have a clear view of the fall.
7. No Decoys

### **Practice days and seminars**

Although not desirable, practice days may be held the day prior to the test on the same land/water on which the test will be conducted.

## WC/WCX Guidelines

### 1. PCA Approval

The Poodle Club of America grants permission to member and non-member clubs to hold Working Certificate and Working Certificate Excellent Tests under the PCA Rules and Guidelines. Poodles meeting the requirements set forward in the Rules and Guidelines and which complete the designated tests at one of these events are eligible to receive a PCA WC or WCX Certificate. The club holding the test is the sponsor, not PCA. There is no limit to the number of tests a given club may hold as long as they are conducted properly.

### 2. PCA Application

Clubs applying for permission to hold a PCA Working Certificate or Working Certificate Excellent Test must do so on the official PCA application. Applications may be obtained from the PCA website or from the PCA WC/WCX Chairperson. You will find the name and address of this person in the *Poodle Papers*. Send your completed application to the PCA WC/WCX Chairperson.

All applications must be received by the PCA WC/WCX Chairperson at least 120 days prior to the test date. To avoid a delay in approval, make sure the applications are filled out properly. When filling in the judge's qualifications (see #7 below), be sure to be specific.

### 3. Other Retriever Breeds

PCA has no objections to non-Poodles running in the tests. The test giving club may require that non-Poodles run after all Poodles. PCA does not award certificates to non-Poodles. Each breed club has rules and regulations and some will send certificates to the host club to give out to owners of the dogs of their breed passing the test. This should be arranged by the owners of the non-Poodles requesting to run in a Poodle test. It would also be good to remind the judges when they are making out their evaluation sheets that the PCA is only interested in the performance of the Poodles running. Other retriever breeds are allowed to run out of courtesy. The PCA does not want the performances of the breeds compared to each other.

**Only Poodles shall be allowed to run at tests that are associated with a National or Regional Specialty.** These are "Poodles only" events and all aspects of them should be for Poodles.

### 4. Purpose

The purpose of the WC test is to demonstrate the natural ability of a Poodle. The dog should be a natural retriever, not afraid of guns and able and willing to swim and to reenter water. The WCX test is also designed to demonstrate memory and trainability.

These tests are another method for breeders to select breeding stock for their natural working ability and functional capabilities.

### 5. Philosophy

These tests are to be judged in accordance with the *Regulations & Guidelines for AKC Hunting Tests for Retrievers* with the few exceptions previously noted. The use of decoys, walk-ups, blind retrieves, and diversion shots are prohibited. These are Pass/Fail tests. Attention to fairness and an attempt to carefully answer the questions of handlers and spectators should be undertaken. It is the intent of PCA to encourage the entrance of dogs into these tests and the participation of Poodle owners and handlers in all aspects of field work. **To that end, an attitude of helping and educating those in attendance is sought from judges and committee members alike.**

## **6. Handler Knowledge and Dog Work**

It is the handler's responsibility to familiarize themselves with the WC/WCX Rules and Guidelines. If possible, attending several retriever hunt trial events is encouraged prior to entering a WC/WCX test. The committee can help by making copies of the Rules and Guidelines available to all participants before the running of the tests. The WC/WCX rules are available on the PCA website. ([www.poodleclubofamerica.org](http://www.poodleclubofamerica.org)).

It is important to remember that the WC test is set up to test the natural ability of the Poodles and the WCX test is set up to test the development of the natural ability through training. People should not enter these tests without familiarizing themselves with what is expected of themselves and their dog. A double on land with an honor, and a double in water is not an easy test.

## **7. Judges**

PCA requires 2 judges. One judge must be **licensed** and should have judged at least one licensed AKC Senior or UKC-HRC Seasoned Hunt Test or higher or Retriever Breed Club WC **and** WCX test. The other judge must either be licensed (JH, Started or higher) **OR** must have titled a dog in Seasoned, Senior or higher **and** have earned a WCX title. In a test in which the entry is not limited, additional judges can be appointed by the club if the number of entries would otherwise prevent completion of the test during the days listed in the premium list.

It should be noted if other breeds are invited that qualified AKC judges will be required.

