



**National Association of Canine Scent Work, LLC®  
Official NACSW™**

ODOR RECOGNITION TESTS

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

**Date:** Saturday, May 4, 2024

**Hours:**  
8 AM through Completion

**Test Location:**  
Redwood Community Center, 280 6th St, Brookhaven, PA 19015

**Test Host:**  
Your Mannerly Mutt, Inc.

**Test Secretary:** Michelle Frumento

**Certifying Official:** Michelle Frumento

**Judge:** Mel Kerber

**Entry Cost:** \$38 per odor

**Number of Entries:** 100

**ORT ENTRY INFORMATION:**

**Opening Date:** Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at 8AM  
**Entries Close:** Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 12pm or **when limit has been reached.**

**Second Dog Policy:** Two dogs per handler for each odor tested.

**Entry Method:**  
Entry is online only.

[\*\*Click Here to Enter  
ORT\*\*](#)

### **Notification:**

Once you sign up you will be notified within 48 hours. A Pay Pal invoice will be sent to you. Acknowledgement of entry acceptance/confirmation will be made by email when entries are processed and Pay Pal invoice will be sent. Payment will be online via PayPal (no account needed). Your payment receipt and notification are confirmation of your completed entry.

### **Entry Requirements**

**A Qualified Entry is one that meets all the following criteria:**

- Complete entry during the specified entry time frame.
- The Handler is a NACSW member for the 2023-2024 membership year (8/1/23- 7/31/24). The Dog is registered with the NACSW.
- 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 April 30<sup>th</sup> 2024 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](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 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.**

### **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:**

The following cancellation policy applies, for cancellation of entries on or **before 5 PM Pacific Time April 19, 2024** – Full refund minus \$10 processing fee.

For cancellation of entries after Saturday, April 20, 2023 50% refund will be issued if host can fill your space. No refund will be issued after this date if host can't fill your space. No refunds will be issued for cancellations during the last 72 hours before the event or no-shows.

All cancellations must be emailed to [michelle@yourmannerlymutt.com](mailto:michelle@yourmannerlymutt.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:**

#### **ADA Site Specific Conditions**

This event is at a community center. The testing will be inside with wood flooring. There is 1 step into the building. There is parking right at the building entrance for anyone who needs it. Parking lot is level and paved. All other parking is very close to the building.

***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 large so dogs will have plenty of space. There are a few trees in the lot but shade cloth is recommended. 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.

#### **RV Parking**

No RV Parking allowed.

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

There is ample parking for those wishing to run their vehicles during the day.

#### **Reactive Dog Parking**

There is no separate reactive dog parking. However, the lot is large so there is plenty of space to spread out. 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 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.

### **Crating Options**

No Indoor crating.

### **Smoking**

Smoking is not allowed on this test site.

### **Hotels**

*Please check pet policies before making reservations!*

#### **The Inn at Swarthmore**

10 S Chester Rd, Swarthmore, PA 19081

Phone: **(610) 543-7500**

#### **Home2 Suites by Hilton Ridley Park**

145 Stewart Ave, Ridley Park, PA 19078

Phone: (484) 490-6605

#### **Red Roof PLUS+ Philadelphia Airport**

49 Industrial Hwy, Essington, PA 19029

Phone: (610) 521-5090

### **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**

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 Host Michelle Frumento [michelle@yourmannerlymutt.com](mailto:michelle@yourmannerlymutt.com) so plans can be made for the dog.

#### **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 agree that the NACSW, Michelle Frumento, Your Mannerly Mutt 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,

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.

### **Emergency Veterinary Hospital**

The closest emergency veterinarians to the event location:

**Glenolden Animal Hospital** 405 MacDade Blvd. Glenolden PA 19036 Phone: **(610) 237-6120**

**Brookhaven Veterinary Hospital** 101 E Garrison Rd, Brookhaven, PA 19015 Phone: **(610) 874-1000**

### **Questions**

All Test related questions, contact Michelle Frumento - [michelle@yourmannerlymutt.com](mailto:michelle@yourmannerlymutt.com)

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