

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

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

**Date:** Friday September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**Test Site Hours:** 4:30pm through completion of the tests.

**Test Location:** Let's Speak Dog, 3143 William Penn Highway, Easton, PA

**Test Host:** Let's Speak Dog

**Test Secretary:** Sarah Woodruff, [readytorun452@yahoo.com](mailto:readytorun452@yahoo.com)

**Certifying Official:** Carol Noriega

**Judge:** Sarah Woodruff

**Entry Cost:** \$35

**Number of Entries:** 100

## ORT ENTRY INFORMATION

**Opening Date:** Monday June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 12pm noon EST

**Entries Close:** Friday September 13<sup>th</sup> at 12pm noon EST

**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.

- Entries will not be accepted via telephone, fax or email.
- Entries missing any information, including signatures, will not be accepted.
- Entries received without entry fees will not be accepted.
- Returned checks do not constitute a valid entry fee. Returned check will incur a \$25 processing fee.
- Entries must be submitted using the attached entry form.
- No entry shall be submitted, and no entry shall be accepted, which specifies any conditions as to its acceptance.
- Owners are responsible for rectifying any errors in completing the entry form.

### 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 2024-2025 membership year (8/1/24- 7/31/25).**
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 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 September 13<sup>th</sup>, at 12pm noon,], 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](http://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 within 14 days of receipt. Your payment and email notification are 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 twelve 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](http://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:

For cancellation of entries on or before 12pm noon EST September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – Full refund.

For cancellation of entries after 12 pm noon EST September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024, no refunds will be issued unless the space can be filled in which case a refund will be issued minus a \$5 processing fee.

All cancellations must be emailed to the Test Secretary.

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**

The test location is a dog training facility that is climate controlled and has rubber matting floors. There is ramp leading to the front of the building and five steps to go down to leave the building. The parking lot is on asphalt. ***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 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 with no shade available.

### **RV Parking**

There is space for RVs to park during the event day. To reserve a space, you will need to contact the Test Secretary after you receive confirmation that you have a space at the event. No overnight RV parking is available.

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

Running your vehicles or generators in the parking lot is allowed at this event as long as you have permission from your neighbors or are willing to park away from others.

### **Reactive Dog Parking**

There will be reactive dog parking at this event for those who wish to park in this area, however there will not be separate potty areas or warm up boxes.

### **Unentered Dogs**

Unentered dogs must remain in the handler's vehicle during the event day. There will be ample potty areas, but unentered dogs should not be allowed to "play", exercise, or train on the event grounds.

### **Facility/Site Prohibitive Restrictions (e.g., smoking, firearms, alcohol, drugs, video)**

Alcohol is not allowed on this event site.

Smoking is allowed on this event site but only in your car or away from others.

## 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 search.
- 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 Test Secretary 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.

### **ADA Requests**

If you are an individual with a disability and would like to request accommodation(s), please email [ADA@nacsww.net](mailto:ADA@nacsww.net). Please include your name, ORT date, ORT host name, and your requested accommodation(s).

### **Rules**

Complete rules are available at [www.NACSW.net](http://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, Let's Speak Dog, 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 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**

There is no general spectating at an ORT. Handlers in an ORT may not be spectators for other Handlers regardless of relationship (with the exception of a minor testing after the accompanying adult tests). Additional guests of handlers are welcome, however spectating opportunities may be limited.

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.

At the host's discretion, a photographer and/or video service may be present during the event to offer photos and/or videos for sale to the handlers.

### **Emergency Veterinary Hospital**

The closest emergency veterinarian(s) to the event location:  
Valley Central  
210 Fullerton Ave  
Whitehall, PA 18052  
PH: 610-435-1553

### **Questions**

All Test related questions, contact TEST SECRETARY Sarah Woodruff, [readytorun452@yahoo.com](mailto:readytorun452@yahoo.com)

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

Revised 1/1/2024.

**NACSW™ – Odor Recognition Test**

**Friday September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Let's Speak Dog, 3143 William Penn Highway, Easton, PA 18040**

**\$35.00 Registration Fee - Payment options:**

- by check or money order payable to Let's Speak Dog, money order
- PayPal. If paying by PayPal, please send to [rmhall@rcn.com](mailto:rmhall@rcn.com)

**If you are running one dog on all 3 odors, the cost is \$105.**

**Please mail this completed form via USPS with your registration fee to:  
Sarah Woodruff, ATTN: ORT, 297, Cown View Drive, Easton, PA, 18040**

**Please make sure you have renewed your NACSW membership for 2024-2025.**

Questions: Contact: Sarah Woodruff, [readytorun452@yahoo.com](mailto:readytorun452@yahoo.com)

Odor:  Birch  Anise  Clove

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 the day of the event \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Method:  Check  PayPal sent to [rmhall@rcn.com](mailto:rmhall@rcn.com)

**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 14 days of receipt of complete registration form and payment. If you require 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 Let's Speak Dog, LLC,/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: \_\_\_\_\_