

# National Association of Canine Scent Work, LLC®

## Official NACSW™

### ODOR RECOGNITION TESTS

Odors Tested: BIRCH, ANISE, CLOVE

Date: Sunday October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Test Location: The Peaks Retreat and Adventure Center  
[1336 Simmons Mill Rd Thaxton, VA 24174](https://www.google.com/maps/place/1336+Simmons+Mill+Rd+Thaxton,+VA+24174)

Test Host: Ann Hogg/Canny K9 Companions LLC  
Day of Trial Host: Sara Cole

Certifying Official: Anke King

Judge: Ann Hogg

Entry Cost: \$30 per odor tested

Number of Entries: 100

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 ORT due to COVID-19.

You are welcome to bring and wear and mask but there are no restrictions at this time.

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. Participants 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.

#### ORT ENTRY INFORMATION

**Opening Date:** Wednesday September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 12 noon EST

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

**Second Dog Policy:** We will be offering an opportunity to run a second dog.

The second dog will run in the second set-up of each odor

*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 \$25 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.

### **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 2022-2023 membership year (8/1/22- 7/31/23).
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 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 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)*

**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 6 PM Eastern time September 28th, 2022 – Full refund minus \$5 processing fee. For cancellation of entries after 6 p.m. Eastern time September 28th, 2022, no refund will be issued after this date if host can't fill your space or unless it is accompanied by doctors or veterinarians' letter when a partial refund will be given. No refunds will be issued for cancellations during the last 72 hours before the event or no-shows. Please note: Due 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 cancelations must be emailed to Ann Hogg at 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 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

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

### **Site Specific Conditions**

This ORT will be held in a large, air-conditioned event hall. The floor is shiny concrete. There is a large parking lot in front of the hall and plenty of space to exercise dogs. Restrooms are inside. Minimal walking on flat ground.

### **Reactive Dog Parking**

There will be plenty of room for reactive dog parking and a separate toileting area.

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 space for RVs to park in the competitor parking area during the test day. To reserve a space, you will need to contact the host after you receive a confirmation that you have received a space in the test. 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.

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

There is ample parking, so you can run generators for short periods of time if necessary.

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### **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.

## DOG INFORMATION

### Dog Policies

- All dogs must be always on a 6' leash 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 Ann Hogg [info@cannyk9companions.com](mailto:info@cannyk9companions.com) so plans can be made for the dog.

## OTHER INFORMATION

### 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

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 trial. 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.

### Veterinarians

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

### 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, Ann Hogg/CannyK9Companions/Sara Cole 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 Ann Hogg at [info@CannyK9Companions.com](mailto:info@CannyK9Companions.com)

**Ann Hogg/Canny K9 Companions LLC  
NACSW™ – Odor Recognition Test**

**Sunday October 9<sup>th</sup> 2022**

**The Peaks Retreat and Adventure Center [1336 Simmons Mill Rd Thaxton, VA 24174](https://www.thepeaksretreat.com)**

**\$30.00 Registration Fee - Payment by check or money order. Make checks 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 October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022

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 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 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 Ann Hogg, Sara Cole, Canny K9 Companions LLC, The Peaks Retreat and Adventure Center [1336 Simmons Mill Rd Thaxton, VA 24174](https://www.thepeaksretreat.com), 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: \_\_\_\_\_