Judges should be receptive to the WC/WCX Committee. Any complaints from handlers will be directed to the Committee and the Committee or designated representative will approach the judges if there is a legitimate complaint, according to the majority of committee members.

Should the judges have questions prior to a judging assignment, they may contact the test committee of the club for answers.

Call back of dogs failing the first series may be allowed (and is encouraged) at the discretion of the judges. This encourages the full participation of dogs and handlers and can be used as a learning experience. Note that these dogs are to run after all qualifiers.

The decision of the judges shall be final in all matters relating to the test performance of the dogs. Full discretionary power is given to the judges to withhold any certificate award for want of merit.

## **8. Setting up the Test**

It is generally expected that the WC will be run under AKC rules, Junior Hunter standards and the WCX under AKC rules Senior Hunter standards, with exceptions noted in these WC/WCX Rules and Guidelines.

It is the judges' job to set up the tests, not the committee's job. The committee should see that the judges receive the Poodle Club of America Inc. WC/WCX Rules and Guidelines in advance of the tests so they may familiarize themselves with PCA's intent regarding the tests. This document is also available on the PCA website [www.poodleclubofamerica.org](http://www.poodleclubofamerica.org).

The cover on land should be light for WC and light to moderate for WCX. The direction and intensity of the wind should be taken into consideration as well as the background and horizon. The dogs must see the gunners and the horizon must not obscure the view of the falling birds. Roads and hazards should be avoided for WC tests and are to be limited in nature for WCX tests. Consider any cover changes and ditches and roads when setting up the test as they can cause a dog to hunt short. Land marks should generally not exceed 50 yards for WC and 75 yards for WCX.

In the water test the intent is to prove that a dog will go into the water, retrieve a duck and then have the courage to re-enter the water to retrieve yet another duck. Bank running temptations in tests should be avoided. Water marks should generally not exceed 25 yards for WC and 40 yards for WCX. For the WC,

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marks should generally fall into open water with no hazards, if possible. For WCX, light cover and limited hazards may be used for the marks.

The fall of the doubles should be at about 90 degrees apart.

For WC the judges should designate a line over which the dog must return with the bird, since return to hand is not required. The WC handlers must never go over this line (towards the retrieve) to recall their dogs.

Prior to each test the judges should have a handlers meeting where questions are answered, guidelines discussed and a test dog demonstrates the test.

Severe weather or dangerous conditions may be cause for delay or cancellation of a test.

Since there may be dogs which run in both tests, it is preferable the same area not be used for both tests. If the same area must be used, the WCX test should be run first.

The use of wingers is encouraged for all marks for consistency. Blinds can be used at gun stations to camouflage wingers. Field workers must, and handlers should be encouraged to dress in appropriate hunting attire (camouflage etc.) or jeans and dark colored clothing.

### **9. Touching the Dog between Birds**

In the WC test the handler may guide the dog by the collar between birds to get his attention before sending him for the second bird. **At no time may the handler touch the dog before taking delivery of the bird. In WC the bird must be in the handler or judge's possession before touching the dog.** It is advisable to ask the judge ahead of time what he/she considers guiding, or a demonstration is best. Touching the dog between birds or during the honor in the WCX test is prohibited.

### **10. Delivery of the bird**

In WC, the dog does not have to deliver the bird to hand but must deliver the bird across the line designated by the judges.

In WCX the bird must be delivered to hand.

### **11. Birds**

Freshly killed birds should be used in both tests. This means birds that are either shot as fliers or are dispatched immediately before the test by the people in charge of the birds. Shot fliers are allowed, but not encouraged, for the WCX test, and are prohibited for the WC test. Frozen birds are not acceptable. In the event that a local ban is placed on the transport and acquisition of live birds, thawed frozen birds or Dokken Waterfowl Trainers can only be used with the explicit prior approval of the PCA WC/WCX Chairperson.

