

National Association of Canine Scent Work, LLC®

Official NACSW™

ODOR RECOGNITION TESTS

Odors Tested: Birch, Anise, Clove

Date: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

Test Site Hours: 7AM TO 1PM

Test Location: School for Entrepreneurship and Technology
3540 Aero Court, San Diego, CA 92131

Test Host: SMRTDOG

Test Host Contact Info: Jamie Bozzi (jamie@smrtdog.com)

Certifying Official: Steve DeTata

Judge: Jamie Bozzi

Entry Cost: \$40 per odor

Number of Entries: 90

ORT ENTRY INFORMATION

Opening Date: Saturday, August 22, 2026 at 9:00AM PST

Entries Close: Monday, August 24, 2026 at 9:00AM PST or When entry limits have been met

Second Dog Policy: This ORT is only running ONE set up of each odor. That means that anyone who has two dogs that need the same odor would not be able to run the second dog themselves. However, that person could enlist a second handler (to run the second dog on the same odor). That additional person (handler) must be a member of NACSW and provide a NACSW Member Number at the time of online (or mail in) registration.

Entry Method (Online OR USPS)

Online entries – You can register for the ORT via a booking link on the smrtdog website (www.smrtdog.com)

The ORT Registration link will go live on the smrtdog website Monday, August 22, 2026 at 9AM PST.

Here's the link: <https://smrtdog.com/ort-registration/>

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.

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 2026-2027 membership year (8/1/26- 7/31/27).
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 Sunday, September 6, 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 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 same test.

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 confirmation via USPS, you must provide a self-addressed stamped envelope with your entry. Your payment receipt and notification are confirmation of your completed entry.

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 **two minute 30 second (2:30)** 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 36" 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*

No dog will be given more than one space in the same odor test at a single event.

CANCELLATION POLICY

The following cancellation policy applies:

For cancellation of entries on or before 5PM PST September 1, 2026 – Full refund minus \$10 processing fee.

For cancellation of entries after 5PM PST September 2, 2026 – no refunds will be issued.

All cancellations 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

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.

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 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.

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 is very limited due to nearby construction. 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.** Email jamie@smrtdog.com IMMEDIATELY AFTER YOU REGISTER.

RV Parking

There is very limited street parking for RVs. No overnight RV parking is available.

Running Vehicles or Generators in the parking lot

The parking lot is underground and **running gas powered vehicles or generators is NOT ALLOWED** at this test. There is street parking for those wishing to run gas powered vehicles or generators during the day.

Reactive Dog Parking

There will be reactive dog parking at this test. Reactive dog parking will be street parking. Street parking is in both a residential and 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 IMMEDIATELY AFTER REGISTRATION.

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.

Crating Options **Dogs must be crated INSIDE VEHICLES.**

Facility/Site Prohibitive Restrictions (e.g., smoking, firearms, alcohol, drugs, video)

Smoking is **NOT ALLOWED** at this test site, including the use of e-cigarettes. In addition, the following are also NOT ALLOWED: Firearms, drugs, alcohol.

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

Motel 6 San Diego Clairemont, 5592 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., San Diego, CA 92117, 858-268-9758

DOG INFORMATION

Dog Policies

- All dogs must always be on a 6' leash when not searching. NO flexi-leashes while not participating in a search.
- 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 search space, interrupting a search, or from viewing any part of the search.
- Handlers should expect to keep their dogs confined in a crate or vehicle when not searching. The logistics of an event typically do not allow for dogs to hang out on leash in between searches. Handlers 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 are allowed to participate in ORTs. If there is a bitch in season participating in the ORT, she must wear panties and will run at the end of each odor.

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 Contact: Jamie Bozzi so plans can be made for the dog.

OTHER INFORMATION

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 test 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. Please include your name, ORT date, ORT host name, and your requested accommodation(s).

Rules

Complete rules are available at 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 event, 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 **or the property of others**, resulting from the actions of her/his dog. The handler expressly agree that the NACSW, 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, injury, **or damage** 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, Jamie Bozzi and its assignees or any other person, or persons, of said groups 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

There is no general spectating at an ORT. Handlers in an ORT may not be spectators for other Handlers regardless of relationship (with the exception of a minor testing after the accompanying adult tests).

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.

Professional Video &/or Photography service will be available: ANNICK LOOMIS will be taking video (and photography) of the searches. Details will be available at check in. Her email is noseworkaddict@gmail.com

Volunteering

Anyone who is not testing is welcome to volunteer. If you know of someone who would like to volunteer, please contact Trial Host: Jamie Bozzi at jamie@smrtdog.com with questions. Your time and effort are GREATLY appreciated!

Emergency Veterinary Hospital

The closest emergency veterinarian(s) to the event location: OPEN 24 HOURS

VCA Emergency Animal Hospital, 2317 Hotel Circle South, San Diego, CA 92108, 619-299-2400

Questions

All Test related questions, contact the Test Host: Jamie Bozzi at jamie@smrtdog.com

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

SMRTDOG (Jamie Bozzi)
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School for Entrepreneurship and Technology, 3540 Aero Court, San Diego, CA 92131
\$40.00 Registration Fee – If using this form, please make payment by check.

Please mail this completed form via USPS with your registration fee to:
Jamie Bozzi, 19111 Kris Avenue, Desert Hot Springs, CA 92241. Payable to Jamie Bozzi

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

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 _____

Emergency Contact (Name & Phone Number): _____

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 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 Jamie Bozzi, School for Entrepreneurship and Technology, 3540 Aero Court, San Diego, CA 92131, 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: _____