

# National Association of Canine Scent Work, LLC®

## Official NACSW™

### ODOR RECOGNITION TESTS

**Odors Tested:** Birch, Anise, and Clove

**Date:** Saturday, August 20, 2022

**Test Location:** All Saints Lutheran Church, 2 San Marin Drive, Novato, CA 94947

**Test Host:** Marin Humane

**Test Secretary:** Carrie Alongi

**Certifying Official:** Betsy Ramsey

**Judge:** Linda Chwistek

**Entry Cost:** \$35 per odor per dog

**Number of Entries:** 100

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 ORT due to COVID-19.

Any travel and quarantine recommendations, restrictions and requirements for the trial location and local jurisdiction. **All attendees (competitors, volunteers and officials) will be required to bring and wear face masks when indoors, and unvaccinated individuals are also required to wear face masks at all times when not in their vehicle.** All competitors are asked to remain in their vehicles as much as possible. Competitors are asked to bring their own hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes.

If there are any changes or updates that information will be included in your final details information that will be emailed 1-2 weeks before the ORT weekend. Participants 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.

#### ORT ENTRY INFORMATION

**Opening Date:** Tuesday, June 28, 2022 at 9:00 am pacific time

**Entries Close:** Monday, August 15, 2022 at 9:00 am pacific time or when entry limits have been met.

**Second Dog Policy:** Two dogs per handler for each odor tested.

#### Entry Method

- Entries will be online only.
- The online entry form will be available at <https://training.marinhumane.org/oh-behave/events/seminars-events>.
- Entries timestamped BEFORE the opening date and time will not be accepted.
- NO ENTRY SHALL BE MADE AND NO ENTRY SHALL BE ACCEPTED, WHICH SPECIFIES ANY CONDITIONS AS TO ITS ACCEPTANCE.

- OWNERS are responsible for errors when filling in the entry information.

### **Notification**

Acknowledgement of entry acceptance/confirmation, will be made by email when entries are processed and will include a link to pay your registration fee for the test. Payment for test spot is due within 48 hours of confirmation email notification that you have a spot in the test. Your payment notification and receipt is confirmation of your completed entry. All confirmations will be sent via email within 7 days of registration.

### **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 2022-2023 membership year (8/1/22- 7/31/23).
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](http://www.NACSW.net)

### **Trial Eligibility and ORTs**

An ORT must be taken and passed at least 14 days before a trial opening date to be eligible for the first draw period.

### **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 set up in a pattern of *one or two* rows, spaced a minimum of 48" apart. The ORT is conducted on leash. Complete information can be obtained on the NACSW website.

*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](http://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: For cancellation of entries on or before 5 PM Pacific time August 1, 2022: Full refund minus \$15.00 processing fee. For cancellation of entries after 5 p.m. August 1, 2022: 50% refund will be issued if host can fill your space. No refund will be issued after this date if host can't fill your space. No refunds will be issued for cancellations during the last 72 hours before the event or no-shows.

All cancellations must be emailed to [calongi@marinhumane.org](mailto:calongi@marinhumane.org). 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.**

### **Site Specific Conditions**

This ORT location is a CHURCH campus. The parking lot is paved with no shade. There is a large area with trees bordering the parking lot for dog potty areas. The flooring in the test area is a shiny wood/laminate flooring. The parking lot is asphalt and the pathway to and from the parking lot to the test area are cement/asphalt; however, you may have to navigate uneven terrain in places to and from as well as in the parking area. You will need to crate in your car.

Due to unforeseen conditions, such as weather or change in availability of areas at the location, the expected test area, parking, and/or pathways may be modified at the last minute.

### **Reactive Dog Parking**

There will not be reactive dog parking at this test. Due to unforeseen conditions, such as weather or change in availability of areas at the location, this policy may be modified at the last minute.

### **Unentered Dogs**

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

### **RV Parking**

There is no space for RVs to park in the competitor parking area during the test day. Due to unforeseen conditions, such as weather or change in availability of areas at the location, this policy may be modified at the last minute.

### **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. Due to unforeseen conditions, such as weather or change in availability of areas at the location, this policy may be modified at the last minute.

### **Smoking**

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

### **Hotels**

A list of area hotels and directions will be provided with entry confirmations.

## **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 [calongi@marinhumane.org](mailto:calongi@marinhumane.org) so plans can be made for the dog.

## OTHER INFORMATION

### **ADA Requests**

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

### **Spectators**

To minimize the number of people on site, anyone not volunteering, competing, or officiating should stay home except in the case where someone requires support to travel to the event. Spectating is currently not allowed.

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**

The closest emergency veterinarian(s) to the trial location:

Pet Emergency & Specialty Center of Marin  
901 Francisco Blvd. E., San Rafael, CA 94901  
415-456-7372  
Hospital Hours: Open 24 hours

VCA Animal Care Center of Sonoma County  
6470 Redwood Drive, Rohnert Park, CA 94928  
707-584-4343  
Hospital Hours: Open 24 hours

### **Rules**

Complete rules are available at [www.NACSW.net](http://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 agrees that the NACSW, Marin Humane, All Saints Lutheran Church, 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 Carrie Alongi, [calongi@marinhumane.org](mailto:calongi@marinhumane.org).