



DIVING DOG DIGEST

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Welcome to the inaugural issue of NADD's quarterly *Diving Dog Digest*!

Meet NADD Operators Kristin and Steve Powell



Kristin and Steve Powell have had a busy 2023, and it's only just begun. The newlyweds had already been involved in NADD operations when founder Deb Markwardt retired earlier this year. They were poised to take over running the organization, which recently passed 30,000 registered dogs.

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Competitor Profile: Off the Dock with Amber Brandt



In 2017, Amber Brandt of Vermilion, Ohio, watched a friend compete in dock diving and has been hooked ever since. After getting a German Shepherd that same year, she started competing with partner Amos nearly a year later and hasn't looked back.

"It's always a blast to watch teams compete and cheer each other on. The bond between human and dog is truly special, and when they sync up on the dock, that really makes it fun," she said.

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NADD Regionals Qualifying Information for Competitors

We are at about the half-way point of the season. Lots of dogs have already qualified for Regionals, and there are lots more qualifiers still left this year. In 2023 NADD will host six regional events in the U.S.A. and three in Canada. Here is the list, and remember, you can attend any or all of them — take your pick!

Regional Dates & Location

SouthEast – Aug. 24-27, Perry, GA
SouthWest – Aug. 25-27, Las Cruces, NM
SouthCentral – Sept. 1-3, Longview, TX
NorthCentral – Sept. 7-10, Amana, IA
NorthWest – Sept. 8-10 Auburn, WA
NorthEast – Sept. 8-10, Franklin, CT

Canada

Western Regionals – Aug. 26, Calgary, AB
Central Regionals – Sept. 2, Uxbridge, ON
Eastern Regionals – Sept. 9, Stewiacke, NS

For information on how to earn a qualifying spot visit [here](#).

K-9s in Motion

By John Nielsen, CVT, VTS (ECC, Physical Rehabilitation), CVPP, CCRP, CCFT



As many performance owners/handlers know, one of the most frustrating parts of working with performance dogs in your chosen sport is when the dog cannot participate due to an injury. When it comes to dogs participating in dock diving events, or any events requiring the dog to jump, injuries are often located in the toes, shoulders, hips, stifles, back and pelvis. Any of these minor or major injuries can prevent the dog from performing to its utmost potential.

Although the "slipperiness" of the dock surface is less likely to contribute to injuries than handler errors, the dog's overall fitness also profoundly affects this. In addition to training skills needed for their sport, the dog should be athletically fit enough to participate regularly. Such fitness should include body awareness, core muscle strength and stability

Facility Deep Dive: Carolina Training Center



Boasting North Carolina's largest saltwater dog pool, Carolina Training Center (Stony Point, N.C.) is a premier facility for NADD. Led by Bev and Chet Reynolds, the facility hosts monthly dock diving events and offers classes in tracking, obedience, scent work, protection and dock diving.

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Thank You and Best Wishes

To Deb Markwardt, who founded North America Diving Dogs in 2014 and made the decision to retire this year and enjoy some much-deserved time with her dogs.

Steve and Kristin Powell will continue to operate NADD going forward. They have exciting plans for NADD's future and look forward to your continued support.



CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

**The 2023 NADD National Championship will be held
October 26-28 in Springfield, Mo.**

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