

National Association of Canine Scent Work, LLC®

Official NACSW™

ODOR RECOGNITION TESTS

Odors Tested: Birch, Anise, and Clove

Date: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2023

Test Location: Obedience Training Club of Palm Beach County, 1250 Gateway RD, Lake Park, FL, 33403

Test Host: Obedience Training Club of Palm Beach County

Test Secretary: Judy McPartland judymcp@outlook.com

Certifying Official: Jamie Diaz

Judge: Marti Hohmann

Entry Cost: \$40 per test

Number of Entries: 100

ORT ENTRY INFORMATION

Opening Date: MONDAY, AUGUST 7, 2023 at 8:00 AM EASTERN DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Entries Close: FRIDAY OCTOBER 6, 2023 at 11:00 PM EASTERN DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME or When entry limits have been met

Second Dog Policy: Two dogs per handler for each odor tested. The fee for each odor test will be \$40.00. A second setup of each odor will be done to accommodate the entry of a second dog under the same handler. Completion of the online entry form and payment is required for each dog entered. A handler may handle no more than two dogs for the same odor. Since the entry fee is collected as part of the online registration process, the entry fee is subject to refund policy if an entry is submitted for more than two dogs per handler per odor for each entry submitted after the first two entries.

Entry Method

First received by online entry. Online entry utilizes PayPal as payment processor. PayPal account is not required. Payment must have completed processing for entry to be considered complete. NO ENTRY SHALL BE MADE AND NO ENTRY SHALL BE ACCEPTED, WHICH SPECIFIES ANY CONDITIONS AS TO ITS ACCEPTANCE. Owners are responsible for errors in entering information into the online entry form.

Notification

Acknowledgement of entry acceptance/confirmation will be made by an automated email from the online entry system when entries are processed, and payment completed to the email address provided using the online form. Your payment receipt and notification are confirmation of your completed entry. Please monitor your spam and junk mail folders.

Entry Requirements

A Qualified Entry is one that meets all the following criteria:

1. Complete entry during the specified entry time frame.
2. The Handler is a NACSW member for the 2023-2024 membership year (8/1/23- 7/31/24).
3. The Dog is registered with the NACSW.
4. Dogs participating in an Odor Recognition Test (ORT) must be at least six months of age.

For information on how to register or become a member go to www.NACSW.net

Trial Eligibility and ORTs

The ORT Title must be earned at least 14 days before a trial opening date to be eligible for the first draw period. All odors must be passed in order to earn the ORT title. It is not required that they all be passed at the same test.

Basic Description of the Test

To successfully pass an ORT a dog must identify the location of the target odor and the handler must correctly call an “alert” within a three-minute time period. The Odor Recognition Test consists of a drill type exercise which requires 12 closed boxes typically set up in a pattern of two rows, spaced a minimum of 48” apart. The ORT is conducted on leash. Complete information can be obtained on the NACSW website. Handlers may test on all 3 odors at the same test.

*All exhibitors should obtain and review a copy of the **NACSW K9 NOSE WORK® RULE BOOK**. You may get it from their website: www.NACSW.net*

No dog will be given more than one space in the same odor test at a single event.

Results

During the odor re-sets, the official results sheet will be brought out to the parking area for testers to photo or review. We recommend you verify your results on the official results sheet and let your host or judge know if you have any questions regarding your results.

CANCELLATION POLICY

The following cancellation policy applies:

Cancellations must be sent by email to judymcp@outlook.com. For cancellation of entries on or before 5:00 pm Eastern Daylight Savings Time October 2, 2023– Full refund minus \$5 processing fee per test. For cancellation of entries after 5:00 pm Eastern Daylight Savings Time October 2, 2023 – no refunds will be issued unless the space can be filled in which case a refund will be issued minus a \$5 per test processing fee.

All cancellations must be emailed to Judy McPartland at judymcp@outlook.com

Entry fees shall not be refunded if a dog or handler is absent, disqualified, or excused by the NACSW official or judge.

This cancellation and refund policy applies to competitors that must withdraw for any reason including but not limited to injury, illness, emergency, and personal or work-related reasons.

If the ORT cannot take place or be completed by reason of fire, civil disturbances, an Act of God, public emergency, or any other cause beyond the control of the test organizers, then the ORT host will make their

best effort to provide partial refunds after recouping their expenses.

LOCATION DETAILS

Details regarding check in time and briefing will be sent approximately 1 week before the ORT.

Modeled after real-life detection work, NACSW trials are held in many different locations, with a variety of terrain, under varying weather conditions. Dogs and handlers need to be able to safely negotiate a variety of surfaces, including, but not limited to, tile, linoleum, carpeting, gravel, asphalt, uneven surfaces, and slippery footing. Handlers should be prepared to deal with a variety of weather conditions, including heat, cold, rain and snow. Trials frequently require covering extensive distances to get to and from the parking area to each of the search areas and generally require that this be done across natural, uneven surfaces. Handlers should be prepared for the physical demands and must be able to navigate the terrain with their dog accordingly. Participants should expect to spend most of the day outside or in their vehicles as there are rarely indoor crating options at trials. Please be prepared for you and your canine partner to deal with all of these varying environmental challenges. Handlers should familiarize themselves with potential regional risks and health concerns that may affect themselves or their dogs. Handlers agree that they are entering this trial at their own risk.

