

**Official NACSW™
K9 Nose Work® NW3 and NW1 Trials
April 2nd & 3rd 2022**

TRIAL LOCATION:

Camp Bethel
328 Bethel Road
Fincastle VA 24090

There are no BSL restrictions at this site

Please Note: It is not appropriate to visit the trial location prior to the trial date, nor should training take place on trial grounds once an event is approved/announced. Our locations are real life search environments where people work, go to school, etc. Pre-trial visits risk the host losing the opportunity to use the location again in the future.

TRIAL HOST:

Ann Hogg/Canny K9 Companions LLC

NW3: Saturday, April 2nd 2022

NW1: Sunday, April 3rd 2022

Certifying Officials:

Donna Hreniuk

Barb Haddeman COT for NW1 trial

Judges:

Saturday: Julie Gaunt & Mimi Harrington

Sunday: Julie Gaunt & Mimi Harrington

Entry Fees:

NW1: \$125 per dog and handler team

NW3: \$175 per dog and handler team

Number of Entries:

NW1: 50 entries

NW3: 38 entries

One dog per handler per level.

Trial Entry Open and Closing

- Trial entry will open on Tuesday February 15th, 2022 12 noon Eastern Standard Time (EST). Entries will be awarded by random draw of all entries received between 12 noon EST February 15th, 2022 and 12 noon EST February 17th, 2022.
- Trial entry will close at the end of the draw if the trial and wait list are deemed full. If the trial and wait list are not full, the trial will remain open for entries until they are deemed full or on the closing date which is 12 noon on March 11th, 2022
- We will not be taking payment until you are given a space in the trial. If you are given a space in the trial, you will receive information on how to submit payment. You will then have 5 working days to complete your payment to confirm your space in the trial.

Entry Method

All entries will be on-line via the link provided to the NACSW™ trial entry form. Paper and phone entries will not be accepted. Completing the form is not a guarantee of entry. You will receive an auto-response email confirming that we received your trial entry after registration - this email does not confirm your space in the trial. There will be a separate confirmation from info@cannyk9companions.com to let you know if your entry has been given a space in the trial

Entry Requirements and Selection:

A Qualified Entry is one that meets all of the following criteria

1. Complete the on-line trial entry during the draw period listed above.
The Handler is a NACSW™ member for the 2021-2022 membership year (8/1/2021-7/31/2022)
2. The Dog is registered with the NACSW™.
3. Dogs participating in a trial must be at least one year of age.
4. The Dog has passed the appropriate ORT and prior title level at least 14 days before the trial opens for entries.
5. Qualified entry for NW1 – Dog has not yet earned a NW1 title level.
6. Qualified entry for NW3 – Dog has earned a NW2 title and has not yet earned the NW3 Elite title level.

Trial spaces will be determined in the following manner:

- Spaces will be awarded by a random draw of all Qualified Entries received during the draw period listed above.
- In the event that you are having technical difficulties with the entry system, please email trialentry@nacswnet prior to the end of the draw period.
- No dog will be given a space in more than one trial of the same level at a single event.
- You may enter multiple dogs for entry in the draw. However, only one dog/handler per title level will be accepted into the trial. Entry will go to the dog selected in the draw – you may not swap to an alternate dog. If multiple dogs are selected in the draw, you may select which dog you wish to enter. Once a dog has been entered as a second dog/handler entry, you may not swap handlers after the draw to change the entry to a first dog/handler unless the trial is not full.
- If a trial level is not full after the draw of Qualified Entries, then there will be a Secondary Draw of any entries received that did not meet the ORT or title requirements. These entries will be accepted pending completion

of the requirements. **Note:** dogs must earn the appropriate ORT and prior title level at least 3 days prior to the trial date to be eligible to compete. If the required title or ORT is earned less than 14 days prior to the event, it is the competitor's responsibility to notify the host that the requirement has been completed.

- After all entries received during the draw period are processed, if the trial level is still not full, entries will continue to be accepted in the order they are received through the closing date or when entries fill.
- For Exhibit Only Dogs (FEO): Dogs running FEO are not eligible to receive titles or earn placement ribbons. FEO results will not be included in the posted trial results.
- If space remains after all qualified entries are accommodated on February 23rd, 2022, then we will offer spaces for those who wish to run a dog For Exhibition Only (FEO). Second dog/handler FEO entries on the same day will be offered spaces after March 14th, 2022
- The trial host of an event has the right to refuse entry of any competitor or dog for just cause as approved by the National Trial Committee. Just cause includes lack of adherence to NACSW™ rules and guidelines and the policies outlined in each event entry premium.
- Some trial entries may be given priority entry based on contributions to the organization and the trial process.

