



The Mayflower PWD Club Presents
Catherine Gadd's Advanced PWD
Water Camp at Camp Lyndon
117 Stowe Rd., Sandwich, MA
June 18-19, 2016



Join us for an early season start to water training your PWD. This camp will focus solely on the skills Portuguese Water dogs need to compete and the Working, Courier, and Versatility levels.

Come prepared to get wet, have fun, and learn a lot of training techniques in both the water and on land.

THE INSTRUCTOR

Catherine Gadd – She has loved dogs all of her life and grew up in England with Whippets. After moving to Canada, she wanted a more rugged dog that enjoyed water and snow, and got her first Portuguese Water Dog in 1990. Her working drive and energy led her to flyball and then agility. In 1992, while attending the first PWDCA National Specialty, she discovered water trials and so a new and wonderful hobby was born! Catherine has been a member of the PWDCC since its inception and introduced the fun of water work to Canada. She has trained six PWDs to the Courier Water Dog level and became a Water Trial Judge in 2007, adding a new and exciting dimension to her passion for water work. She runs two annual water work training camps in Ontario, one on dry land and one on the water. She also has fun training her dogs for obedience, agility and tracking. In her other life, she is a registered nurse and works in a chemotherapy unit where she is inspired daily by her patients. Catherine currently lives in Toronto with my husband, Mike, two PWDs, and a shared Miniature Poodle (her daughter's) who thinks he is a PWD.

THE WORKSHOP

The advanced workshop is limited to PWDs only. **NOTE: the daily limit of working spots is 12 dogs and all dogs must be titled with an AWD or above and know the Working Dog or above exercises.** There is no limit to the number of auditors who may attend.

WHEN: This workshop will run from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday and 9:00-2:00 on Sunday. There will be plenty of time for you to work your dog in the water, with numerous rest breaks, to train some skills on land, and to go back into the water.

WHAT TO BRING: Dog crate, water bowl, leash and buckle collar or harness, dog life vest (float coat), human life vest, LOTS & LOTS of varied and tasty treats that will not fall apart in the water (cooked chicken breast, frozen meatballs are best), a hungry dog (feed a half ration the night before and morning of), a clicker, chair for you, water gear, and if your dog is toy-motivated, bring a tug toy or plush toy (without a squeaky) for play sessions. PLEASE (!) NO prong or pinch collars and NO head halters. Dogs MUST have life vests and may not wear a regular collar when in the water. If you need a line to limit unsafe dog behavior in the water, it must be a floating line that is less than 5 ft in length, and has no knots or handles. NOTE: the beach itself is sunny, but the area just beyond the beach is a pine

forest and quite shady. Bathrooms are available and are near both beaches. YOU MUST CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOG AS THIS IS A CAMPGROUND FOR CHILDREN.

If you need a life vest for your dog or yourself, please let Karen Ash know as she has some extras, ranging from puppy size to medium dog size.

THINGS TO CONSIDER: Recognize that most dogs do not get the exercise during winter and early spring months that they normally get in the summer and fall. Be aware that your dog may not be in the best physical shape this early in the season and be aware that that can lead to swimmer's tail, a painful condition that takes about 5-7 days to resolve. You MUST give your dog sufficient breaks throughout the training session and should not expect to have him or her in the water more than 10 – 15 minutes at a time. If an instructor tells you to put your dog up in its crate, do so, as they are seeing signs of fatigue and are trying to prevent your dog from injury – there will be NO REFUNDS for dogs that get swimmer's tail because of your failure to appropriately rest your dog during the day.

Also please be considerate of the other dogs and handlers present on site. Do not assume that because your dog is "friendly" that dogs will be so or will not take offense at being sniffed, stared at, or approached. Do not let your dog run wild on the beach, expecting other handlers to keep their dog in check to avoid a conflict. Keep your dog on leash when going to and from the beach.

WHERE: Camp Lyndon 117 Stowe Rd., Sandwich, MA





DIRECTIONS: From the Sagamore Bridge:

Take exit 4 for Chase Road. At the end of the ramp turn right. Follow for 2.4 miles. At the stop sign, turn right onto Farmersville Road. Go 200 yards. The Lyndon Center sign will be on the right and turn right onto Stowe Road. Go 2/10 of a miles and the Lyndon entrance is on the right.

HOUSING:

**There are a very limited number of cabins on site for rental Friday and Saturday night. Each cabin has two bunks. These may be rented on availability for \$35 per person/double occupancy. Preference will be given for 2 or more persons per cabin. You will need to bring your own bedding and towels.

The following hotels/inns claim to accept animals. Additional pet fees may be charged. You may wish to book reservations well in advance of the workshop if you are planning to come and have to travel a long distance.

-  Earl of Sandwich Motel, 378 Route 6A, Sandwich, MA; phone 508-888-1415
-  Sandwich Lodge & Resort, 54 Route 6A, Sandwich, MA; phone 508-888-2275
-  Peter's Pond RV Resort, 185 Cotuit Road, Sandwich, MA (1 or 2-bedroom cottages); phone 508-477-1775
-  Comfort Inn, 1470 Iyannough Road, Rte 132, Hyannis, MA; phone 508-771-4804

Food:

There will be a club sponsored BBQ at the camp on Saturday evening.

The club will provide coffee, munchkins, yogurt, fruit and water.

You are welcome to bring your own lunch and breakfast/snack items.

There will be a signup sheet available in the morning and a club member will make a sandwich run to Panera if you prefer to purchase a lunch.

