

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

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

**Date:** Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**Test Site Hours:** Check-in times will be included in the final details email

**Test Location:** All Breed Rescue & Training, 410 ½ E Fillmore St, Colorado Springs, CO 80907

**Test Host:** All Breed Rescue & Training

**Test Secretary:** Julie Harbican **Email:** julie@haveanicedog.org

**There are no BSL restrictions in this area**

**Certifying Official:** RuthAnn Stricker

**Judge:** Terri Wilson

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

**Number of Entries:** 150

Depending on the number of entries, the ORT may be split into two groups with the final determination being made the week before the ORT. Competitors will be notified by email of the time to arrive, along with other final details.

## ORT ENTRY INFORMATION

**Opening Date:** Monday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 10am MST

**Entries Close:** Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 7pm MST **or** when entry limits have been met.

**Second Dog Policy:** Two dogs per handler for each odor tested **will be allowed**.

### Entry Method

All entries will be online through the Host website at HaveANiceDog.org at the following registration link:

- [Sept 2026 ORT Registration](#)
- Telephone, fax and mailed entries will not be accepted.
- OWNERS / HANDLERS are responsible for errors in registration entries.
- No Entry Shall Be Made and No Entry Shall Be Accepted, Which Specifies Any Conditions as To Its Acceptance.
- Payment is required at the time of registration.

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## 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 Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 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](http://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 to earn the ORT title. It is not required that they all be passed, at the same test.

## 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](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:

- Cancellations made **BEFORE** Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 8am MST, will receive a refund less a \$5 service fee per test.
- No refunds will be issued **AFTER** Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 8am MST.
- All cancellations must be emailed to the Julie Harbican at [julie@HaveANiceDog.org](mailto:julie@HaveANiceDog.org)

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.*

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## LOCATION DETAILS

### **ADA Site Specific Conditions**

This test location is a dog training and rescue facility. There are four (4) steps to enter and exit the building. Flooring in the testing area is standard agility matting. A ramp is available for use, but please contact Julie Harbican at [julie@HaveANiceDog.org](mailto:julie@HaveANiceDog.org) if you will need to use it, as it leads directly into the testing room.

***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.

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### **Parking**

The parking lot is paved with no shade available.

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### **RV Parking**

There is no space in the competitor parking area for RV's to park. Space for RV parking is available behind the testing facility on the street or in a neighboring business parking lot. Please contact Julie Harbican at [julie@HaveANiceDog.org](mailto:julie@HaveANiceDog.org) for more information.

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### **Running Vehicles or Generators in the parking lot**

The parking will be tight at this location and running vehicles or generators in the parking lot is not allowed.

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### **Reactive Dog Parking**

There will be a limited amount of reactive dog parking at this test for those who wish to park in this area, however, parking is tight and there will not be separate potty areas or warm-up boxes. Please contact

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Julie Harbican at [julie@HaveANiceDog](mailto:julie@HaveANiceDog) to reserve a reactive dog parking spot.

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### **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.

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

The following are prohibited on this property:

- Smoking / drug, including the use of e-cigarettes.
- Alcohol
- Firearms

### **Hotels**

The following nearby hotels are listed as Pet Friendly, but you will need to confirm prior to booking:

- Super 8, 3270 N Chestnut St, Colorado Springs, CO 80907
- Best Western, 3150 N Chestnut St, Colorado Springs, CO 80907
- Motel 6, 3228 N Chestnut St, Colorado Springs, CO 80907
- LaQuinta Inn, 4385 Sinton Rd, Colorado Springs, CO 80907
- Quality Inn and Suites, 555 W Garden of the Gods, Colorado Springs, CO 80907

## **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. Please contact Julie Harbican at [julie@HaveANiceDog.org](mailto:julie@HaveANiceDog.org) 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: The City of Colorado Springs and the State of Colorado have no current COVID 19 restrictions.

**If there are any significant changes or updates after the draw period, entrants will be notified via email. Competitors are responsible for staying up to date on any jurisdictional requirements for their home location as well as the trial 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](mailto: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](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 agrees that the NACSW, All Breed Rescue & 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, **All Breed Rescue & 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 are welcome, however spectating opportunities may be limited.
- Please verify attendance policies with the host before bringing or inviting anyone not volunteering, testing, or officiating.
- An adult accompanying a minor must be present during the searches.
- Everyone at the test site must sign the waiver provided by the host and comply with all event requirements.
- Participants are not allowed to watch the testing at any time.
- 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.

### **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.

### **Volunteering**

Anyone who is not testing is welcome to volunteer. If you know of someone who would like to volunteer, please have them contact Julie Harbican at [julie@HaveANiceDog.org](mailto:julie@HaveANiceDog.org) with questions. Your time and effort are GREATLY appreciated!

### **Emergency Veterinary Hospital**

The closest emergency veterinarian to the event location:

**Animal ER Care LLC  
5520 Nevada Ave #150,  
Colorado Springs, CO 80918**

### **Questions**

All Test related questions, contact Julie Harbican at [julie@HaveANiceDog.org](mailto:julie@HaveANiceDog.org)

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