

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

Odors Tested: Birch, Anise, Clove

Date: Saturday, June 15, 2024

Test Site Hours: 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Test Location: Animal Inn Training School, 8633 N. 34th St., Lake Elmo, MN 55042

Test Host: Sharon Middendorf and
Golden Oaks Dog Training DBA Animal Inn Training School

Test Secretary: Sharon Middendorf, mnik9trials@gmail.com

Certifying Official: Julia Springsted

Judge: Barb Burton-Werle

Entry Cost: \$35.00

Number of Entries: 100

ORT ENTRY INFORMATION

Opening Date: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 at 9:00 AM CST

Entries Close: Friday, June 7, 2024 at 12:00 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.
- 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 the recipient's signature.
- **Entries received before opening date will be destroyed and you will be notified that you need to resubmit your entry when the ORT opens.**

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 2023-2024 membership year (8/1/23- 7/31/24). 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 Exhibit Only Dogs (FEO): Dogs running FEO are not eligible to receive titles. FEO results will not be included in the posted ORT results. If space remains after all qualified entries are accommodated on January 15, 2024, then we will offer spaces for those who wish to run a dog (FEO). Dogs may only run FEO in odors that they are *not* already registered for.

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.

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

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 event.

*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.

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 June

7, 2024, minus a \$10.00 processing fee. For cancellation of entries after 12:00 pm on June 7, 2024 – no refund will be issued unless the space can be filled in which case a refund will be issued minus at \$10.00 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 cancellations 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 handlers that must withdraw for any reason including but not limited to injury, illness, emergency, and personal or work-related reasons.

If the event 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 event organizers, then the event host will make their best effort to provide partial refunds after recouping their expenses.

LOCATION DETAILS

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 lot from the search areas that is on gravel and pavement. Test room is matted flooring.

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.

Modeled after real-life detection work, NACSW events 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. Events 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. Handlers should expect to spend most of the day outside or in their vehicles as there are rarely indoor crating options at events. 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 event at their own risk.

Due to unforeseen conditions, such as weather or change in availability of areas at the location, the details below may need to be modified at the last minute.

Parking

The parking lot is paved. There is no extra space between vehicles. No shade is available.

RV Parking

There is no space for RV parking in the competitor parking area during the test day.

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 an official, volunteer or competitor to shut down your engine, please do so immediately.

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. There will be ample potty areas, but unentered dogs should not be allowed to "play", exercise, or train on the test grounds

Crating Options

There is NO indoor crating option.

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.

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 searching. NO flexi-leashes while not participating in a search.
- 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 search space, interrupting a search, or from viewing any part of the searching.
- Handlers should expect to keep their dogs confined in a crate or vehicle when not searching. The logistics of an event typically do not allow for dogs to hang out on leash in between searches. Handlers 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

Females in season will be allowed to run wearing "pants" at the very end of the day after all other dogs have tested. Handlers with females in season should park and toilet their dogs away from the other dogs if the location logistics permit. Handlers must email the Sharon Middendorf at mnwik9trials@gmail.com so plans can be made for the dog.

OTHER INFORMATION

COVID-19 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 test due to COVID-19. There are currently no travel or mask restrictions for this area. If there are any significant changes or updates after the draw period, handlers will be notified via email. Handlers are responsible for staying up to date on any jurisdictional requirements for their home location as well as the event 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).

Rules

Complete rules are available at www.NACSW.net. **It is the responsibility of each handler to read and understand the current NACSW™ Rule book prior to participating in a NACSW event.**

Liability

By registering for the ORT Test, the handler 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 handler expressly agrees that the NACSW, Sharon Middendorf, Sally Conners, Animal Inn Training Center, 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 handler 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 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 searching and kept secret from other handlers. 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.

Results

During the odor re-sets, the official results sheet will be brought out to the parking area for handlers 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.

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.

Spectators are reminded that the hide placements must not be discussed nor should they speak with any handlers about what they saw until after the event is complete.

No dogs will be allowed in the spectator area. No unentered dogs with spectators are allowed at the event.

An adult accompanying a minor must be present during the searches.

Everyone at the site must sign the waiver provided by the host and comply with all event requirements.

Handlers are not allowed to watch the searches at any time.

Videotaping and Photography

If the site allows public video to be taken, handlers may wear visible head or chest cameras to record their searches. You will not be allowed extra time at the start line to get your camera functioning. Please be sure it is ready to go prior to arriving at the search area. At ORTs, handlers may bring a spectator to video or photograph their searches. Videos may not be made public until completion of the event day.

Volunteering

Anyone who is not testing is welcome to volunteer. If you know of someone who would like to volunteer, please have them contact Sharon Middendorf at mnwik9trials@gmail.com.

Your time and effort are GREATLY appreciated!

Emergency Veterinary Hospital

The closest emergency veterinarian to the event location:

Animal Emergency Clinic
1163 Helmo Avenue North

Oakdale, MN 55128

(651)501-3766

24 Hours

Questions

All Test related questions, contact Sharon Middendorf at mnwik9trials@gmail.com

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

**Sharon Middendorf/Sally Conners
NACSW™ – Odor Recognition Test**

Saturday, June 15, 2024

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

\$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**

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

Odor: Birch Anise Clove

Test date(s): Saturday, June 15, 2024

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 _____

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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/Sally Conners, Animal Inn Training Center 8633 34th St N, 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: _____