Upland game birds are defined as pheasant, pigeon, chukkers, quail and any other species of game bird that might be unique to a specific region. Ducks must be game birds. Barnyard ducks are unacceptable due to size, color and lack of sufficient oil in their feathers to keep them afloat. Geese will not be used. **Ducks are the bird of choice for all land and water marks**, but upland birds may be used for the land portion of the tests if sufficient numbers of live ducks are unavailable. The type of bird to be used must be stated in the Premium List for the tests. If possible, dogs should be introduced to the type of bird at the test. This can be accomplished by allowing dogs to sniff or pick up and carry a bird before going to the holding blind. In order to provide for the correct number of birds for a test, the committee should figure one water bird per dog entered in WC and one water bird per dog entered in WCX. One land bird (duck or upland) per dog entered in the WC and one land bird per dog entered in the WCX. This should provide enough birds so that the dogs running last will not have to retrieve ducks that do not float or upland birds which are of poor quality.

The humane care and treatment of birds is the responsibility of the test giving club. Crated birds must be sheltered from inclement weather, not overcrowded and have feed and water available. Shot game as it is

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retrieved during a test should be sacked at once and not allowed to pile on the ground. A crippled bird should be dispatched at once.

## **12. Controlled Breaks, Recasting and other Problems**

See the AKC Regulations and Guidelines for AKC Hunting Tests for Retrievers PART V as a guide for dealing with some of the interpretational issues.

Scoring is Pass/Fail.

Running order will be determined by draw as described in the AKC Regulations & Guidelines for Hunt Tests. Handlers entering multiple dogs will be given time between dogs in each test.

Severe weather or dangerous conditions may be reason to cancel or delay a test. This may be decided by the judges and Committee in mutual consultation.

## **13. Limited Entries**

It is strongly recommended that when limiting entries at a WC/WCX test, preference be given to non-titled Poodles. If any openings remain, fill them first with titled Poodles and then other breeds.

## **14. Record Keeping**

It is recommended that all clubs use a catalog and keep a marked catalog from their WC/WCX tests. There are times when the originals are lost in the mail and a record must be available. Entry forms may be used in lieu of a catalogue. Have the Judges annotate **“PASS”** and sign the entry form for each successful dog. Mail a copy of each entry form for the successful dog and keep a copy for your records.

## **15. Consideration to Qualifiers**

A PCA-approved WC/WCX test held by a poodle club should submit a marked and signed catalog to the WC/WCX Chairperson. The catalog must be signed by both judges. This is the preferred method. Entry forms annotated with a **“PASS”** and signed by the judges for each successful dog may be submitted in lieu of a catalogue. Handlers of dogs who pass at a hunt test or WC/WCX held by a recognized retriever club may submit evidence of their pass to the PCA WC/WCX Chairperson. If neither of these apply the handler may take a filled-in copy of the WC/WCX certification to the test and have the judges sign it. A copy of the certification is available on the PCA web site.

It is a nice gesture, although not required, for the host club to give some sort of token prize, rosette, congratulatory card, etc, to the handlers of dogs passing on the test day (qualifiers). This also gives the handler additional tangible proof that their dog qualified.

## **16. Collars and the WC/WCX Test**

If a dog runs with a collar, a flat or rolled buckle collar shall be used. Choke collars are prohibited while the dog is running because of potential danger to the dog. Electronic collars and pinch or prong collars are not allowed on the grounds at a WC/WCX test. Dogs competing in WCX must be brought to the line off-lead and in the heel position.

## **17. After the Test**

Judges are required to submit an evaluation form to PCA within 7 days of the test. The host club is responsible for completing and submitting paperwork to PCA in the designated time period. This will assist PCA in the future development and refinement of guidelines and suggestions for test giving clubs and handlers. Judges are required to sign the PCA catalog or the entry forms of Poodles passing PCA WC/WCX tests so that the owners can obtain their official award certificates from the PCA WC/WCX Certificate and Medallion Administrator.

