

National Association of Canine Scent Work, LLC®

Official NACSW™

ODOR RECOGNITION TESTS

Odors Tested:

Birch, Anise & Clove

Date:

Saturday, April 17, 2021

TEST LOCATION:

East Rivanna Volunteer Fire Company, 3501 Steamer Dr, Keswick, VA 22947

Test Host:

Your Dog Knows, LLC

Test Secretary

Thea Yancey, Your Dog Knows, 3121 Rivanna Ridge, Troy, VA 22974

The state of Virginia has state legislation which prevents counties and cities from creating breed specific laws.

Certifying Official:

Anke King

Judge:

Ann Hogg

Entry Cost:

\$35 per dog per odor

Number of Entries

100 entries max

Second Dog Policy

We will allow second dogs. All second dogs will run in the second set up of each odor.

Opening Date

March 15, 2021 at 12:00 PM Eastern

Entries Closes

April 10, 2021 at 12:00 PM Eastern or When entry limits have been met

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.

Participants are asked to remain in their vehicles as much as possible. Running of vehicles is permitted.

Participants are asked to bring their own hand sanitizer and disinfecting 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.

Entry Method

First received By USPS , Mail overnight deliveries must have the signature waived box checked.

Entries

- TELEPHONE, FAX, UNSIGNED ENTRIES, AND ENTRIES RECEIVED WITHOUT FEES cannot be accepted.
- RETURNED CHECKS do not constitute a valid entry fee. All returned checks will be subject to \$25 for additional bank fees.
- 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.
- If less than 30 entries are received, the event will be cancelled and refunds issued.
- EXPRESS MAIL entries must include signature permitting them to be left at the secretary's address without 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. 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

Test Site Hours

10:00 AM – 4:00 PM (or until finished)

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

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

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*

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.

Refund and Cancellation Policy:

For cancellation of entries on or before 5 PM Eastern time April 14, 2021 – Full refund minus \$5 processing fee. No refunds will be issued for cancellations during the last 72 hours before the event or no-shows.

Cancellations may be made by email (yourdogknows@gmail.com). The secretary is not responsible for lost emails that do not reach her. The secretary will send an email back to the participant confirming the cancellation within 24 business hours.

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 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 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

This ORT test is at a banquet hall adjacent to an active volunteer fire station. The parking lot is paved. There is some handicap parking close to the entry and exit doors. There is sufficient parking area to allow for social distancing. The flooring in the test area is linoleum. 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 specific reactive dog parking at this test.

There will not be separate potty areas or warm up boxes for reactive dogs – there is a large enough area to potty reactive dogs apart.

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

There is no space for RVs to park in the competitor parking area during the test day. 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 adequate at this location and running your vehicles or generators in the parking lot is allowed at this test due to COVID-19 restrictions.

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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 YourDogKnows@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. 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

Animal Medical Center of Charlottesville
388 Pantops Center
Charlottesville, VA 22911
434-295-8757

Pantops Veterinary Center
315 Winding River Ln, Unit 101
Charlottesville, VA
434 973-1500

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, East Rivanna Volunteer Fire Company, Your Dog Knows LLC 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 Thea Yancey, YourDogKnows@gmail.com.

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\$35 Registration Fee per Odor - Payment by check to Your Dog Knows.

Please mail this completed form (ONE FORM FOR EACH DOG) via USPS with your total registration fee to:

**Your Dog Knows, LLC
Attn: Thea Yancey
3121 Rivanna Ridge
Troy, VA 22974**

Questions: Contact Thea Yancey at YourDogKnows@gmail.com

Odor: Birch Anise Clove

Test date(s): April 17, 2021

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 East Rivanna Volunteer Fire Company, Your Dog Knows LLC 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: _____