



**PRESENTS A THREE PART ALL BREED
DRAFT TRAINING SEMINAR SERIES
March 26th, April 23rd, and May 7th, 2017
First and Second Seminar in Woodland, WA
Final Seminar outside of Tigard, OR**



PNNC

3-PART DRAFT SEMINAR

- Have you wanted to learn how to start your dog in draft/cart work?
- Want to train with others, for fun, preparation for a test, or special club event (e.g., parades, pumpkin pulls, tree pulls)?
- Although the seminar will be covering aspects of the St. Bernard Draft Test, the seminar basics will be applicable for anyone wanting to get their dog started in draft work.
- Seminars will be held once per month for a three month period. This will allow participants time to practice, ask questions, and work with others before moving to the next exercises/levels.

SEMINAR FORMAT

Session 1: Equipment, Shaft Work, Harnessing/Hitching, Maneuvering, and Freight Walk/Conditioning

This session will introduce basic acclimation to the draft equipment and shaft work. We will evaluate where dogs are in their comfort level. If your dog is ready to be hitched then we will start some basic carting skills that will allow you to advance to more intricate skills, such as tighter turns and backing up in cart. Dogs that regularly cart will be introduced to the maneuvering course, backing up (troubleshoot), learning the crossover step for tighter turns, and whatever else participants are wanting or needing to work on. Participants will also learn how to size their dog for their cart, harness, and what to look for once hitched. We'll cover freight load requirements, different types of loads, and various breed club's regulations as it pertains to load requirements and securing the load.

Session 2: Tighter Turns, Building Maneuvering Courses, Problem Areas, and Practice Freight Walk

In this session we'll continue learning tight turns (e.g., cross-overs or sidesteps), perfecting the backup and how to handle "refusals," the importance of good stops, and whatever other issues participants might be experiencing . Participants will also practice designing maneuvering courses and learning the regulations for this portion of the test. We'll also go on a group freight walk, practice the freight load exercise, discuss terrain, distractions, and other problems that can arise.

Session 3: "I have a DD, now what?", Practice Test, and Loose Ends

For our final session, we will discuss earning various draft dog titles. We will also have a practice test. Depending on time, we will try to make the practice tests as close to the various tests that exhibitors may show in (Newfoundland, St. Bernard, Berner, Leo, Bouvier, etc.). Many of these tests crossover, but there are a few distinctions.

*Seminar topics are subject to change depending on participants' training interests and needs.





Instructor: Amanda is a St. Bernard Club of America mentor level draft judge and multiple titled Newfoundland Club of America draft dog exhibitor. Amanda has held prior draft seminars that have helped participants reach their testing and personal goals with various breed draft tests. Currently, she organizes ongoing All Breed draft practices in the greater Seattle area. These practices have included, St. Bernards, Berners, Leos, Newfs, Shelties, and Papillons. Amanda has titled her Newfoundlands in NCA water and AKC performance events, both Obedience and Rally. She has exhibited in St. Bernard Draft Tests. Amanda's favorite draft test was at High Country Newfoundland Club in Colorado when a major snow storm

hit. She learned a lot about handling a dog in snow having never done it previously. Amanda's training motto is: "Always have fun no matter the results, because your dog is happy to just be spending time with you."



Assistant: Ken is an experienced draft handler, having titled Newfoundlands in both Newfoundland Club of America and St. Bernard Club of America Draft tests. Ken is an expert draft test course designer and has designed courses for multiple Newfoundland draft tests in both Washington and Oregon. His courses are known for their creativity, as well as challenging designs. During practices one can often find Ken and his Newfoundland exploring urban or back woods "obstacle courses." Ken is also versed in other breed draft test regulations and can often be found at various breed performance events. Ken has titles in NCA water and AKC performance events, including Rally and Obedience. He is currently trialing his Newfoundland, Scout, in AKC Agility. Ken's training mottos are: "Don't make the judges think, don't over think it, and don't over train."



Assistant: Fidelia is a recently titled NCA Draft Dog handler. Although she may be new to drafting, she has been quite successful, having earned back to back draft dog titles at PNNC's 2016 test in 90 degree weather! She and Bri were the only DD qualifiers on Saturday and the only qualifiers on Sunday. This was Fidelia and her dog's first time showing in draft. As a regular participant and now assistant with the Seattle draft training group, Fidelia is passing along her training skills and knowledge. When not drafting, Fidelia can be found in the Rally and Obedience ring. Fidelia's training motto is: "Slow is fast. The best way to get where you want with your dog is to move slow and steady."