## **18. The Committee**

The WC/WCX tests are intended to be essentially self-regulating. To accomplish this, the host club shall appoint a WC/WCX committee. It is recommended that the Test Chairperson be a member of the sponsoring Club. At least three members of the committee, including the chairman, must be present during the test. The Committee shall have complete responsibility for the planning and conducting of the test. The Committee shall be held responsible for compliance with all of the rules and procedures and the authority to decide upon any matter arising during the running of the test except a matter coming within the jurisdiction of the judges. Such committee decisions must be made in accordance with the general PCA Rules and Guidelines for WC/WCX Tests and the Regulations & Guidelines for AKC Hunting Tests for Retrievers. No person should agree to serve on a WC/WCX committee unless he/she is prepared to carry out these duties creditably and exercise these powers fairly, firmly and impartially. A club member serving as a judge for a test should not serve on the committee. The committee should be familiar with the PCA Rules and Guidelines for WC/WCX Tests and the Regulations & Guidelines for AKC Hunting Tests for Retrievers. Although the judges set up the tests, it is important for the committee to know that if the judges set up a test that is contrary to the intent of the PCA rules, the committee should step in and tactfully explain the problem. In this way you can insure a proper test for those competing.

While PCA is always prepared to back up a WC/WCX Committee that properly exercises its powers as described herein, it is the duty of the committee and not the PCA to deal initially with any matter which may occur during the WC/WCX test.

The WC/WCX Test Chairperson should also have a copy of the *AKC Regulations and Guidelines for AKC Hunting Tests for Retrievers* available if needed.

## **19. Complaints**

Each participant is expected to do his part to keep up the standards of the WC/WCX tests and to report to the Committee any incident which may be detrimental to the purpose or the rules of the WC/WCX. No person shall make complaints directly to the judges, but shall work through the Committee which is held directly responsible for the conduct of the tests.

Upon receipt of a complaint or suggestion, the member or members of the Committee is expected to take appropriate action. If the complaint is of a serious nature which may be detrimental to the purpose of the rules of the WC/WCX test, the entire Committee should convene immediately to hear the complaint. After duly hearing the evidence in a fair, orderly and impartial manner, the WC/WCX committee may decide to withhold the issuance of any WC/WCX Certificate provided that the Committee did determine that the WC/WCX Rules and Regulations had been violated.

If the Committee does withhold a WC/WCX Certificate on the basis of a detrimental incident, then the reasons for withholding must be submitted to the PCA WC/WCX Chairperson within 30 days.

A participant who is dissatisfied with the action taken by the WC/WCX Committee of the host club may submit an appeal in writing to the PCA WC/WCX Chairperson within 30 days. Such appeal should describe the nature of the incident and set forth the grounds on which the appeal is made.

Upon receipt of a written appeal involving the WC/WCX test, the written records from the WC/WCX Committee of the host club and from the complainant will be submitted to the PCA WC/WCX Chairperson, who will investigate the incident and submit a recommendation to the PCA Working Poodle Committee. The Working Poodle Program Coordinator will then take the Working Poodle Committee's recommendation to the PCA Board of Directors for final action. The PCA Board of Directors shall have the power to withhold or rescind any or all WC/WCX Certificates.

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If the WC/WCX Committee of a host club fails to fulfill its obligation with respect to the planning and conduct of the WC/WCX test, the question may arise as to whether the club will be entrusted with future PCA events.

PERFORMANCE	WC	WCX
<b>Land Retrieves</b>	2 single birds at appx. 50 yards	a double bird mark at appx. 75 yards with an honor
<b>Water Retrieves</b>	2 single birds on water at appx. 25 yards	a double bird mark on water at appx. 40 yards
<b>Line Steadiness</b>	not required—dog may be held at the line	required—dog must be steady at the line and must come to the line off-leash and in heel position
<b>Noise Tolerance</b>	must show no fear of guns	must show no fear of guns
<b>Delivery of Bird</b>	bird must be delivered over the line but does <i>not</i> have to be delivered to hand	bird must be delivered to hand
<b>Cover</b>	light cover	Light to moderate cover
<b>Water</b>	at least one is preferred in swimming water--angled entries and excessive distances in the water and the line to the water are discouraged	at least one is preferred in swimming water--angled entries and excessive distances in the water and the line to the water are discouraged
<b>Touching the Dog Between Birds</b>	handler may guide the dog between birds but excessive physical control of the dog between marks is discouraged	handler may not touch the dog between birds or during the honor
<b>Touching the Dog Before the Bird</b>	See AKC Hunt Test for Retrievers	See AKC Hunt Test for Retrievers
<b>Sending the Dog Before the Judge Calls Your Number</b>	See AKC Hunt Test for Retrievers	See AKC Hunt Test for Retrievers
<b>Handling to Help the Dog Locate the Mark</b>	Handling is NOT allowed	Handling on more than one mark is an elimination
<b>Blind Retrieves</b>	none	None
<b>Diversion shots or walk-ups</b>	none	None
<b>Recasting</b>	not applicable	See AKC Hunt Test for Retrievers
<b>Controlled Breaks</b>	see AKC Hunt Test for Retrievers PART V	see AKC Hunt Test for Retrievers PART V
<b>Switching</b>	not applicable	See AKC Hunt Test for Retrievers
<b>Collars</b>	flat or rolled buckle collars—choke collars are not permitted while the dog is running-- pinch, prong, and electronic collars are not allowed on the grounds	flat or rolled buckle collars—choke collars are not permitted while the dog is running-- pinch, prong, and electronic collars are not allowed on the grounds

