

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

Odors Tested: Birch, Anise, Clove

Date: Saturday, May 10th, 2025

Test Site Hours: Check-In will open at 8:30 through Completion of the test

Test Location: WestInn Kennels - 1522 Swantnerville Drive, Wentzville, MO 63385

Test Host: Hailey Winters

Test Host Contact Info: Hailey@WestInnKennels.com

Certifying Official: Kathy Echols

Judge: Kevin West

Entry Cost: \$35.00 for first odor per dog \$35.00 for each subsequent odor test

Number of Entries: Limited to 100 tests

ORT ENTRY INFORMATION

Opening Date: Monday, February 3rd at 10:00 AM CST

Entries Close: Sunday, May 4th, 2025, at 6:00 PM CST or When entry limits have been met

Second Dog Policy: Two dogs per odor per handler limit. A separate registration form must be filled out for each dog/odor combination

Entry Method

Online registration will be available at WestinnKennels.com, under the Events / Seminars & Workshops tab.

[LINK HERE](#)

- Telephone, fax, unassigned entries, paper entries, and entries without fees cannot be accepted
- No entries 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.

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 2024-2025 membership year (8/1/24- 7/31/25).
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 9th, 2025 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.

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CANCELLATION POLICY

The following cancellation policy applies: The following cancellation policy applies: Cancellations made on or before May 4th, 2025, by 6:00 pm, will be refunded minus a \$15 administration fee per test. No refunds after the entry closing date. Cancellations may be made by e-mail to Westinnkennels@gmail.com. The secretary is not responsible for lost emails or calls that do not reach him. The secretary will send an email back to the participant confirming the cancellation.

Covid Policy Regarding Refunds: If the odor recognition test is canceled due to any covid related shutdown by local or federal authorities or the NACSW™ the host will refund 50% of the registration fee.

All cancellations must be emailed to Westinnkennels@gmail.com

Entry Fees shall not be refunded in the event that a dog 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 Odor Recognition Test (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 ORT organizers, then the ORT host will make their best effort to provide partial refunds after recouping their expenses

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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 testing will be done inside a dog training facility on rubber matting. There are no steps in or out of the building. There will be separate entry and exit doors to the testing area. The pathways to the search areas are paved and include ramp options. The search areas are on level ground. There may be a long walk to the search area; however, there are multiple staging areas to rest.

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.

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Parking

The parking lot is paved with no shade available.

RV Parking

There is no space for RVs to park in the competitor parking area during the test day.

Running Vehicles or Generators in the parking lot

You may NOT run your vehicle or generators during the ORT. The use of portable generators is prohibited.

Reactive Dog Parking

There will be limited reactive dog parking at this test. Please inquire about the availability of this parking option if you need it.

Unentered Dogs

Unentered dogs will not be permitted to roam. Exhibitors are responsible for the behavior of their dogs. Be prepared to keep your dog in your car when not being tested or on leash at all times. There is no inside crating at this test.

Crating Options

Be prepared to keep your dog in your car when not being always tested or on a leash. There is no inside crating at this test.

Facility/Site Prohibitive Restrictions (e.g., smoking, firearms, alcohol, drugs, video)

Alcohol and smoking are not allowed on this event site, including the use of e-cigarettes.

Hotels

Hilton Garden Inn, 2310 Technology Dr, O'Fallon, MO 63368 636-625-2700

Marriott Residence Inn, 101 Progress Point Ct, O'Fallon, MO 63368 636-696-0459

Holiday Inn Express, 1175 Technology Dr, O'Fallon, MO 63368 636-300-4844

Comfort Inn & Suites, 101 Comfort Inn Ct, O'Fallon, MO 63366 (Exit 219) 636-281-9100

Hilton Garden Inn, 16631 Chesterfield Grove Rd, Chesterfield, MO 63005 636-532-9400

Days Inn, 10600 Veterans Memorial Pkwy, Lake St Louis, MO 63367 636-625-1711

NOTE: Some motels may charge a pet fee or have limits on size.

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 Hailey Winters at WestInnKennels@gmail.com so plans can be made for the dog

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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 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@nacsww.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, WestInn Kennels 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, **WestInn Kennels 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

To minimize the number of people on site, anyone not volunteering, competing, or officiating should stay home except in the case where someone requires support to travel to the event. Spectating is currently not allowed. 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 the completion of the event day.

Volunteering

Anyone who is not testing is welcome to volunteer. If you know of someone who would like to volunteer, please have them go to the [EVENT WEBSITE](#) to sign up. They can also contact Hailey Winters at Hailey@WestInnKennels.com with questions. Your time and effort are GREATLY appreciated!

Emergency Veterinary Hospital

The closest emergency veterinarian to the event location:

Emergency Medical Clinic

334 Ft Zumwalt Square, O'Fallon, MO 63366

636-240-5496

Open 24 Hours

Questions

All Test related questions, contact Hailey Winters at Hailey@WestInnKennels.com

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