

National Association of Canine Scent Work, LLC®

Official NACSW™

ODOR RECOGNITION TESTS

Odors Tested: Birch, Anise, and Clove

Date: Saturday, January 28, 2023

Test Location: Animal Inn Training School, 8633 N. 34th St., Lake Elmo, MN

Test Hosts: Sharon Middendorf and
Golden Oaks Dog Training DBA Animal Inn Training School/Sally Conners

Test Secretary: Sharon Middendorf, mnwik9trials@gmail.com

Certifying Official: Jenifer Watters

Judge: Linda Spengler

Entry Cost: \$35.00 per dog per odor

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.

Fully vaccinated attendees are not required to wear face masks inside during the test per Minnesota directives.

Participants are asked to remain in or near their vehicles as much as possible. Running of vehicles is permitted for short periods of time.

Participants 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: December 12, 2022 at 9:00 AM CST

Entries Close: January 23, 2023 at 7:00 PM CST or When entry limits have been met

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

Entry Method

Entry is First Received by USPS or drop off at Animal Inn Training School during open hours. Mail overnight deliveries must have the signature waived box checked.

- **Pre-payment is required: A check must be mailed with your registration to the address below. Checks and registration form may also be dropped off at the Animal Inn Training School.**

- **You pay by check, US funds. Check must be made payable to Animal Inn Training School, and mailed with your registration form to Sally Conners, Animal Inn Training School, 8633, 34th St., Lake Elmo, MN 55042.**
- Registrations will NOT be accepted without complete payment. **\$35.00 per dog per odor.**
- Limit of two dogs per handler. Each dog may test in up to three different odors. A separate entry form must be completed for each dog.
- TELEPHONE, FAX, UNSIGNED ENTRIES, AND ENTRIES RECEIVED WITHOUT FEES cannot be accepted.
- RETURNED CHECKS do not constitute a valid entry fee. A charge of \$50.00 for each returned check will be assessed.
- ENTRIES MUST BE MADE ON THE ATTACHED ENTRY FORM AND MAILED TO THE ADDRESS ABOVE. One entry form per dog.
- **Entries received before December 12, 2022 will be destroyed and you will be notified that you need to resubmit your entry when the ORT opens.**
- 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.
- EXPRESS MAIL entries must include signature permitting them to be left at the secretary's address without recipient's signature.

Notification

Acknowledgement of entry acceptance/confirmation, will be made by email when entries are processed for those handlers that provide an email address,. If you require a confirmation via USPS, you must provide a self-addressed stamped envelope with your entry. 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). The Dog is registered with the NACSW.
3. 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:

A full refund will be given for cancellations receive in writing (email is fine) before 12:00 pm on January 23, 2023, minus a \$10.00 processing fee. For cancellation of entries after 12:00 pm on January 23, 2023 – no refund will be issued unless the space can be filled in which case a refund will be issued minus at \$5.00 processing fee unless due to illness, injury or death has occurred. A note from a doctor or vet must be provided.

No refunds will be issued for cancellations during the last 72 hours before the event or no-shows.

All cancelations must be emailed to Sharon Middendorf at mnwik9trials@gmail.com

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 trial location is a training facility. The parking lot is paved and there are no stairs to navigate to the test area. There will be a long walks to return to the parking lotthe search areas that will involve moderate elevation 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 paved. There is no extra space between vehicles. No shade is available. 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 not be reactive dog parking at this test.

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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 RV parking in the competitor parking area during the test day.

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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 only allowed for very short periods of time at this test. If asked by a volunteer or competitor to shut down your engine, please do so immediately.

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Crating Options

All dogs must remain in vehicles until their turn or out for pottying. There will be ample potty areas, but dogs should not be allowed to 'play', exercise or train on the test grounds.

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Smoking

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

Hotels

Please go to the Bring Fido website to find dog friendly lodging, restaurants, and other businesses:

www.bringfido.com

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 Sharon Middendorf, mnwik9trials@gmail.com 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. Please include your name, ORT date, ORT host name, and your requested accommodation(s).

Spectators

People approved to be in the testing area during an ORT include NACSW™ officials, approved NAVSW™ guests, required ORT volunteers, adults accompanying a minor, approved officials for training purposes, or immediate family members/friends of the dog/handler team being tested. Participants in an ORT may not be spectators for other participants regardless of relationship (with the exception of a minor testing after the accompanying adult tests). The ORT Certifying Official has the right to limit spectators at their discretion.

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

Animal Emergency Clinic
1163 Helmo Avenue North
Oakdale, MN 55128
(651)501-3766

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, Sharon Middendorf, Animal Inn Training School, 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 Sharon Middendorf, mnwik9trials@gmail.com

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

**Sharon Middendorf/Animal Inn Training School
NACSW™ – Odor Recognition Test**

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\$35.00 Registration Fee per dog per odor - Payment by check or money order.

**Please mail this completed form via USPS with your registration fee to:
Sally Conners, Animal Inn Training School, 8633 N. 34th St., Lake Elmo, MN 55042**

Make check payable to Animal Inn Training School

Questions: Contact: Sharon Middendorf, mnwik9trials@gmail.com

Odor: Birch Anise Clove

Test date(s): Saturday, January 28, 2023

Dog's Call Name _____

Breed(s) _____

Dog's NACSW # _____

Handler's Name _____

Handler's NACSW Membership # _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone where you can easily be reached _____

E-mail Address _____

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

Please contact your host at least 1 day before the ORT if your female dog will be in season.

All confirmations will be sent via e-mail with attachment within 7 days of receipt of complete registration form and payment. If you require a confirmation via USPS, you must provide a self-addressed stamped envelope.

I/We hereby assume all risks of, and responsibility for, accidents and/or damage to myself or to my property or to others, resulting from the actions of my dog. I/We expressly agree that Sharon Middendorf and Animal Inn Training School, 8633 N. 34th St., Lake Elmo, MN 55042, and/or NACSW 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 my person, for loss or injury to my property, whether due to uncontrolled dogs or negligence of any member of said groups, or any other cause, or causes.

Signed: _____ Date: _____