## How to Obtain a WC/WCX Certificate

There are 3 ways to get a WC / WCX certificate:

1. If the dog passed at a PCA approved WC /WCX test held by a recognized Poodle Club, a marked catalog, signed by the judges must be mailed to the PCA WC/WCX Chairperson. (name and address available on the PCA website at [www.poodleclubofamerica.org](http://www.poodleclubofamerica.org) ). Entry forms of successful dogs annotated with a "PASS" and signed by both judges may be used in lieu of a marked and signed catalog. **A catalog is the preferred method.**
2. Provide proof of passing at a retriever club's hunt test
3. If the test was anything other than a PCA approved WC/WCX test or an approved hunt test, a copy of the certification below must be filled out and presented to the judges for them to sign while at the test. The signed certification must be mailed to the PCA WC/WCX Chairperson. (name and address available on the PCA website at [www.poodleclubofamerica.org](http://www.poodleclubofamerica.org) ).

*A copy of the certification is available on the PCA website for you to download and fill in.*

**NOTE: The following certification is only to be used if the pass was not at a PCA approved WC/WCX test or a retriever hunt test. All PCA WC/WCX tests must use a catalog or judges signed entry forms.**

**THE POODLE CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.**

**Working Certificate/Working Certificate Excellent Certification**

**WC requirements include:**

2. Two single land retrieves of appx. 50 yards into light cover.
3. Two single water retrieves of appx. 25 yards. If possible one bird should be retrieved from swimming water.
4. Steadiness or delivery to hand is not required but the judge may designate an area for delivery.
5. The dog should not be fearful of guns.

**WCX requirements include:**

1. Retrieval to hand of double birds at appx. 75 yards on land in light to moderate cover with an honor.
2. Retrieval to hand of double birds on water of appx. 40 yards.
3. The dog must be steady on the line.
4. The dog should not be fearful of guns.

**See the PCA Rules and Guidelines for WC/WCX Tests for complete information.**

We certify that this dog has completed the above WC or WCX (circle one) requirements on this date:

NAME OF DOG							
REGISTRATION # (and registry if other than AKC)							
DOB		SEX		VARIETY		COLOR	
BREEDER							
SIRE							
DAM							
HANDLER							
OWNER							
ADDRESS							
TELEPHONE							
EMAIL							
LAND / WATER JUDGE SIGNATURE							
LAND / WATER JUDGE SIGNATURE							
LOCATION OF TEST							
HOST ORGANIZATION							
DATE							

**OWNER: Please mail to the PCA WC/WCX chairperson listed on the PCA website.**

**CLUB EVALUATION**

POODLE CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.



**Host Club Working Certificate/Working Certificate Excellent  
Test Evaluation**

**Complete and return within 7 days of the test date to the PCA WC/WCX Chairman.**

Host Club:

Test Date:

Location:

Judges:

Your (Committee Chairman) Name, Address, Phone and E-mail:

1. Were the judges knowledgeable concerning the test rules?
2. Were the tests within the WC/WCX Guidelines?
3. Did the Committee have to intervene?
4. Did the judges use the land well?
5. Did the judges use the water well?
6. Do you feel that the handlers were treated fairly?
7. Did the judges seem to enjoy their assignment?
8. Did the judges have a good attitude toward Poodles?

