

# National Association of Canine Scent Work, LLC®

## Official NACSW™

### ODOR RECOGNITION TESTS

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

**Date:** Sunday, February 5, 2023

**Test Site Hours:** 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

**Test Location:** Gentle Touch Pet Training, 173 Buckley Road, San Luis Obispo, CA

**Test Host:** Teah Anders, [teah@gentlepets.com](mailto:teah@gentlepets.com)

**Certifying Official:** Betty Scattini, CNWI

**Judge:** Carol Wissler, CNWI

**Entry Cost:** \$35 for each ORT (each odor tested)

**Number of Entries:** 110

**To keep groups small at this time, we are splitting the ORT into two groups. One group will run in the morning and one in the afternoon. See details below.**

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 shall be followed.

Our County recommendations regarding masking are the same as the State of CA at this time.

Social distancing of 6' is recommended outside. Competitors are asked to bring their own hand sanitizer and disinfectant 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:** November 14, 2022 at 9:00 AM PT

**Entries Close:** January 20, 2023 at 9:00 AM PT or When entry limits have been met

**Second Dog Policy:** No second dog entries. One dog per handler.

## **Entry Method**

Entries are to be made online at: <https://form.jotform.com/223006806242143>

- ENTRIES MUST BE MADE ON THE ONLINE ENTRY FORM.
- REMINDER: you will need your NACSW Member Number and your dog's NACSW K9 number to register.
- 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 making out entry forms.

## **Notification**

Acknowledgement of entry acceptance/confirmation will be made by email when entries are processed. Your payment receipt and notification is confirmation of your completed entry.

## **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**

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](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:

### ***Cancellation/Refund Policy***

For cancellation of entries on or before 5 PM PT January 25, 2023 – Full refund minus \$10 processing fee per odor will be issued. For cancellation of entries after 5 PM PDT January 25, 2023 – no refunds will be issued.

All cancellations must be sent by email to [teah@gentlepets.com](mailto:teah@gentlepets.com). You will receive a reply email within 5 days at the latest.

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

### **Test Site Hours**

8:30 AM – 5:00 PM

We are running the same ORT split into two sessions to keep groups small and allow you to complete your ORT in a half day. (No second dog entries). Select your choice of AM/PM session on the registration form. One Orientation will be held for all three odors at the start time for each session (9:00 AM and 1:30 PM)

AM session: 9:00 AM – 12:15 PM

PM session: 1:30 PM – 4:45 PM

Check-in time: AM 8:30 AM

Check-in time: PM 1:00 PM

Details regarding check in time and briefing will be sent 1-2 weeks before the ORT.

### **Day of Considerations**

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**

The test will be held inside in the training center. The surface is textured vinyl flooring. The parking area is road base (gravel). The main entrance is from the back of the building with stairs. We have a ramp available to enter the building from the front and limited parking in front. If you need this accommodation, please let [teah@gentlepets.com](mailto:teah@gentlepets.com) know.

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 road base (gravel) with no shade available. We have limited parking in front for those that need it disabled access (ramp) to the building.

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.

## **Reactive Dog Parking**

There will be reactive dog parking at this test for those who wish to park in this area, We will have a separate potty area for reactive dogs. However, the parking is tight and there will not be separate warm up boxes.

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 not 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 is available here: [www.gentlepets.com/slo-dog-friendly-lodging](http://www.gentlepets.com/slo-dog-friendly-lodging)

## **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 running order and at the end of the day after all other dogs have been judged. 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 [teah@gentlepets.com](mailto:teah@gentlepets.com) 3 days prior to the ORT 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@nacsww.net](mailto: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 trial. 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. Please verify attendance policies with the host before bringing or inviting anyone not volunteering, testing, or officiating.

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** <https://www.gentlepets.com/slo-vets-emergency-clinics>

### **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, Son Care Foundation DBA Gentle Touch Pet Training 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 Teah Anders, [teah@gentlepets.com](mailto:teah@gentlepets.com).

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