



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

Odors Tested: Birch, Anise, Clove

Date: Sunday, April 12, 2026

Test Location: Oriole Dog Training Club, Inc
9 Azar Court Halethorpe, Maryland 21227

Test Host: Oriole Dog Training Club, Inc

Test Secretary: Linda Grskovich CNWI lindobes@verizon.net

Certifying Official: Linda Grskovich CNWI

Judge: Jacqueline Reardon CNWI

Entry Cost: \$35.00 per odor

Number of Entries: 100

ORT ENTRY INFORMATION

Opening Date: Saturday February 28 at 5:00 pm Eastern Time

Entries Close: Wednesday, April 1 at 5:00 pm Eastern Time or When entry limits of 100 have been met

This test will not be accommodating second dogs/multiple dog or FEO entries.

Entry Method

- First received by USPS, mailed to Linda Grskovich, Trial Secretary 9019 Billow Row, Columbia Maryland 21045.
- 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. Checks without sufficient funds may result in non-entry unless bad check fee of \$36 fee is paid to hosting agency with entry fee by money order or cashier's check within 1 week of notification
- 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 2025-2026 membership year (8/1/25- 7/31/26).
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

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 **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

Refund and Cancellation Policy: Checks without sufficient funds may result in non-entry unless bad check fee of \$36 fee is paid to hosting agency with entry fee by money order or cashier's check within 1 week of notification.

Cancellations made **on or before** Wednesday, April 1 at 5:00 pm Eastern Time will be *refunded minus a \$10 administration fee for each odor entered*.

No refunds after: Wednesday, April 1 at 5:00 pm Eastern Time

Cancellations are made by emailing the Test Secretary Linda Grskovich at lindobes@verizon.net Please be considerate to your fellow sportsmen and contact the Test Secretary as soon as you know you cannot participate; we may have a waitlist for testing.

All cancellations must be emailed to the Trial Secretary, Linda Grskovich at lindobes@verizon.net

Entry fees shall not be refunded if a dog or handler is absent, disqualified, or excused by the NACSW official or judge.

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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

The training club is in an industrial park with large asphalt parking lot and no shade. Dogs must be confined to their cars while awaiting testing. Grass for dog elimination purposes is available. The building is handicap accessible. The test room has sprint turf flooring.

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.

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: The parking lot is paved with no shade available.

RV Parking There is space for RVs to park in the competitor parking area during the test day. Email lindobes@verizon.net to reserve RV space. 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 There is ample parking and we will have a separate parking area for those wishing to run their generators. If you are running vehicles, please assure that there is a safe distance between cars and that exhaust is not entering other cars.

Reactive Dog Parking There will be reactive dog parking at this test for those who wish to park in this area, and there will not be separate potty areas or warm up boxes.

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

Facility/Site Prohibitive Restrictions (e.g., smoking, firearms, alcohol, drugs, video) Smoking is not allowed on this test site, including the use of e-cigarettes. Alcohol is not allowed on this event site. Firearms are prohibited on the property.

Hotels To the best of our knowledge as of this printing, these hotels accept dogs. Always check to see if policy has changed. Room and pet fees vary:

- Red Roof Inn 827 Elkridge Landing Rd. Linthicum Heights MD 410-850-7600
- Red Roof Inn 111 West Timonium Rd. Timonium MD 21093 410-666-0380

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 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 the Test Secretary Lindobes@verizon.net 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 ORT due to COVID-19.

NACSW is requiring that all attendees adhere to social distancing - maintaining 6' of distance - at all trials until further notice even if your jurisdiction has relaxed their requirements or recommendations. Social Distancing requirements at an event are MANDATORY. There is *no option* to mutually consent to be closer together than 6'. Please be respectful that your proximity or request for proximity may make others uncomfortable. Please review the document [COVID-19 Event Guidelines](#) that is located in Google docs and was emailed to the membership on 5/8/2020

In addition to those guidelines the following changes and guidelines are in effect for this trial due to COVID-19. The facility highly recommends (participants and volunteers) that unvaccinated persons bring and wear face masks in the search area. Participants are asked to remain in their vehicles as much as possible. Participants are asked to bring their own hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes.

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 guidelines.

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 agrees that the NACSW, Oriole Dog Training Club, Inc. 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, Oriole Dog Training Club, Inc. 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). Hosts also may need to restrict attendance to minimize the number of people on site due to COVID-19 or site-specific restrictions. Only immediate family members/friends of the dog/handler team being tested may spectate that team.

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.

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.

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.

Volunteering Handler's testing may not volunteer inside the test area even if they are finished with their search. Anyone who is not testing is welcome to volunteer. If you know of someone who would like to volunteer, please have them contact Linda Grskovich lindobes@verizon.net . Your time and effort are GREATLY appreciated!

Emergency Veterinary Hospital

The closest emergency veterinarian to the event location:

Emergency Veterinary Clinic, Inc 24 hr Facility 32 Mellor Avenue Catonsville Maryland 21228 410-788-7040

Questions

All Test related questions, contact Linda Grskovich lindobes@verizon.net

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

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Oriole Dog Training Club NACSW™ – Odor Recognition Test Entry Form
Sunday, April 12, 2026

Location: Oriole Dog Training Club 9 Azar Court Halethorpe, Maryland 21227

Entry Cost: \$35 entry fee/each odor/each dog. *Make out checks/money order to Oriole Dog Training Club. No Pay Pal*

Mail completed form with fee to: Linda Grskovich 9019 Billow Row Columbia. Maryland 21045

DO NOT MAIL TO FACILITY; entries mailed to facility may not be considered for entry. Questions: Contact Linda Grskovich at lindobes@verizon.net

Odor: ☐ Birch ☐ Anise ☐ Clove

Dog's Call Name _____

Breed(s) _____ **Dog's NACSW™ # K** _____

Handler's Name _____

Handler's NACSW™ Membership # M _____

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 trial 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 Oriole Dog Training, 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: _____

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