

**National Association of Canine Scent Work, LLC®**

**Official NACSW™**

**ODOR RECOGNITION TESTS**

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

**Date:**  
Saturday March 4, 2023  
10:00am start time

**Test Location:**  
**Trail Creek Dog Training Club**  
2045 N 150 E, LaPorte, IN 46350

**Test Host:**  
Trail Creek Dog Training Club

**Test Secretary:**  
Karen Bauman  
52340 Wayne Ct S  
Granger, IN 46530  
574-220-3808  
Baumdodd@gmail.com

**Certifying Official:**  
Jeannine Barbour

**Judge:**  
Jill Snyder

**Entry Cost:**  
\$25 per odor

**Number of Entries:**  
125 maximum

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. 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:** Saturday December 10, 2022 at 10:00 am CST

**Entries Close:** Saturday February 25, 2023 at 2:00 pm CST or When entry limits have been met

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

### Entry Method

First received By USPS. Mail/overnight deliveries must have the signature waived box checked.

- TELEPHONE, FAX, UNSIGNED ENTRIES, AND ENTRIES RECEIVED WITHOUT FEES cannot be accepted.
- RETURNED CHECKS do not constitute a valid entry fee. Returned checks will be subject to a \$35 fee.
- ENTRIES MUST BE MADE ON THE ATTACHED ENTRY FORM.
- 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.

### **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).
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**

An ORT must be taken and passed 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 an ORT Title. It is not required 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 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](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:

For cancellation of entries on or before 5pm CST February 25, 2023 - Full refund minus \$5 processing fee. For cancellation of entries after 5 pm CST February 25, 2023– a refund minus \$5 processing fee will only be issued if a note is provided from a doctor or veterinarian.

All cancellations must be emailed to Karen Bauman at baumdodd@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 ORT test is at a dog training facility. The parking lot is gravel and the pathway to and from the parking lot to the test area may require you to navigate uneven terrain, including gravel and asphalt walkways. The flooring in the test area is rubber matting. 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 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 space for RVs to park in the competitor parking area during the test day. No overnight RV parking 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.

## **Running Vehicles or Generators in the parking lot**

There is ample parking and we will not have a separate parking area for those wishing to run their vehicles or generators during the day. You may run your vehicle. 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**

Baymont

4128 Franklin St

Michigan City, IN 46360

219-879-9994 Must call hotel directly and ask for TCDTC discounted rate and no pet fee.

Blue Heron

1110 Lakeside St

LaPorte, IN 46350

219-362-5077 Must call hotel directly and ask for TCDTC discounted rate and no pet fee

## **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 been 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 Karen Bauman at 574-220-3808 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@nacs.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.

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**

Emergency Veterinary Care Center - open 24/7

1645 US 421

Westville, IN 46391

219-785-7300

### **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, Trail Creek Dog Training Club 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

Karen Bauman 574-220-3808 [baumdodd@gmail.com](mailto:baumdodd@gmail.com)

Lora Barlow 317-407-1423 [hummingbirdindy@yahoo.com](mailto:hummingbirdindy@yahoo.com)

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

**TRAIL CREEK DOG TRAINING CLUB**  
**NACSW™ – Odor Recognition Test**  
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2045 N 150 E, LaPorte, IN 46350

**\$25.00 Registration Fee per odor - Payment by check or money order payable to:**  
**Trail Creek Dog Training Club**

**Please mail this completed form via USPS with your registration fee to:**  
Karen Bauman, 52340 Wayne Ct S, Granger, IN 46530

Questions: Contact: Karen Bauman at baumdodd@gmail.com

Odor:  Birch  Anise  Clove

Test date(s): Saturday March 4, 202

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 Trail Creek Dog Training Club 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: \_\_\_\_\_