

National Association of Canine Scent Work, LLC®

Official NACSW™

ODOR RECOGNITION TESTS

Odors Tested: Birch, Anise and Clove

Date: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

Test Site Hours: 7am to 2pm

Test Location: School for Entrepreneurship and Technology, 3540 Aero Court, San Diego, CA 92123

Test Host: SMRTDOG / Jamie Bozzi

Certifying Official: Chris Busch

Judge: Laura Busch

Entry Cost: \$35 per odor test

Number of Entries: 100

ORT ENTRY INFORMATION

Opening Date: Monday, August, 28, 2023 at 5PM PST

Entries Close: Monday, September 4, 2023 at 5PM PST or When entry limits have been met.

Second Dog Policy: If you have a handler who has 2 dogs (one needs birch and anise and the second dog needs clove), that person would be able to run the second dog. This ORT is only running one set up of each odor. So, anyone who has two dogs that need the same odor would not be able to run the second dog and would require an additional handler.

Entry Method (Online OR USPS)

Online entries – You can register for the ORT via a booking link on the smrtdog website (www.smrtdog.com)
Registration link will be posted to the smrtdog website on Monday, August 28, 2023 at 5PM PST.

You can also register by USPS (United States Postal Service). First received by USPS, payment is by check. To register by USPS, please fill out the form on the last page of the ORT Premium (page 6)
NO mail overnight deliveries. NO signature required mail.

- TELEPHONE, FAX, UNSIGNED ENTRIES, AND ENTRIES RECEIVED WITHOUT FEES cannot be accepted.
- RETURNED CHECKS do not constitute a valid entry fee. (\$50 fee for returned checks).
- USPS (snail mail) 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.
- NO EXPRESS MAIL ENTRIES ACCEPTED.

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.

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 2023-2024 membership year (8/1/23- 7/31/24). For tests prior to August 1, 2023 use 2022-2023 membership year, for tests August 1, 2023 or later, please use 2023-2024 membership year
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 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 September 4, 2023, 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 PST September 6, 2023 – Full refund minus \$5 processing fee.

For cancellation of entries after 5PM PST September 7, 2023 – no refunds will be issued.

All cancelations must be emailed to jamie@smrtdog.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

This ORT location is a charter high school. There is underground parking. The pathway to the testing area is paved and there is a small incline from the underground parking structure to the front of the building entrance. It is a short walk from the underground parking lot to the entrance of the building. The testing area is an indoor cafeteria with cement floors. 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

The parking lot is underground and fully shaded. The parking lot is large with one parking space in between vehicles. Parking entrance clearance is 8 feet. There is also street parking, but it may be limited. Street parking will require some walking to the testing area. Please let host know **PRIOR** to the ORT if you will be parking on the street. Send an email to jamie@smrtdog.com. 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. Reactive dog parking will be street parking. Street parking is in a business district. There will NOT be separate potty areas or warm up boxes for reactive dogs. If you will be parking on the street, please let the host know **PRIOR** to the ORT. Send an email to jamie@smrtdog.com. 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 limited street parking for RVs. 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 lot is underground at this location and running your vehicles or generators is **NOT ALLOWED** at this test. There is some street parking for those wishing to run their vehicles or generators during the 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.

Crating Options

Dogs must be crated INSIDE VEHICLES. 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** at this test site, including the use of e-cigarettes.

Hotels

Extended Stay America – Mission Valley Stadium, 3860 Murphy Canyon Road, San Diego, CA 92123, 858-292-8927 (This hotel is only 1 mile from the test site).

La Quinta Inn & Suites by Wyndham San Diego Sea World/Zoo, 641 Camino del Rio South, San Diego, CA 92108, 619-295-6886

Motel 6 San Diego Hotel Circle Mission Valley, 2424 Hotel Circle North, San Diego, CA 92108, 619-296-1612

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 Host: Jamie Bozzi at jamie@smrtdog.com so plans can be made.

COVID-19 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 trial due to COVID-19.

If there are any significant changes or updates after registration opens, participants will be notified via email.

FINAL DETAILS (check in and briefing information) will be emailed to participants 1 week before the ORT weekend. Competitors 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.

ADA Requests

If you are an individual with a disability and would like to request accommodation(s), please email ADA@nacsw.net. Provide your name, ORT date, ORT host name, and your requested accommodation(s).

Spectators

Hosts may need to restrict attendance to minimize the number of people on site due to COVID-19 or site specific restrictions. If non-competitor attendance is allowed, immediate family members/friends of the dog/handler team being tested may spectate that team. Participants in an ORT may not be spectators for other participants regardless of relationship (with the exception of a minor testing after the accompanying adult tests). Spectating options may not be available or may be limited based on logistics.

Spectating allowed with no group gathering limits: Space permitting, spectating will be allowed per ORT guidelines as outlined in the rule book. 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.

Everyone at the test site **MUST SIGN THE LIABILITY WAIVER** provided by the host and comply with all event requirements.

Veterinarians

Aminal ER of San Diego, 5610 Kearny Mesa Road, Suite A, San Diego, CA 92111, 858-569-0600

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, SMRTDOG, Jamie Bozzi 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 Jamie Bozzi at jamie@smrtdog.com

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

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**SMRTDOG (Jamie Bozzi)
NACSW™ – Odor Recognition Test**

**Sunday, September 10, 2023
School for Entrepreneurship and Technology, 3540 Aero Court, San Diego, CA 92123**

\$35.00 Registration Fee - Payment by check

**IF REGISTERING VIA USPS (snail mail), please mail this completed form via the United States Postal Service with your registration fee (check) to:
Jamie Bozzi, 19111 Kris Avenue, Desert Hot Springs, CA 92241. Make check payable to Jamie Bozzi.
DO NOT SEND THIS FORM VIA EMAIL**

Questions: Contact: JAMIE BOZZI at jamie@smrtdog.com

Odor: Birch Anise Clove

Test date(s): Sunday, September 10, 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 Smrtdog, Jamie Bozzi, School for Entrepreneurship and Technology, 3540 Aero Court, San Diego, CA 92123, 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: _____