

**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:** 1:00pm through Completion of the tests]

**Test Location:** Trinity United Methodist Church, 5767 Wolfpen Pleasant Hill Rd, Milford, OH  
45150

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

**Test Secretary:** Edith Markoff, [emarkoff01@gmail.com](mailto:emarkoff01@gmail.com), 513-515-1557

**Certifying Official:** Judy Archer-Dick

**Judge:** Jim Doescher

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

**Number of Entries:** 100

## ORT ENTRY INFORMATION

**Opening Date: Monday April 15, 2024 at 9:00AM EDT**

**Entries Close: Saturday June 8, 2024 at 6:00PM EDT** 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 2023-2024 membership year (8/1/23- 7/31/24).
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.

### **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](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 6pm EDT time June 8, 2024 – Full refund. For cancellation of entries after 6 pm EDT June 8, 2024 – 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 June 8, 2024 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

### **ADA Site Specific Conditions**

The ORT will be indoors on solid wood plank floor. The parking lot is on asphalt. There are a few steps required to enter the building using our current flow plan, but an entry and exit plan can be arranged that does not include steps with an ADA request. No indoor crating will be available. Dogs should remain in the car. Food will not be available. 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.

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 with no shade available.

### **RV Parking**

The parking lot is small and cannot handle vehicles that take up more than one standard parking space. Large RVs cannot be accommodated. Please contact the Test Secretary if you are unsure about parking.

### **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 the parking is tight and 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.

### **Smoking**

Smoking is not allowed on this event 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

**Tru by Hilton, Milford (951 Chamber Dr., Milford, OH 45150 – 833-577-2111**

## **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 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. 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](mailto: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](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, Clermont County Dog Training Club, Trinity United Methodist Church, and its assignees, volunteers, 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**

Additional guests of handlers are welcome, however spectating opportunities may be limited. Please verify attendance policies with the Test Secretary before bringing or inviting anyone not volunteering, handling, or officiating.

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 Edith Markoff at [emarkoff01@gmail.com](mailto:emarkoff01@gmail.com) with questions. Your time and effort are GREATLY appreciated!

### **Emergency Veterinary Hospital**

The closest emergency veterinarian to the event location:

MedVet Cincinnati (24 hr emergency clinic)

3964 Red Bank Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45227

513-561-0069

### **Questions**

All Test related questions, contact Edith Markoff, [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, June 15, 2024**  
**Entries open Monday April 15, 2024**

Trinity United Methodist Church, 5767 Wolfpen Pleasant Hill Rd, Milford, OH 45150

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

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 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 Clermont County Dog Training Club and Trinity United Methodist Church (5767 Wolfpen Pleasant Hill Rd, Milford, OH 45150) , 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: \_\_\_\_\_