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

Odors Tested: Birch, Anise, Clove

Date: Sunday, 13Dec2026

Test Location: Water Court Office Complex, 850 Hampshire Rd., Westlake Village, CA 91361

Test Host: Nosy K9, LLC

Test Host Contact Info: Nosy K9 – Brigitte Englahner. Email: benglahner@verizon.net, Cell phone: 805.341.5820

Certifying Official: Julie Riekes

Judge: Jill Marie O'Brien

Entry Cost: $35 per odor

Number of Entries: 99

ORT ENTRY INFORMATION

Opening Date: 01Nov2026

Entries Close: When entry limits have been met (110 tests) or 11Dec2026, whichever occurs first.

Second Dog Policy: Second dog may run FEO (For Exhibition Only).

Entry Method

- Competitor uses Entry Link from Nosy K9, LLC website: NosyK9.com

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.
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.
5. Test Payments were received by trial host.
6. Liability Waiver completed and returned to trial host.

Optional 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 11Dec2026, 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 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

The following cancellation policy applies:

- For cancellation of entries on or before 01Dec2026, full refund minus a Processing Fee of $5 will be given.
- For cancellation of entries between 02Dec2026 and 10Dec2026, a 50% refund will be given.
- For cancellations between 11-Dec2026 and the start of the ORT, no refunds will be given

All cancellations must be emailed to the Test Host Brigitte Englahner/Nosy K9, LLC benglahner@verizon.net and confirmed as received in order to be issued the refund.

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
There is a walking distance between the parking lot and the test area, which includes a downward ramp. The exit back to the parking lot may be either stairs or the same ramp for competitors (or their dogs) who can't walk up stairs.
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 will not have any natural (tree, etc.) shade available. Competitors will need to bring their own shade covers for their car.

RV Parking
There is no RV parking available.

Running Vehicles or Generators in the parking lot:
Running vehicles or generators in the parking lot is NOT allowed at this site.

Reactive Dog Parking:
There is availability for a separate "reactive dog" parking. Please contact Nosy K9 to reserve your special instructions.

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.

Crating Options:
No outside crating options available.

Facility/Site Prohibitive Restrictions (e.g., smoking, firearms, alcohol, drugs, video):
- Alcohol is not allowed on this event site
- Smoking is allowed on this event site but only in designated smoking areas
- Firearms are prohibited on the property.

Hotels:
Pet friendly local motels/hotels: Affordable Pet-Friendly Hotels in Thousand Oaks for 2026| Travelocity

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 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 you are sick, please do not attend this event for the benefit of your fellow dog enthusiasts.

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, Test Host: Nosy K9, 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, 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**,** Test Host Nosy **K9 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:
Non-handler attendance/spectating is allowed, only immediate family members/friends of the dog/handler team being tested may spectate that team.

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
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 Videography and Photography Services:
Professional Video &/or Photography service will be available from Katie Barrett during your searches: katie barrett
Details will be available at check in.

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 reach out to Nosy K9 at: benglahner@verizon.net to sign up. Your time and effort are GREATLY appreciated!

Emergency Veterinary Hospital
The closest emergency veterinarian(s) to the event location:
Veterinary Care in Thousand Oaks, CA | Conejo Valley Veterinary Hospital

Questions:
All Test related questions, contact the Test Host: Nosy K9, LLC – Brigitte Englahner via email: benglahner@verizon.net or cell phone: 805.341.5820

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