

**National Association of Canine Scent Work, LLC®
Official NACSW™
ODOR RECOGNITION TESTS**

Odors Tested: Birch, Anise, and Clove

Date: Saturday, May 27, 2023

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

ORT ENTRY INFORMATION

Opening Date: Monday, April 24, 2023 at 9:00 am pacific time

Entries Close: Friday, May 12, 2023 at 9:00 am pacific time or when entry limits have been met.

Second Dog Policy: No second dogs, only 1 dog per handler for each odor tested.

Entry Method

- Entries will be online only.
- The online entry form link 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

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: For cancellation of entries on or before 5 PM Pacific time May 8, 2023: Full refund minus \$15.00 processing fee. For cancellation of entries after 5 p.m. May 8, 2023: 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 cancelations must be emailed to 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

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 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, these conditions may be modified at the last minute.

Reactive Dog Parking

There will not be reactive dog parking at this test.

Unentered Dogs

Unentered dogs must remain in the competitor's vehicle during the test day. 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.

Running Vehicles or Generators in the parking lot

Running your vehicles or generators in the parking lot is not allowed at this test.

Smoking

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

Hotels

A list of area hotels is available here: [Area Hotels](#).

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 so plans can be made for the dog.

OTHER 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 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.** 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 test 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@nacsww.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

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. **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, 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 at calongi@marinhumane.org.

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