

# National Association of Canine Scent Work, LLC®

## Official NACSW™

### ODOR RECOGNITION TESTS

**Odors Tested:**

Birch, Anise, Clove

**Date:**

Saturday, September 26, 2020

**TEST LOCATION:**

Valley Christian Academy  
301 West Whyte Ave., Roseville, CA 95678

**Test Host:**

[Lisa Kretner / Tail Wagging Dogs]

**Test Secretary & Day of Test Host**

Kim Yee

[rosevillek9nosework@gmail.com](mailto:rosevillek9nosework@gmail.com)

916-764-8010 (TEXT ONLY)

**Certifying Official:**

Lisa Kretner

**Judge:**

Betsy Ramsey

**Entry Cost:**

\$35 per dog per odor

**Number of Entries**

100

**Second Dog Policy**

A maximum of two dogs per odor per handler will be accommodated

**Opening Date**

*Tuesday, August 24, 2020 at 9am Pacific time*

**Entries Closes**

*Thursday, September 24, 2020 at 7pm Pacific Time or When entry limits have been met*

**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.**

### **COVID-19**

NACSW is requiring that all attendees adhere to social distancing - maintaining 6' of distance - at all trials until further notice even if your jurisdiction has relaxed their requirements or recommendations. Social Distancing requirements at an event are MANDATORY. There is *no option* to mutually consent to be closer together than 6'. Please be respectful that your proximity or request for proximity may make others uncomfortable. Please review the document [COVID-19 Event Guidelines](#) that is located in Google docs and was emailed to the membership on 5/8/2020.

In addition to those guidelines the following changes and guidelines are in effect for this trial due to COVID-19.

All attendees (participants and volunteers) will be required to bring and wear face masks in the search, to and from the search and while pottyng your dog(s). Participants are asked to remain at their vehicles as much as possible. There is room to sit in your chair at the end of your vehicle. No sitting in the empty parking spots between vehicles. Running of vehicles is not permitted. Participants are asked to bring their own hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes or supplies you need.

If there are any changes or updates that information will be included in your final details information that will be emailed 1 week before the ORT weekend.

### **Entry Method**

Entry will be online. A link will be available on the website at [www.tailwaggingdogs.net](http://www.tailwaggingdogs.net)

### **Entries**

- ENTRIES VIA ONLINE ONLY. Payment via PayPal (no account needed).
- 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.

### **Notification**

Acknowledgement of entry acceptance/confirmation will be made by email when entries are processed and will include a link to pay your registration fee for the test. Your payment receipt and notification are confirmation of your completed entry. All confirmations will be sent via e-mail with attachment within 7 days of receipt of complete registration form and payment.

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

## Test Site Hours

6am-6pm

## Entry Requirements

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

1. Complete entry during the specified entry timeframe.
2. The Handler is a NACSW™ member for the 2020-2021 membership year (8/1/20-7/31/21).
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

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 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](http://www.NACSW.net)*

## Results

During the odor re-sets, the official results sheet will be brought out to the parking area for testers to photo or review (posted in multiple locations). 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.

## Refund and Cancellation Policy:

Entry fees will be refunded (less \$10 admin fee) if notification of your withdrawal from the event is received by Friday, September 18, 2020 at 5pm (Pacific Time) and your spot is filled. After this date no refunds will be given unless a note is provided from a doctor or veterinarian which case a refund will be issued minus a \$10 processing fee.

Notification of cancelations must be emailed to [rosevillek9nosework@gmail.com](mailto:rosevillek9nosework@gmail.com) .

Entry Fees shall not be refunded in the event that a dog is absent, disqualified, or excused by the NACSW™ official or judge.

This cancellation and refund policy apply to competitors that must withdraw for any reason

including but not limited to injury, illness, emergency, and personal or work-related reasons.

If the Odor Recognition Test (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 ORT organizers, then the ORT host will make their best effort to provide partial refunds after recouping their expenses.

### **Test Location:**

#### **Site Specific Conditions**

You will need to crate in your car. There is limited shade and the weather varies in September so please bring any necessary supplies for you and your dog (warm or cold) and remember to pick up after your dog. Please place dog waste in designated containers only.

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; flexis may be used in the test itself.

This ORT test is at a Church/School in the gym or outside on the asphalt. The gym floors are a mix of concrete and polished wood flooring. The parking lot is asphalt and the pathway to and from the parking lot to the test area are cement/asphalt however you may have to navigate uneven terrain, including speed bumps, raised walkways or cracked and broken asphalt in places to and from as well as in the parking area.

Due to unforeseen conditions, such as weather or change in availability of areas at the location, the expected test area, parking, and/or pathways may be modified at the last minute.

#### **Reactive Dog Parking**

There will not be reactive dog parking at this test and there will not be separate potty areas or warm up boxes.

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 limited potty areas and unentered dogs should not be allowed to "play", exercise, or train on the test grounds.

#### **RV Parking**

There is No RV space in the parking area and No overnight RV parking is 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.

#### **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.

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### **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.

### **Females in Season**

Will be allowed to run wearing "pants" at the very end of the running orders after all other dogs have been judged. 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 [rosevillek9nosework@gmail.com](mailto:rosevillek9nosework@gmail.com) so plans can be made for the dog.

### **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).

### **Spectators**

To minimize the number of people on site, anyone not volunteering, competing, or officiating should stay home except in the case where someone **requires** support to travel to the event. Spectating is currently not allowed. An adult accompanying a minor must be present during the searches. Everyone at the trial site must sign the waiver provided by the host and comply with all event requirements.

### **Smoking**

Smoking is not allowed on this test site, including the use of e-cigarettes

### **Hotels**

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

### **Veterinarians**

Atlantic Street Veterinary Hospital / Pet Emergency Center  
1100 Atlantic St, Roseville, CA 95678  
916-783-4655

### **Rules**

Complete rules are available at [www.NACSW.net](http://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™, Lisa Kretner, Tail Wagging Dogs, Valley Christian Academy 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 Lisa Kretner, [Lisa@tailwaggingdogs.net](mailto:Lisa@tailwaggingdogs.net)