

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

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

**Date:** Sunday March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024

**Test Site Hours:** 1 pm – 5 pm

**Test Location:** Charles R Hill Senior Center  
814 E Washington Avenue,  
Vinton VA 24179

**Test Host:** Ann Hogg/Canny K9 Companions, LLC

**Day of Trial Host:** Margaret Milona

**Test Host Contact Info:** Ann Hogg [info@cannyk9companions.com](mailto:info@cannyk9companions.com)

**Certifying Official:** Anke King

**Judge:** Ann Hogg

**Entry Cost:** \$30

**Number of Entries:** 100

**Entry Fee:** \$30 per odor tested.

## ORT ENTRY INFORMATION

**Opening Date:** Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 6pm EST

**Entries Close:** When entry limits have been met.

**Entry Fee:** \$30 per odor tested.

**Make checks out to Canny K9**

**Second Dog Policy:** Two dogs per handler for each odor tested. *Please complete a separate entry form for each dog.*

### **Entry Method**

First received by USPS, Mail overnight deliveries must have the signature waived box checked. 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 \$5 charge to cover 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.
- EXPRESS MAIL entries must include signature permitting them to be left at the secretary's address without the recipient's signature.

### **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).
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 February 6th, 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.

### **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 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.**

## CANCELLATION POLICY

The following cancellation policy applies:

For cancellation of entries on or before 5 PM EST February 19th, 2024 – Full refund minus \$5 processing fee. For cancellation of entries after 5 p.m. February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024: 50% refund will be issued if host can fill your space. No refund will be issued after this date if the host can't fill your space. No refunds will be issued for cancellations during the last 72 hours before the event or no-shows. Please note: Due to time constraints, host may opt to not fill cancelled spaces and no refund will be issued. The secretary is not responsible for lost e-mails or calls that do not reach her. The secretary will send an email back to the participant confirming the cancellation within 36 business hours.

All cancellations must be emailed to Ann Hogg [info@cannyk9companions.com](mailto:info@cannyk9companions.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 handlers that must withdraw for any reason including but not limited to injury, illness, emergency, and personal or work-related reasons.*

*If the event 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 event organizers, then the event host will make their best effort to provide partial refunds after recouping their expenses.*

## LOCATION DETAILS

### **ADA Site Specific Conditions**

This event location is a Senior Center. The pathways to the search areas are paved and include ramp options. The flooring is shiny linoleum tile.

***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**

There is plenty of room in the parking lot for competitors to spread out.

### **RV Parking**

There is plenty of room in the parking lot for RV's to park during the trial hours

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

Example: Running your vehicles or generators in the parking lot is allowed at this event as long as you have permission from your neighbors or are willing to park away from others.

### **Reactive Dog Parking**

There will be reactive dog parking at this event for those who wish to park in this area

### **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.

### **Smoking**

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

## **DOG INFORMATION**

### **Dog Policies**

- All dogs must be on a 6' leash at all times 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 searching.

- 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 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 Ann Hogg [info@cannyk9companions.com](mailto:info@cannyk9companions.com) 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.

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, Ann Hogg/Canny K9 Companions 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 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, however spectating opportunities may be limited.

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 veterinarian to the event location:  
Emergency Veterinary & Specialty Services of Roanoke Inc  
Address: 5363 Peters Creek Rd, Roanoke, VA 24019  
Telephone #: [\(540\) 563-8575](tel:5405638575)

### **Questions**

All Test related questions, contact Ann Hogg [info@CannyK9Companions.com](mailto:info@CannyK9Companions.com)

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

Revised 10/17/2023  
**Ann Hogg/Canny K9 Companions LLC**  
**NACSW™ – Odor Recognition Test**

**Sunday March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2024**

**Charles R Hill Senior Center 814 E Washington Avenue, Vinton VA 24179**

**\$30.00 Registration Fee per odor tested - Payment by check or money order made out to Canny K9.**

**Please mail this completed form via USPS with your registration fee to:  
Ann Hogg 552 Parkview Drive, Blue Ridge VA 24064**

Questions: Contact: Ann Hogg [info@cannyk9companions.com](mailto:info@cannyk9companions.com)

Odor:  Birch       Anise       Clove

Test date(s): Sunday March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024

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 trial secretary 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 Ann Hogg, Margaret Milona, Canny K9 Companions LLC, Charles R Hill Senior Center 814 E Washington Avenue, Vinton VA 24179, 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: \_\_\_\_\_