

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

Odors Tested:
Birch, Anise, Clove

Date:
Saturday, September 7, 2024

Test Location
Mountain High Chapel, 8444 US Hwy 285
Morrison, CO 80465

Test Host:
K9 Nosin' Around, Inc.
Kim Whorton

Test Host Contact Info:
Kim Whorton, k9nosinaround@gmail.com

Certifying Official:
Deanna Bunn

Judge:
Frank Hurst

Entry Cost: \$35

Number of Entries: 125

To keep groups small at this time, we are splitting the ORT into two groups. One group will run in the morning and one in the afternoon

ORT ENTRY INFORMATION

Opening Date: Thursday, August 1, 2024 at 10:00 am MT

Entries Close: Wednesday, September 4, 2024 at 5:00 pm MT or when entry limits have been met

Second Dog Policy: All three odors will be offered before noon for approximately half of the participants. The remaining participants will run their dogs in the afternoon. All three odors will again be available. Participants running two dogs will be scheduled in the afternoon. Dog one will run on the original setup and dog two will run after the CO has reset the boxes for that odor. No dog may run on the same odor twice during the day. Assignment of morning and afternoon

Mto change depending on registrations. Final details will be sent by email one week before the ORT.

If entering two dogs, please fill out one registration form for each dog, marking all odors for testing on each entry.

Entry Method

Registrations can only be submitted **online** at k9nosinaround.com/Enter Event. Entries will be accepted by the date/time stamp on the submitted registration form. Once your valid registration has been accepted, you will receive a confirmation letter with a PayPal button for payment of fees. Fees must be paid before a team can compete. If fees are not received by September 4, 2024, at 5:00 pm MT and there are competitors on the waitlist, individuals from the waitlist will replace unpaid entries.

- Telephone and Fax Entries Cannot Be Accepted.
- 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.
- Payment may be made with PayPal when confirmation letters are received.
- Although PayPal payments are preferred, Payments may be made through the mail. Checks should be made out to **K9 Nosin' Around, Inc.** Mailed payments are subject to the same rules stated above.

**MAILING ADDRESS:
K9 Nosin' Around, Inc.
6657 High Dr
Morrison, CO 80465**

***** A VALID ENTRY MUST HAVE A PROPERLY COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM AND OA VALIDATED FORM OF PAYMENT (check, mail order, or PayPal). Only valid entries will be added to the ORT registration list.**

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 Thursday, August 8, 2024 at 5:00 pm MT, 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

For cancellation of entries on or before Friday, 5:00 pm MT, August 30, 2024 – a full refund minus a \$5 processing fee will be returned to the competitor. For cancellation of entries after 5:00 pm, August 30, 2024, a refund minus the \$5 processing fee will only be issued for a medical emergency if a note is provided from a doctor or veterinarian.

All cancellations must be emailed to the k9nosinaround@gmail.com prior to the date of the trial.

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 ORT will be held in a church meeting hall/gym. The parking lot is partially paved and partially dirt. The testing area is on the same level as the parking lot. The flooring in the test area has a hard, non-slip surface. Restrooms are available inside the church on the parking level. 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 planned exit path from the test area includes outdoor stairs leading to the side parking lot and a short return to the main parking area. Special accommodations may be made for an exit on the parking level.

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 mostly dirt with some paved areas with some shade available. It may be muddy if the weather is rainy.

RV Parking

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

Running Vehicles or Generators in the parking lot

Example: 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

A list of area hotels and directions will be provided with entry confirmations.

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 k9nosinaround@gmail.com so plans can be made for the dog.

OTHER INFORMATION

COVID-19 Information

There are currently no COVID-19 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. 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 agree that the NACSW, K9 Nosin' Around, Inc., Kimberly A. Whorton, 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

Additional guests of handlers are welcome, however spectating opportunities may be limited. Please verify attendance policies with the Test Host Contact 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 go to k9nosinaround.com/volunteer to sign up. They can also contact Kim Whorton at k9nosinaround@gmail.com with questions.

Your time and effort are GREATLY appreciated!

Emergency Veterinary Hospital

The closest emergency veterinarians to the event location:

Aspen Creek Veterinary Hospital
23605 Oehlmann Park Rd
Conifer, CO 80433
303-697-4864

8.3 miles
Open until 2:00 pm MT on Saturday

VRCC Veterinary Specialty & Emergency Hospital
3550 S Jason St
Englewood, CO 80110
303-874-7387
19.9 miles
Open 24 hours

Questions

All Test related questions, contact Kim Whorton at k9nosinaround@gmail.com

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

A registration form is included below. You may print and use this form if you prefer to enter by sending your registration and payment through USPS.

Thank you for your interest in this ORT. We hope you can join us!

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