

National Association of Canine Scent Work, LLC®

Official NACSW™

ODOR RECOGNITION TESTS

Odors Tested: Birch, Anise and Clove

Date: Sunday, February 26, 2023

Test Site Hours: 9am to 5pm

Test Location: The Spot, 204 N Link Lane, Suite 6, Fort Collins, CO 80526

Test Host: Andrea Stout, Journey Nose Work LLC

Certifying Official: Sarah McIntosh

Judge: Barb Sahl

Entry Cost: \$35 / Odor (per test)

Number of Entries: 100 Tests

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.

ORT ENTRY INFORMATION

Opening Date: Sunday January 1, 2023 at 10am (Mountain Time)

Entries Close: Friday, January 20, 2023 at 5pm (Mountain Time) or When entry limits have been met

Second Dog Policy: We are not able to accommodate 2nd dogs with same handler.

Entry Method

- Entries must be made via the Google docs link at the end of this document. Link will be active on the opening date and time. No other forms of entry will be accepted
- Entries will be accepted on a first come, first served basis
- Payment by PayPal (no account needed). Due to COVID-19, PayPal is the only payment option. No checks or other type of payment will be accepted. You will receive payment details via email as soon as practical after you submit your entry. You will then have 48 hours from the time the email is sent to complete your payment. If you do not make payment within 48 hours, your entry will be cancelled.
- No entry shall be made and no entry shall be accepted, which specifies any conditions as to its acceptance.
- If your entry is not accepted because the entry limit has been reached, you will be placed on a wait list. If your entry is accepted from the wait list, you will receive an email with payment details and the above 48-hour payment deadline applies. The waitlist will be posted on JourneyNoseWork.com
- Handlers are responsible for errors in filling out entry forms.

Payment Notification

Acknowledgement of entry acceptance/confirmation, will be made by email when entries are processed. All handlers must that provide an email address. A PayPal invoice will be sent to your email. Your PayPal payment receipt and notification are confirmation of your completed and accepted 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

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

Refund and Cancellation Policy

Cancellations received by February 1, 2023 at 5pm MST will receive a full refund. After February 1, 2023 at 5pm (Mountain Time), cancellations will receive a 50% refund if host can fill your testing spot. No refund will be issued if host can't fill your space. Please note: Due time constraints, host may opt to not fill cancelled spaces and no refund will be issued. Entry fees will not be refunded in the event a dog is absent, disqualified, or excused by the NACSWTM official or judge.

All cancellations must be emailed to Sarah@JourneyNoseWork.com 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 Odor Recognition Test (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 ORT organizers, then the ORT host will make their best effort to provide partial refunds after recouping their expenses.

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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

Test location is on the 1st floor with no stairs or steps. Parking lot can be icy and people should be aware and be careful.

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 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. Please email Sarah@JourneyNoseWork.com if you require reactive dog parking.

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Un-entered Dogs

We are unable to accommodate any unentered dogs at this location.

RV Parking

There is NO RV parking.

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. Please be considerate of others and only run your vehicles in the parking lot if needed. Please do not leave your vehicle on the entire time at the ORT.

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Crating Options

There is no crating available inside the facility. All competitors must crate their dogs in their car. 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 smokeless tobacco and e-cigarettes

Hotels

Please email the host at Sarah@JourneyNoseWork.com if you need information about hotels in the area.

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 Sarah McIntosh at Sarah@JourneyNoseWork.com 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.

Competitors are asked to bring their own masks, 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 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@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

Fort Collins Veterinary Emergency and Rehabilitation Hospital

816 S Lemay Ave, Fort Collins, CO 80524

[\(970\) 484-8080](tel:(970)484-8080)

CSU Small Animal Emergency and Urgent Care

300 W Drake Rd, Fort Collins, CO 80523

[\(970\) 297-5000](tel:(970)297-5000)

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, Sarah McIntosh, Journey Nose Work LLC 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 Sarah McIntosh, Sarah@JourneyNoseWork.com

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

Register for ORT Here: [Entry Form](#)