Comments:

POODLE CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.

**Judges Working Certificate/Working Certificate Excellent  
Test Evaluation**

Complete and return within 7 days of the test date to the PCA WC/WCX Co-Chairman,  
Carol Stone, [schwartzpudel@hughes.net](mailto:schwartzpudel@hughes.net), 1598 Hawk Lane, Seymour, TN 37865

Host Club:

Test Date:

Location:

Judges:

Your Name, Address, Phone and E-mail:

	Good	Fair	Poor
Grounds: Land	_____	_____	_____
Water	_____	_____	_____
Personnel: Gunners	_____	_____	_____
Throwers	_____	_____	_____
Marshall	_____	_____	_____
Chairman/Secretary	_____	_____	_____
Birds: Land	_____	_____	_____
Water	_____	_____	_____
Treatment of Game:	_____	_____	_____
Overall Dog Work:	_____	_____	_____
Overall Handler Knowledge:	_____	_____	_____
Comments:			

## Judges Letter

**(CLUB LOGO)**

**(CLUB NAME)**

Dear

Thank you for agreeing to judge the (CLUB NAME) WC/WCX test on (DATE) at (LOCATION). Enclosed please find a copy of the PCA WC/WCX Rules and Regulations, Test Guidelines, and Judges Guidelines so you may familiarize yourself with them prior to your judging assignment.

Because not everyone is familiar with the purpose of the PCA WC/WCX program, the following explanation is offered. The Poodle Club of America and many breeders believe that we should make a definite effort to retain the retrieving instincts our breed was originally bred for. Not everyone can compete in Hunt Tests for various reasons. PCA developed this program so that Poodle owners could demonstrate their dogs still possess the willingness to retrieve game birds on land and from water. The WC or WCX title behind the name shows breeders or prospective puppy buyers that this dog will retrieve and therefore helps them choose a stud dog or brood bitch that will carry on the instincts necessary to the continuation of the breed as it was originally intended.

The Working Certificate test is designed to show the natural ability of a retriever. While a small amount of training may be required to make a dog ready to be evaluated, you must keep in mind that most of the dogs running have had little formal training. In addition, many of the handlers are very inexperienced in hunt testing programs. In setting up the tests, the judges should pay careful attention to items mentioned in the rules and guidelines.

The average handler running his/her dog in the WC test is not trying to prove their dog could be a top competitor in Hunt Tests but that with some training their dog could be an adequate hunting companion. This is also the way the judges should look at the dogs they are evaluating in this test.

In the Working Certificate Excellent test, PCA is offering a chance for Poodles to prove what they can do with a little more training. Careful attention should also be paid to the recommendations of the PCA regarding the rules and guidelines. Judges should expect a more polished performance from the dogs running this test than those running the WC.

Thank you once again for agreeing to judge this test and taking part in this program to help us maintain the retrieving instincts in our Poodles. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the address or phone number below. If there is anything at all that I can provide for you (drinks, special food, etc.) or to make the test run smoothly, please let me know.

Sincerely,

(Name of Test Chairperson)  
(CLUB NAME) WC/WCX Chair  
(ADDRESS)  
(PHONE)  
(EMAIL)

**JUDGES SCORE SHEETS**

(CLUB NAME)

(DATE)

(WORKING CERTIFICATE) or (WORKING CERTIFICATE EXCELLENT)

**Dog Number:**

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**LAND:**

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**WATER:**

## **ENTRY FORM**

on the following pages—1 for WC/WCX and 1 for Stakes

fill out the top section on the entry form with the club information

also fill in the club name and initials where indicated in the Agreement

Poodle Club of America  
 Official WC/WCX Test Entry Form

WC and WCX Tests offered on: (date)

Location:

Entries close at (time) on (date)

Drawing at (time) on (date) at (location)

Entry Fees: \$XX for the first entry of a dog, \$XX for the second entry of the same dog

