

National Association of Canine Scent Work, LLC®

Official NACSW™

ODOR RECOGNITION TESTS

Odors Tested: Birch, Anise, Clove

Date: Sunday, March 27th, 2022

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

Test Host: Xcel Canine Training Center

Test Secretary: Machell Koss k9observ@comcast.net

Certifying Official: Cheryl Hedge

Judge: Cari Reed

Entry Cost: \$35 per odor

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.

All attendees (competitors and volunteers) will be required to bring and wear face masks when not in your vehicle. 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 trial location including any travel guidance.

ORT ENTRY INFORMATION

Opening Date: Wednesday, January 19, 2022 at 7 AM EST

Entries Close: Wednesday, March 23, 2022 at 5 PM 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 USPS only, Mail overnight deliveries must have the signature waived box checked. We are only accepting checks or money orders. Mail entry and make checks payable to:

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

- TELEPHONE, FAX, UNSIGNED ENTRIES, AND ENTRIES RECEIVED WITHOUT FEES cannot be accepted.
- RETURNED CHECKS do not constitute a valid entry fee.
- 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 2021-2022 membership year (8/1/21-7/31/22).
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

Trial Eligibility and ORTs

An ORT must be taken and passed at least 14 days before a trial opening date to be eligible for the first draw period.

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 set up in a pattern of *one or two* rows, spaced a minimum of 48" apart. The ORT is conducted on leash. Complete information can be obtained on the NACSW website.

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 March 17th, 2022 – Full refund. For cancellation of entries after 5 pm EST March 17th, 2022 – 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 Machell Koss, k9observ@comcast.net

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

Test Site Hours

Competitors may not arrive before 7:30 AM EST. Check in will be at 8 AM EST with the first team on the line at 9 AM EST.

Final details regarding check in time and briefing will be sent approximately 1 week before the ORT. Trial hours are 7:30 AM EST to 4 PM EST or until all runs have been completed.

Site Specific Conditions

Test site has a gravel parking lot for competitor parking. A smaller competitor parking lot on the back side of the building is a cement pad with a paved cement path around the building to the gravel parking lot for entrance and exit. There is also an overflow parking lot across the street on the back side of the building that is paved cement. The building is located at the end of an industrial park on a quiet street where there is not a lot of 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. The floor in the entrance of the building is tile with rugs and the floor of

the testing area is matted. Due to unforeseen conditions, such as weather the expected pathways may be modified at the last minute.

Reactive Dog Parking

Reactive dog parking is available at this test for those who wish to park in this area. 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. 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. Due to COVID restrictions we are not allowing spectators at this point.

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 at this test.

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 Machell Koss, k9observ@comcast.net 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. Please include your name, ORT date, ORT host name, and your requested accommodation(s).

Spectators

Due to jurisdictional COVID-19 requirements, we need to restrict attendance at our event. Please leave guests at home. Contact the host at: k9observ@comcast.net if you REQUIRE someone to attend with you for assistance.

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 Center 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 Machell Koss, k9observ@comcast.net

**Xcel Canine Training Center
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 - Payment by check or money orders

Please mail this completed form via USPS with your registration fee to:
Xcel Canine Training Center, 5400 Progress Blvd, Bethel Park, PA 15102

**Checks should be made payable to
Xcel Canine Training Center**

Questions: Contact: Xcel Canine Training Center, Machell Koss & Deb Regan,
k9observ@comcast.net

Odor: Birch Anise Clove

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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 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 Center, Xcel Canine Training Center, 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: _____