

National Association of Canine Scent Work, LLC®

Official NACSW™

ODOR RECOGNITION TESTS

Odors Tested: Birch, Anise, Clove

Date: Sunday, April 16th, 2023

Test Site Hours: 8am - 3pm

Test Location: Xcel Canine Training Center, 5400 Progress Blvd, Bethel Park, PA 15102

Test Host: Xcel Canine Training

Test Secretary: Marissa Breitenstein, rissabreit@gmail.com

Certifying Official: Cindy Luster

Judge: Anita Ambani

Entry Cost: \$35 per odor

Number of Entries: 100

ORT ENTRY INFORMATION

Opening Date: Monday, January 23rd, 2023 at 8am EST

Entries Close: Sunday, April 9th, 2023 at 5pm EST or When entry limits have been met

Second Dog Policy: One dog per handler per odor test. There will be no accommodations for second dogs.

Entry Method

First received by either online form or USPS.

For online entry:

Submit form online through our website (xcelcaninetraining.com) under the events tab. Upon confirmation email, you will be able to send money through PayPal.

For mail entry:

Mail overnight deliveries must have the signature waived box checked. We are only accepting checks or money orders for mail entry.

Mail entry to:

Marissa Breitenstein

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1301 Grouse Drive

Pittsburgh, PA 15243

Make checks payable to:

Xcel Canine Training Center

- TELEPHONE, FAX, UNSIGNED ENTRIES, AND ENTRIES RECEIVED WITHOUT FEES cannot be accepted.
- RETURNED CHECKS do not constitute a valid entry fee. <host policy for 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 for those handlers that provide an email address. 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). The Dog is registered with the NACSW.
3. 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 4/9/23, 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.

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*

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 EST Sunday, March 26th, 2023 – Full refund. For cancellation of entries after 5pm EST Sunday, March 26th, 2023 – 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 Marissa Breitenstein, rissabreit@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

Test site has a gravel parking lot for competitor parking. Overflow competitor parking will be in the parking lot across the street in a gravel lot. The building is in an industrial park where there is minimal traffic. Designated dog potty area is a mildly sloped grassy area. Building is one level with an entrance and exit that is handicap and wheelchair accessible. 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

Parking lots will be gravel with no shade 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.

Reactive Dog Parking

There will be reactive dog parking at this test for those who wish to park in this area, however the parking may be tight and there will not be separate potty areas or warm up boxes. Reactive dog parking will be across the street in the overflow 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.

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

RV Parking unavailable.

Running Vehicles or Generators in the parking lot

The parking is tight at this location and running your vehicles or generators in the parking lot is not allowed. 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

Crowne Plaza Suites Pittsburgh South, an IHG Hotel
164 Fort Couch Rd, Pittsburgh, PA 15241

Extended Stay America - Pittsburgh - West Mifflin
1303 Lebanon Church Rd, West Mifflin, PA 15236

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 Marissa Breitenstein, rissabreit@gmail.com so plans can be made for the dog.

OTHER 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 ORT due to COVID-19.

Competitors may wear a mask if they choose. Competitors are asked to remain in their vehicles as much as possible. Competitors are asked to bring their own hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes.

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 test 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. 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, however we kindly ask you not to bring any due to limited spacing unless it is necessary. 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 test. 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

VCA Castle Shannon Animal Hospital
3610 Library Rd, Pittsburgh, PA 15234

MedVet Pittsburgh
2810 Washington Rd, McMurray, PA 15317

Rules

Complete rules are available at 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, Xcel Canine Training 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 Marissa Breitenstein, rissabreit@gmail.com.

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

Xcel Canine Training
NACSW™ – Odor Recognition Test

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Xcel Canine Training Center, 5400 Progress Blvd, Bethel Park, PA 15102

\$35.00 per odor Registration Fee - For form submitted through mail: payment by check only

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

Xcel Canine Training
5400 Progress Blvd
Bethel Park, PA 15102

Questions: Contact: Marissa Breitenstein, rissabreit@gmail.com

Odor: Birch Anise Clove

Test date(s): Sunday, April 16th, 2023

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 _____

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 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 Xcel Canine Training, 5400 Progress Blvd, Bethel Park, PA 15102, 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: _____