

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

**Odors Tested: Birch, Anise, Clove**

**Date: June 15, 2025**

**Test Location: Napa Valley Dog Training Club, 68 S Coombs St., Napa CA 94559**

**Test Host: California Collie Fanciers**

**Test Host Contact Info: Diane Parness, [fogpup@yahoo.com](mailto:fogpup@yahoo.com)**

**Certifying Official: Betsy Ramsey**

**Judge: Linda Chwistek**

**Entry Cost: \$35 per odor**

**Number of Entries: 60**

**To keep groups small, we may elect to split entrants into two groups. One will run in the morning and one in the afternoon.**

## **ORT ENTRY INFORMATION**

**Opening Date:** Monday, May 05, 2025 at 7am PST

**Entries Close:** Monday, June 06, 2025 at 7pm PST or when entry limits have been met

### **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.
- 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 a 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 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 information on how to register or become a member go to [www.NACSW.net](http://www.NACSW.net)

### **Trial Eligibility and ORTs**

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 ORT 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](http://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 June 2, 2025 – Full refund minus a \$20 processing fee.
- For cancellation of entries between June 2 and before June 11 – Full refund minus a \$20 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 June 11 – 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.

All cancellations must be emailed to [fogpup@yahoo.com](mailto:fogpup@yahoo.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

The site for this ORT is a dog training facility. There is plenty of parking directly outside the building. Additional parking is available on the street. The inside of the building is fully matted and level. There is a restroom at one end of the building. There is no shade in the parking area. Participants should provide shade for their dog.

The parking lot cannot accommodate vehicles that take up more than one standard parking space. Running your vehicles or generators in the parking lot is not allowed at this event.

There will not be specific reactive dog parking at this event.

We are unable to accommodate unentered dogs at this location.

## 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 Host at [fogpup@yahoo.com](mailto:fogpup@yahoo.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](#)

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.

### Rules

Complete rules are available at [www.NACSW.net](http://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, The California Collie Fanciers 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, **The California Collie Fanciers 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). Contact the host at: [fogpup@yahoo.com](mailto:fogpup@yahoo.com) if you REQUIRE someone to attend with you for assistance. 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**

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.

Kiem Sie, a professional photographer, will be available to film your runs if you wish.

Details will be available at check in.

## **Emergency Veterinary Hospital**

Solano Pet Emergency  
4437 Central PI, Suite B3  
Cordelia  
(707) 864-1444  
24 hour emergency care

## **Questions**

For all Test related questions, contact Diane Parness at [fogpup@yahoo.com](mailto:fogpup@yahoo.com)

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

The California Collie Fanciers, Inc.  
NACSW Odor Recognition Test  
**Sunday, June 15, 2025**  
Napa Valley Dog Training Club  
68 S Coombs St  
Napa, CA 94559

**Entry Form**

**Registration fee is \$35 per odor. Payment by check only. Checks should be made out to California Collie Fanciers.**

Please detach, sign, and mail this completed entry form via USPS with your registration fee to: Diane Parness, California Collie Fanciers, 19051 Spring Dr., Sonoma, CA 95476

Questions: Contact: Diane Parness, [fogpup@yahoo.com](mailto:fogpup@yahoo.com)

Odor(s):       Birch       Anise       Clove

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Dog's Call Name \_\_\_\_\_

Breed(s) \_\_\_\_\_ **Dog's NACSW #** \_\_\_\_\_

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): \_\_\_\_\_

**An ORT must be taken and passed at least 14 days before a trial opening date to be eligible for the first 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 email 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 The California Collie Fanciers, NVDTC, 68 S Coombs St, Napa, 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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