ADA Site Specific Conditions

This ORT test is at a club training building. Parking lot is asphalt with a pea gravel area for pottying dogs. Pea gravel area requires ability to step up height of a railroad tie. Alternative to using pea gravel area would be to walk up street using sidewalk. Lobby entrance floor is tile and test area floor is rubberized sport flooring. No stairs to entry way. One step down from exit. A Porta Potty will be available for the use of competitors. Due to unforeseen conditions, such as weather or change in availability of areas at the location, these conditions may be modified at the last minute.

Parking

The parking lot is paved with no shade available. The parking lot is small with no extra space between vehicles.

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Reactive Dog Parking

There will be reactive dog parking at this test for those who wish to park in this area, however the parking is tight and there will not be separate potty areas or warm up boxes.

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Unentered Dogs

Unentered dogs must remain in the competitor's vehicle during the test day. There will be limited potty areas. Unentered dogs should not be allowed to "play", exercise, or train on the test grounds.

RV Parking

No RVs are allowed on the property.

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Running Vehicles or Generators in the parking lot

The parking is tight at this location and running your vehicles or generators in the parking lot is not allowed at this test.

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Crating Options

Participants are required to crate in their vehicles in the site's designated parking area which includes site's parking lot and parking area of a neighboring business.

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Smoking

Smoking is not allowed on this test site, including the use of e-cigarettes.

Hotels

A list of area hotels is available via a link on this page: (<https://otcpbc.org/nacsw-events>)

DOG INFORMATION

Dog Policies

- All dogs must be on a 6' leash at all times when not being tested. NO flexi-leashes while not participating in a test.
- Reactive and/or spatially challenged dogs should wear a red bandana (to be provided by the dog's handler) to help signal others that the dog needs extra space from other dogs.
- Dogs will be toileted in designated areas and handlers must pick-up and dispose of waste.
- Dogs and handlers must stay in designated areas to avoid contaminating testing space, interrupting a test, or from viewing any part of the testing.
- Competitors should expect to keep their dogs confined in a crate or vehicle when not testing and should plan to provide their own shade using canopies or shade cloths.
- Refer to location details (above) for information on unentered dogs.

Females in Season

Will be allowed to run wearing "pants" at the very end of the day after all other dogs have tested. Females in season will be parked and pottied in areas separate from the other dogs while at the test if the location logistics permit. Handlers must contact Judy McPartland] judymcp@outlook.com no later than 10/14/23 at noon so plans can be made for the dog.

COVID-19 Information

Event attendees are required to adhere to the NACSW [COVID-19 Event Guidelines and Rules](#)

In addition to those guidelines the following changes and guidelines are in effect for this trial due to COVID-19.

Competitors are asked to bring their own hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes.

If there are any significant changes or updates after the draw period, entrants will be notified via email.

Competitors are responsible for staying up to date on any jurisdictional requirements for their home location as well as the trial location including any travel guidance.

ADA Requests

If you are an individual with a disability and would like to request accommodation(s), please email ADA@nacsw.net. Please include your name, ORT date, ORT host name, and your requested accommodation(s).

Spectators

Space permitting, spectating will be allowed per ORT guidelines as outlined in the rule book. The ORT Certifying Official has the right to limit spectators at their discretion. ORT participants may have a friend or family member video/photograph their test. ORT participants may not video/photograph one another. Children under 18 must always be directly supervised by a parent/guardian. No dogs will be allowed in the spectator area. No unentered dogs with spectators are allowed at the test. Spectators are reminded that the hide placements must not be discussed nor should they speak with any participants about what they saw until after the test is complete.

An adult accompanying a minor must be present during the searches.

Everyone at the test site must sign the waiver provided by the host and comply with all event requirements. Participants are not allowed to watch the testing at any time.

Veterinarians

Pet Emergency & Referral Center
3579 Northlake Blvd, Palm Beach Gardens, FL
(561) 691-9999

Rules

Complete rules are available at www.NACSW.net. **It is the responsibility of each competitor to read and understand the current NACSW™ Rule book prior to participating in a NACSW event.**

Liability

By registering for the ORT Test, the competitor hereby assumes all risks of, and responsibility for, accidents and/or damage to her/himself or to her/his property or to others, resulting from the actions of her/his dog. The competitor expressly agree that the NACSW, Obedience Training Club of Palm Beach County and its assignees or any other person, or persons, of said groups, shall not be held liable personally, or collectively, under any circumstances, for injury, and/or damage to her/himself, for loss or injury to property, whether due to uncontrolled dogs or negligence of any member of said groups, or any other cause, or causes. The competitor also agrees to assume all financial liability that may be incurred by the NACSW due to the actions of themselves or their dogs regardless of the cause.

Sportsmanship

All competitors/handlers and spectators are expected to follow the rules of the NACSW and demonstrate good sportsmanship. This includes making sure the hide placements are unknown to the handler prior to testing and kept secret from other competitors. Please do not discuss hide placement or any details of a dog's performance that may provide information or clues to other handlers or may be overheard.

Questions

All Test related questions, contact Judy McPartland at judymcp@outlook.com

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