National Association of Canine Scent Work, LLC®

Official NACSW™

ODOR RECOGNITION TESTS

Odors Tested:

Birch, Anise, Clove

Date:

Sunday, February 7, 2027

Test Site Hours

8:30 AM through completion of the tests

Test Location

MasterPeace Dog Training
264 Fisher St.
Franklin, MA 02038

Test Host

MasterPeace Dog Training

Test Secretary

Patty Sontag
pattynosedogs@gmail.com
508-450-4014

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Certifying Official

Dana Crevling

Judge

Pamela DeTore

Entry Cost

$35 PER ODOR being tested
All checks will be held and not processed until after Wednesday, January 27, 2027

Number of Entries: 125 tests

To keep groups small at this time, we may split the ORT into two groups. One group will run in the morning and one in the afternoon. You may note your preference for AM or PM on the registration form, should we split the group.

ORT ENTRY INFORMATION

Opening Date: Monday, November 30, 2026 at **8:00 AM Eastern**
Entries Close: Wednesday, January 27, 2027 at **12:00 Eastern**
A wait list will be started if the event fills prior to the closing date.

Second Dog Policy: Second dogs WILL NOT be able to be accommodated at this ORT.

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. A charge of $25 will be made for each returned check
- 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 **2026-2027** membership year (**8/1/26- 7/31/27).**
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 January 27, 2027**, 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:

- **Cancellations made on or before 12:00 PM Eastern on Wednesday, January 27, 2027 will be refunded IN FULL.**
- **For cancellations after 12 PM Eastern on Wednesday, January 27, 2027 and before 12 PM, Tuesday, February 2, 2027, 50% of the trial entry fee will be refunded if the host fills your spot. No refund will be issued if the host doesn't fill your spot.**
- **No refunds after 12:00 PM, Tuesday, February 2, 2027.**

  ***Entry checks will be held and not processed until after 12:00 PM, Wednesday, January 27, 2027.**

All cancellations must be emailed to the **Test Secretary: Patty Sontag – pattynosedogs@gmail.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 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
This ORT will take place at a ground floor training center at the end of a dead-end street, with the building entrance easily accessible from the parking lot; the building does not have any stairs. The parking lot, including the pathway leading to the building, is paved asphalt, with a hard-packed dirt parking area well beyond that, which could require you to navigate uneven terrain, including a transition from hard-packed dirt to asphalt. The flooring in the test area is Great Mats matting. The facility is climate-controlled, with AC/heat as needed. Two restrooms are located inside the building, adjacent to (but will be visually blocked from) the ORT test area, and may be used during the testing.
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 little to no shade available.

RV Parking

There is limited space for RVs to park in the handlers parking area during the event day. To reserve a space, you will need to contact the Test Host Contact/Secretary after you receive confirmation that you have a space in the event. No overnight RV parking is available.

Running Vehicles or Generators in the parking lot

Running your vehicles or generators in the parking lot is allowed at this event as long as you have permission from your neighbors or are willing to park away from others.

Reactive Dog Parking

There will be reactive dog parking at this event for those who wish to park in this area, however the parking is tight and there will not be separate potty areas or warm up boxes.

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

There will be no indoor crating at this event.

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

Alcohol is not allowed on this event site
Smoking, including the use of e-cigarettes, is not allowed on this event site
Firearms are prohibited on the property.

Hotels

A list of area hotels is available here:

- Holiday Inn Express, Milford, MA (508-634-1054)
- Hampton Inn, Franklin, MA (508-520-2999)

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 in the PM group (if the ORT is split into two groups).

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, Patty Sontag at pattynosedogs@gmail.com 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.

There are currently no travel or mask restrictions for this area.

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@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, MasterPeace Dog Training 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**, MasterPeace Dog Training 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

Additional guests of handlers are welcome, however spectating opportunities may be limited.
Please verify attendance policies with the Test Host Contact/Secretary before bringing or inviting anyone not volunteering, handling, or officiating.

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

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.

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

Professional Video &/or Photography service

SNIFF Streams will be taking video of the searches. Details will be available in the final details and at check in.

Emergency Veterinary Hospital

The closest emergency veterinarian(s) to the event location:

Tufts VETS – Veterinary Emergency Treatment and Specialties
252 South St., Walpole, MA 02081]
508-688-5454
Open 24 hours

Questions

All Test related questions, contact TEST SECRETARY Patty Sontag at: pattynosedogs@gmail.com

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

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Franklin, MA 02038

$35.00 PER ODOR Registration Fee (e.g., 3 odors x $35 - $105)
Payment by check or money order only, payable to MasterPeace

Please mail this completed form via USPS with your registration fee to:

Patty Sontag, Attn.: ORT
11 Houde St.
Marlborough, MA 01752

Questions: Contact: Patty Sontag at MasterPeace (508-553-9300) or at pattynosedogs@gmail.com

Odor: □ Birch □ Anise □ Clove Preference: AM group_____ PM group _____
(We will do our best to honor your request)

Test date: Sunday, February 7, 2027

Dog's Call Name _____**Dog's NACSW #** _____

Breed(s) _____

Handler's Name _____

Handler's NACSW Membership # _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip_____

Phone where you can easily be reached _____

E-mail Address _____

Emergency Contact (Name & Phone Number):_____

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All confirmations will be sent via e-mail with attachment within 7 days of receipt of complete registration form and payment. If you require 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 MasterPeace Dog Training / Patty Sontag, MasterPeace Dog Training, 264 Fisher St., Franklin, MA 02038, 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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