

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

Odors Tested: Birch, Anise, Clove

Date: April 26, 2025

Test Location: Everything Dog, LLC; 520 West 67th Street, Loveland, CO 80538
No BSL for this location

Test Host: Everything Dog, LLC

Test Host Contact Info: Barb Sahl, the.elemental.dog@gmail.com

Certifying Official: Deanna Bunn

Judge: Megan Wallace

Entry Cost: \$35 per run

Number of Entries: 125

If we have enough entries, we will split the ORT into two groups. One group will check in at 8:30 AM and the other will check in at approximately 12:30 PM. **Exact times will be determined the week before the ORT.** If you are traveling with another handler please notify the ORT so that you will be in the same group.

ORT ENTRY INFORMATION

Opening Date: March 4, 2025 at 10:00 AM

Entries Close: April 22, 2025 or when entry limits have been met

Second Dog Policy: Second dog tests will NOT be offered at this ORT.

Entry Method

First received | Registration will be ONLINE only – a link will appear HERE once registration is open.

- Telephone, Fax, Unsigned Entries, And Entries Received Without Fees Cannot Be Accepted.
- Returned checks do not constitute a valid entry fee. Host will assess a \$30.00 fee for returned checks.
- Entries must be made on the official online 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 completing entry forms so PLEASE review your form carefully.

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 April 5, 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 to each handler's email address when entry(ies) and payment are processed. Your payment receipt and notification are confirmation of your completed entry. Please ensure your email is correctly entered.

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 thirty seconds (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: REFUNDS will be given, minus a processing fee of \$10 per test, if the trial host is notified by Monday, April 14, 2025 at 6:00 PM Mountain Time. FROM Monday, April 14, 2025 at 6:01 PM to Tuesday, April 22, 2025 at 6pm (MT), REFUNDS will be given, minus a processing fee of \$15 per test, IF the host can fill your space. No refund will be issued if the host can't fill your space. No refunds will be issued for cancellations during the last 72 hours before the event or no-shows. Due to time constraints, host may opt to not fill cancelled spaces and no refund will be issued.

All cancelations must be emailed to ORT host via email at the.elemental.dog@gmail.com.

Refunds will be addressed within 30 days of the cancellation.

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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 who 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 location is at a dog training facility in an industrial condo facility. There is paved parking out front and along the street. Access is paved and level. There are no steps to access or leave the test room. Street parking is across a fairly steep, but narrow grassed berm. There is a sidewalk available to bypass the berm. Additional parking is available on a gravel lot to the west of the building. The test area has rubber matting on the floor.

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

Parking in front of the building is on the north side and may be icy or snowy depending on weather.

RV Parking

The parking lot is tight and does not allow for RV parking. However, limited RV parking is available on the street in front of the industrial condo building and in a gravel lot west of the building. Walking from the street requires crossing a fairly steep berm or walking around to street entrances. Parking to the west also requires about a 100 yard walk. **Any entrant who wishes to bring an RV must contact Barb Sahl at the.elemental.dog@gmail.com so that we may ensure adequate parking is available to meet the interest.**

Running Vehicles or Generators in the parking lot

Running vehicles in front of the industrial condo building is not allowed due to tight parking. Those wishing to run their vehicles must park on the gravel lot to the west of the building. Please be respectful of vehicles parked in close proximity.

Reactive Dog Parking

Please contact Barb Sahl at the.elemental.dog@gmail.com if you require accommodation for a reactive dog.

Parking space in front of the industrial condo is tight, however, we should be able to reserve an area away from the primary parking area. It is helpful to know how many reactive dogs will be attending in order to plan the necessary space. Please email Barb at the.elemental.dog@gmail.com if you would like to have reactive dog parking available. Notifying Barb is only for space planning purposes. Do note that dogs will need to walk past at least some of the general parking to reach the entrance to the training center. There will not be a specified potty area for reactive dogs.

Unentered Dogs

Example: 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. There will be limited crating available for event officials and volunteers. Please contact Barb Sahl at the.elemental.dog@gmail.com with your needs.

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

Alcohol and smoking (including e-cigarettes) are not allowed on this event site

Hotels

There are many hotels in Loveland and neighboring cities.

DOG INFORMATION

Dog Policies

- All dogs must be on a 6' leash at all times 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 searching.
- 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 Barb Sahl at the.elemental.dog@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, Everything Dog, LLC, The Elemental Dog, 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, Everything Dog, LLC, The Elemental Dog, LLC **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

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

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.

Professional Video &/or Photography service:

Creekwalker Photography will video the searches. Details to purchase videos will be available at check in.

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 <https://www.everythingdogco.com/events> to sign up with the online form. They can also contact Barb Sahl at the.elemental.dog@gmail.com with questions. Your time and effort are GREATLY appreciated!

Emergency Veterinary Hospital

The closest emergency veterinarian to the event location:
VCA Veterinary Specialists of Northern Colorado
201 West 67th Court, Loveland, CO 80538
970-278-0668; Open 24/7

Questions

All Test related questions, contact Barb Sahl at the.elemental.dog@gmail.com

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