Make checks payable to the (club name)

Mail entries to: (test secretary name and address)

This entry is for the WC test \_\_\_\_\_ Entry Fee enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

This entry is for the WCX test \_\_\_\_\_ Entry Fee enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Dog (print)			
AKC Registration #		Call Name	
Or Foreign Reg. #		Country of Origin	
Breed	Poodle	Color	
Date of Birth		Sex	
Sire			
Dam			
Breeder			
Name of Owner			
Street			
City, State, Zip			
Name of Handler			
Phone Number			
Email			

Email address is for confirmation and to send running order

I certify that I am the actual owner of the dog, or that I am the duly authorized agent of the actual owner whose name I have entered above. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, I (we) agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the PCA and CCPC, and the rules in this premium, and that I am bound by the "Agreement" on this page.

Signature of Owner or Agent: \_\_\_\_\_

**AGREEMENT**

I (we) agree that the club holding this event has the right to refuse this entry for cause which the club shall deem sufficient. 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 earn prizes or ribbons, I (we) agree to hold the (CLUB NAME), their members, directors, governors, officers, agents, superintendents or event secretary and the owner and/or lessor of the premises and any provider of services that are necessary to hold this event and any employees or volunteers of the aforementioned parties, and any judge, judging 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 sold 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 the law upon any of the aforementioned parties for damage because of bodily injuries, including death at anytime resulting from, sustained by any person or persons, including yourself (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 persons. 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 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. However, prior to arbitration all applicable PCA and (CLUB INITIALS) bylaws, rules, regulations and procedures must be followed as set forth in the PCA and (CLUB INITIALS) Charter and Bylaws, rules, regulations, and published policies and guidelines.

(CLUB NAME)

Poodle Stakes Entry Form

(DATE)

(LOCATION)

ENTRIES CLOSE: (date) at (time)

Entry Fee: \$XX payable to the (club name)

Mail to: (test secretary name and address)

Name of Dog (print)			
AKC Registration #		Call Name	
Or Foreign Reg. #		Country of Origin	
Breed	Poodle	Color	
Date of Birth		Sex	
Sire			
Dam			
Breeder			
Name of Owner			
Street			
City, State, Zip			
Name of Handler			
Phone Number			
Email			

Email address is for confirmation and to send running order

I certify that I am the actual owner of the dog, or that I am the duly authorized agent of the actual owner whose name I have entered above. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, I (we) agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the PCA and CCPC, and the rules in this premium, and that I am bound by the "Agreement" on this page.

Signature of Owner or Agent: \_\_\_\_\_

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Additionally, I (we) hereby assume the sold 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 the law upon any of the aforementioned parties for damage because of bodily injuries, including death at anytime resulting from, sustained by any person or persons, including yourself (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 persons. 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 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. However, prior to arbitration all applicable PCA and (CLUB INITIALS) bylaws, rules, regulations and procedures must be followed as set forth in the PCA and (CLUB INITIALS) Charter and Bylaws, rules, regulations, and published policies and guidelines.

**POODLE CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.**

**Working Certificate/Working Certificate Excellent Test Application**

Please notify the PCA Working Poodle Director at least 120 days prior to the test date with intent to hold a test and complete and submit this application at least 90 days prior to proposed test date.

Carol Stone, email: [schwartzpudel@hughes.net](mailto:schwartzpudel@hughes.net)

OR

Dana Stewart /Claudia Straitiff Fax: 704-483-6988 email: [dstewart@mail.com](mailto:dstewart@mail.com)

We, the \_\_\_\_\_ (Club) hereby apply for permission to hold a PCA WC/WCX test on (Date) \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ (location).

Judges for this Test shall be:

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

Whose necessary qualifications are: (be specific, when and where)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Type of game birds: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and I understand the latest revisions of the PCA Rules and Guidelines for WC/WCX Tests and I shall endeavor to have them adhered to.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Test Chairman) (Today's Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Chairman's address, phone and e-mail)

Additional Committee members:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

All WC/WCX forms can be downloaded at the PCA website.

<http://www.poodleclubofamerica.org/performance.htm>