You will be notified via e-mail of the results of the random draw by 6 pm February 21st, 2022

If you have a spam blocker on your email account, please configure it to allow email from info@cannyk9companions.com in order to ensure delivery of confirmation and information about this trial.

You will then have 48 hours to complete your payment or to email to let me now your check is in the mail to confirm your space in the trial. Trial payments are payable to info@cannyk9companions.com by Zelle or by check made payable to Ann Hogg and mailed to Ann Hogg, Nosework Trial 552 Parkview Drive, Blue Ridge VA 24064

A waiting list for alternates will be started as soon as entries fill and this will be posted on the website.

Alternates will be contacted when a space opens.

Depending on last minute trial logistics, we may opt to not fill all canceled spaces.

NACSW™ reserves the right to cancel a trial if minimum entry numbers are not met.

Be sure you read and understand the guidelines for this trial before entering. By submitting a registration for this NACSW™ Trial, you acknowledge that you have read, understand, and accept the policies and liability information of NACSW™.

CANCELLATION POLICY

The following cancellation policy applies:

- For cancellation of entries on or before 6 am March 18th, 2022 – Full refund minus \$25 processing fee
- For cancellation of entries between 6am March 18th 2022 and before 6am 29th March 2022 – Full refund minus \$25 processing fee if the host fills your space. No refund will be issued if the host doesn't fill your space.
- For cancellation of entries after 6 am 29th March 2022– 50% of the trial entry fee will be refunded if the host fills your space. No refund will be issued if the host doesn't fill your space.

If you earn the title that makes you no longer eligible for the level you are entered, then you must contact the trial host at info@cannyk9companions.com cancel your entry and will be subject to the published cancellation policy. You may opt to change your entry to an FEO entry in this case and will be placed on the FEO waitlist and only receive a space in the trial if the host is accepting FEO entries.

All cancellations must be emailed to info@cannyk9companions.com

For cancellations that meet the above guidelines, refunds will be issued within 14 days of the request and no later than 14 days after the trial.

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.

No part of the fee will be refunded if the trial 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 trial organizers.

LOCATION DETAILS

Trial Conditions

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 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.

Site Specific Conditions

This trial is at a church camp. Parking will be mostly on grass. There will be a paved road to most search areas but you may be required to navigate gravel roads, dirt pathways, grass and rough terrain to wooded areas. The area is flat and there is a possibility that one search area will require walking several 100 yards. There may be other events going on in the parts of the camp we are not renting.

Reactive Dog Parking

We will do our best to provide a reactive dog parking area but we cannot guarantee one and there may not be an option of a separate toileting space. 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 trial day. There will be ample potty areas, but unentered dogs should not be allowed to "play", exercise, or train on the trial grounds.

RV Parking

RV parking will not be available at this site

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 Generators or Vehicles

The parking will be tight and there is not a separate area for us to park those of you who may wish to run generators or vehicles so in consideration of all competitors running generators or vehicles will not be allowed.

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

This is a smoke free site so smoking (including the use of e-cigarettes) will not be allowed.

Hotels

A list of area hotels will be provided with your confirmation letter.

DOG INFORMATION

- All dogs must be on a 6' leash at all times when not being tested. NO flexi-leashes while not participating in a competition 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 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 competing. The logistics of a trial typically do not allow for dogs to hang out on leash in between searches. Competitors 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 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 trial if the location logistics permit. Handlers must contact info@cannyk9companions.com so plans can be made for the dog.

OTHER INFORMATION

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 trial, 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 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.

NACSW™ Results

Results for each search and overall will be posted after all searches are completed and scores are verified for you to record your results for your own records. It is your responsibility to ensure your scores are accurate prior to leaving trial grounds. If a discrepancy cannot be verified at the trial, you may be instructed to submit a score card review request. It is not the responsibility of the host or NACSW™ to return score sheets that are left behind or to mail ribbons that are not picked up.

Spectators

All spectators must check in and sign a waiver. Spectating will be allowed at elements, space permitting and at the Certifying Official's discretion. Spectators may not photograph or video searches. 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 competitors about what they saw until after the trial is complete. Competitors are not allowed to watch the trial at any time.

Videotaping and Photography

At the host's discretion, a photographer and/or video service may be present during the trial to offer photos and/or videos for sale to the competitors.

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. Videos may not be made public until completion of the trial day

There is no photography or video allowed by spectators or volunteers.

As a condition of your entry, you agree to allow NACSW, or their agents, to video you and your dog during the entirety of the NACSW event. These videos are the property of NACSW. All competitors, through entry at any NACSW event, waive any and all rights relative to video broadcast or photography of such event.

Questions

All trial related questions, contact: Ann Hogg info@cannyk9companions.com