

# National Association of Canine Scent Work, LLC®

## Official NACSW™

### ODOR RECOGNITION TESTS

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

**Date: Saturday, April 1, 2023**

**Test Location: Clermont County Dog Training Club, 6058 Kells Lane, Milford, OH 45150**

**Test Host: Clermont County Dog Training Club**

**Test Secretary: Edith Markoff, emarkoff01@gmail.com**

**Certifying Official: Cheryl Hedge, CNWI**

**Judge: Ashley Wendler**

**Entry Cost: \$35 per odor tested**

**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.

As of the writing of this premium, masks are not required when inside the CCDTC building. Inside masking is optional.

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:** February 1, 2023 at 9:00am EST

**Entries Close:** March 24, 2023 at 6:00pm EST or When entry limits have been met

**Second Dog Policy:** We will be allowing two dogs per handler for each odor tested.

#### Entry Method

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

UNSIGNED ENTRIES, AND ENTRIES RECEIVED WITHOUT FEES cannot be accepted.

- RETURNED CHECKS do not constitute a valid entry fee. CCDTC charges a \$35 fee for all returned checks.
- 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.

### **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**

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](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 6pm EST time March 24, 2023 – Full refund. For cancellation of entries after 6 pm EST March 24, 2023 – no refunds will be issued unless the space can be filled in which case a full refund will be issued. In addition, after 6pm EST on March 24, 2023 a full refund will be issued for illness or injury to the dog or handler if a note is provided from a doctor or veterinarian.

All cancelations must be emailed to Edith Markoff at [emarkoff01@gmail.com](mailto:emarkoff01@gmail.com). The secretary is not responsible for lost emails. The secretary will send an email confirming the cancellation within 48 hours of request.

Entry fees shall not be refunded if a dog or handler is absent, disqualified, or excused by the NACSW official or judge.

*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**

The ORT will be indoors on padded mat surface. The parking lot is on asphalt. There are no stairs required to either enter or exit the building. Indoor restrooms will not be available, but Port-o-lets will be available outside. No indoor crating will be available. Dogs should remain in the car. Food will not be available. There are a number of restaurants within a 5-mile radius. All dogs must be on a 6' leash at all times when not being tested. No flexi-leashes for walking dogs on test site grounds; flexi-leashes may be used in the test itself. Please clean up after your dog and respect the marked potty area.

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 with no shade available. There will be 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.

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**

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

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**

Unfortunately, there is no space for RVs to park in the competitor parking area during the test day.

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

Although the parking is tight at this location, it will be possible to run your vehicles or generators in the parking lot.

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

Dog Friendly Hotels near CCDTC: Call to confirm

\***Holiday Inn:** (exit 63B – 12 min) 4501 Eastgate Blvd, 513-752-4400

\***Motel 6:** (exit 65 – 15 min) 3960 Nine Mile Road, 513-752-2262

\***Red Roof Inn:** (I-71 exit 15 – 17 min) 1900 Pfeiffer Road, 513-793-8811

## 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 Edith Markoff at [emarkoff01@gmail.com](mailto:emarkoff01@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](mailto:ADA@nacsw.net). Please include your name, ORT date, ORT host name, and your requested accommodation(s).

### Spectators

To minimize the number of people on site, anyone not volunteering, competing, or officiating is asked to stay home except in the case where someone **requires** support to travel to the event. Spectating will be permitted, but is limited to only one person. An adult accompanying a minor must be present during the searches. Everyone at the trial 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

MedVet Cincinnati  
3964 Red Bank Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45227  
513-561-0069

### 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 agree that the NACSW, Clermont County 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 Edith Markoff at [emarkoff01@gmail.com](mailto:emarkoff01@gmail.com)

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

Clermont County Dog Training Club  
NACSW™ – Odor Recognition Test  
Saturday, April 1, 2023  
Entries open February 1, 2023



Test registration fee: \$35.00 per odor being tested - Payment by check made out to CCDTC.

Please mail this completed form via USPS with your registration fee to:

Clermont County Dog Training Club

c/o Edith Markoff

1485 Fagins Run Rd, New Richmond, OH 45157

Questions: Contact Edith Markoff, 513-515-1557, [emarkoff01@gmail.com](mailto:emarkoff01@gmail.com)

Does your dog require special attention due to reactivity?  Yes  No

\_\_\_\_\_ Birch

\_\_\_\_\_ Anise

\_\_\_\_\_ Clove

Dog's Call Name \_\_\_\_\_ Breed(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's NACSW™ # \_\_\_\_\_

Handler's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Handler's NACSW™ Membership # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

All confirmations will be sent via e-mail within 7 days of receipt of complete registration form and payment.

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 Clermont County 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: \_\_\_\_\_