DATES

- Session 1: March 26th, 2017 (Sunday)
- Session 2: April 23rd, 2017 (Sunday)
- Session 3: May 7th, 2017 (Sunday)

LOCATIONS

- Sessions 1 and 2: Horseshoe Lake in Woodland, WA. We will meet in the large field.
- Session 3: Cook Park in Tigard, OR (exact location will be determined later).

TIME

- Sessions 1-2: 10am-1pm
- Session 3: 9am-1pm (approximate end time based on practice test)

COST

\$20/per session for working dogs (All proceeds will benefit the PNNC Draft Test and other WDC events).

Multi-dog/handler homes:

If two owners are wanting to work the same dog, the cost will be \$20. Two owners from the same household, each handling two separate dogs, would be \$30. If you are working a team, the dog team and one handler (family member) is \$20.

Audits and Puppies:

Audits and puppies (1 year or younger) are \$10 per session.

WHAT TO BRING

- Dog Crate/Xpen (or be prepared to leave dog in car) — All participants will be expected to assist one another so dogs must be able to be confined when not actively training
- Food (bring high value treats — meatballs, hot dogs, stinky cheeses, etc.)
- Water (even though we'll be starting in the winter, dogs can get quite thirsty drafting, regardless of season)
- Collar (training collars, flat buckle, martingale, etc.)
- Leash (you may want to bring more than one leash as we could be training in rain)
- Any draft equipment you already have
- For you... make sure to bring clothes appropriate for Pacific Northwest weather. Snacks, water, extra pair of shoes/socks (grounds can get quite wet/soggy), hat (remember you won't be able to hold an umbrella), etc. Make sure you have good stable shoes (e.g., tennis shoes, boots, etc.).
- Liability waiver form
- **Your Enthusiasm!**

Questions/Sign up?

Contact: Amanda (nordicwonder@icloud.com)

** Each session is designed to build upon the prior, but you can attend any session that you feel will be of use to your training goals.*

ENTRY FORM

Pacific Northwest Newfoundland Club

(waiver form must be included with registration)

Mail entry form and check **payable to PNNC** at 3630 92nd Ave NE/Yarrow Point, WA/98004

There will be 10 adult dog working spots and 15 puppy/audit spots. Pre-registration must be received by March 18th, 2017, and will be accepted on a first come, first served basis to guarantee working spot. All entries received after working spots are filled will be notified and given the option to audit or be placed on a working wait list. Please contact instructor for registrations after March 18th, 2017 to ensure there is space. Any registration paid after March 18th, 2017, including day of event, please add \$5. Instructor reserves the right to cancel any seminar due to low pre-registration (5 or less registrants).

Entry for: **Adult Dog Working \$20** **Puppy \$10** **Audit \$10** **Other \$**_____

Handler(s) Name: _____

Dog's name: _____ Date of birth: _____ Breed: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ *Email: _____

Handler's Drafting Experience (**please check**): None Some Exhibited Titled

Dog's Experience (**please check**): None Some/Hitched Exhibited Titled

Is there anything the instructor should know about you or your dog (e.g., health issues, training issues, goals, etc.)?:

***All correspondence, with exception of last minute changes, will be conducted via email—please provide current email address**

Please Note: If the weather is bad (heavy rain, snow, wind, hot, etc.), seminar will be rescheduled. If it is last minute, an email will be sent as soon as possible, but may be day of seminar, so please check email the day of each seminar.

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No Fault Clause and Agreement

Dog training, whether in a formal or informal setting, can carry inherent risks. I (we) agree that the club holding this event has the right to excuse any participant from the event if it is deemed they or their dog are a nuisance or danger to others. The voluntary participation in the event shall be deemed to be sufficient for cause.

In consideration of the acceptance of attending and of the holding of this club sponsored event, I (we) agree to hold this club, its members, volunteers, seminar/event instructors and assistants, participants, directors, governors, officers, agents, 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 event premises or grounds or near any entrance thereto. I (we) personally assume all responsibility and liability for such claim. I (we) further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim or loss of this 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) 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 there from, 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, 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.

Participant's signature

Date

**This No Fault Clause and Agreement will be applied to any and all seminars attended by the participant(s).*