

National Association of Canine Scent Work, LLC®

Official NACSW™

ODOR RECOGNITION TESTS

Odors Tested: Birch, Anise, Clove

Date: Sunday, June 27, 2021

Test Location: Gentle Touch Pet Training, 173 Buckley Road, San Luis Obispo, CA, 93401

Test Host: Carol Wissler

Test Secretary: Teah Anders, teah@gentlepets.com

Certifying Official: Darcy Larkin, CNWI

Judge: Betty Scattini, CNWI

Entry Cost: \$35 per ORT (each odor)

Number of Entries: 100

COVID-19 Requirements as 6/17/21

NACSW is requiring that all attendees adhere to social distancing - maintaining 6' of distance - at all trials until further notice even if your jurisdiction has relaxed their requirements or recommendations. Social Distancing requirements at an event are MANDATORY. There is *no option* to mutually consent to be closer together than 6'. Please be respectful that your proximity or request for proximity may make others uncomfortable. Please review the document [COVID-19 Event Guidelines](#) that is located in Google docs and was emailed to the membership on 5/8/2020.

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

At the event

All *vaccinated participants will not be required to wear a mask* while at the ORT. If you are unvaccinated you must continue wearing a mask. If you are vaccinated and prefer to continue wearing a mask that is fine as well. Participants will not be required to stay in vehicles during the ORT. Participants are encouraged to bring their own hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes if they would like to have these available.

Please stay home if you are not feeling well, showing any symptoms of COVID-19 or have been in contact with anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19. We also recommend that those in at risk groups follow any local, state, federal, CDC recommendations for staying home.

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.

ORT ENTRY INFORMATION

Opening Date: May 5, 2021 at 9 AM PDT

Entries Close: June 16, 2021 at 9 AM PDT or When entry limits have been met

Second Dog Policy: We are **not** allowing second dog registrations.

Entry Method

Entries are to be made online at www.gentlepets.com/ort-6-27-21-sign-up

- ENTRIES MUST BE MADE ON THE ONLINE ENTRY FORM.
- If you are not able to pay online please email us at training@gentlepets.com
- Returned checks do not constitute a valid entry fee. 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 filling out entry forms.

Notification

Acknowledgement of entry acceptance/confirmation will be made by email when entries are processed for those handlers that provide an email address.

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 2020-2021 membership year (8/1/20- 7/31/21).
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

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*

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 PDT June 16, 2021 – Full refund minus \$10 processing fee. For cancellation of entries after 5 PM PDT June 16, 2021 – no refunds will be issued.

All cancellation must be sent by email to teah@gentlepets.com. You will receive a reply email within 5 days at the latest.

ENTRY FEES shall not be refunded in the event that a dog 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

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

To keep groups small at this time, we are splitting the ORT into two groups. One group will run in the morning 9:00 AM – 12:15 PM. We will do the same ORT again (no second dogs) from 1:15 PM – 4:30 PM. We have provided two separate registration forms.

Site Specific Conditions

The test will be held inside in a training center. The parking area is gravel.

Please bring dog crates/pens and any other comfort requirements (bedding, water bowls, etc.) so that your dog can be comfortable. The fields and the parking area do not have a lot of shade so plan to bring shade and/or crate fans for your dog(s). Please bring a chair for waiting outside. Weather here is variable as it could be WARM or even cool and it could even rain. Watch the weather report and dress in layers.

Dogs will crate in cars or completely secure metal crates or covered x-pens next to the car are also permitted. All dogs must be on a 6' leash at all times when not being tested. No flexi-leashes for walking dogs on test site grounds; flexis may be used in the test itself. Please clean up after your dog.

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 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.

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.

Optional 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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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

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 orders 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 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@nacswnet.net. Please include your name, ORT date, ORT host name, and your requested accommodation(s).

Spectators

While it's starting to open up some as far as gatherings in CA, we would appreciate your cooperation in limiting the number of people on site. In addition to those competing, volunteering or officiating, please help us keep spectators to a minimum. If you are traveling with a family member, or require support from someone to travel to the event, spectating (space permitting) 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.

Veterinarians

www.gentlepets.com/slo-vets-emergency-clinics

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, 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.