

# National Association of Canine Scent Work, LLC®

## Official NACSW™

## ODOR RECOGNITION TESTS

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

**Date:** Saturday, April 25, 2026

**Test Site Hours:** 10am – 5pm

**Test Location:** [Christian Community Church, 3838 Bartlett St, Homer, AK 99603]

**Test Host:** Homer Dog Trainers

**Test Host Contact Info:** Carol Kerkvliet, [kbayliving@gmail.com](mailto:kbayliving@gmail.com), 907-299-2234

**Certifying Official:** Jan Erwin

**Judge:** Patricia Boone

**Entry Cost:** \$30 per test

**Number of Entries:** 25-100

### ORT ENTRY INFORMATION

**Opening Date:** April, 1, 2026 at 8am Alaska Daylight Time

**Entries Close:** April 24, 2026 at 5 pm Alaska Daylight Time or When entry limits have been met

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

#### **Entry Method**

First received By USPS , Mail overnight deliveries must have the signature waived box checked.

#### **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 2025-2026 membership year (8/1/25- 7/31/26).
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 25,

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 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](http://www.NACSW.net)*

**No dog will be given more than one space in the same odor test at a single event.**

### **CANCELLATION POLICY**

- For cancellation via email of entries on or before 9:00 AM Alaska Time April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026 – Full refund minus \$5 per odor processing fee.
- For cancellation of entries after 9:00 AM Alaska Time April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026 – No refund will be available]

All cancellations must be emailed to the host contact, Carol Kerkvliet, [kbayliving@gmail.com](mailto:kbayliving@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**

Example: This event location is a Church. The entry to the church is handicap accessible from a gravel parking lot. The search area is a gym. Participants will exit from the gym into a gravel parking lot. Handlers should be prepared to walk across the gravel parking lot back to their vehicle to crate their dog between searches.

**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 gravel with no shade available.

#### **RV Parking**

There is space for RVs to park in the handlers parking area during the event day. No overnight RV parking is available.

Please contact the Test Host Contact/Secretary if you are unsure about parking.

#### **Reactive Dog Parking**

There will be reactive dog parking at this event for those who wish to park in this area, however 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 ground

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

Alcohol and smoking are not allowed on this event site

Participants must wear inside shoes in the gym. To accommodate this requirement, a shoe changing station will be staged at the gym entrance and exit door.

## **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 Contact/Secretary 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.

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](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, [Homer Dog Trainers] 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, **[Homer Dog Trainers] 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.

### **Volunteering**

Anyone who is not testing is welcome to volunteer. If you know of someone who would like to volunteer, please have them contact Carol Kerkvliet via email ([kbayliving@gmail.com](mailto:kbayliving@gmail.com)) or phone (907-299-2234) with questions. Your time and effort are GREATLY appreciated!

### **Emergency Veterinary Hospital**

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

Homer Veterinary Clinic

326 Woodside Avenue, Homer, AK 99603

(907) 235-8960

Monday to Friday 8:00 am to 5:30 pm

Kachemak Bay Animal Hospital

601 E. Pioneer Ave. #102, Homer, AK 99603

(907) 235-0143

Email: [info@kbayvet.com](mailto:info@kbayvet.com)

Monday to Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Emergency Care is shared by Homer Veterinary Clinic and Kachemak Bay Animal Hospital

Call (907) 235-8960 to find out which clinic is on call and how to obtain after hours care.

### **Questions**

All Test related questions, contact Carol Kerkvliet ([kbayliving@gmail.com](mailto:kbayliving@gmail.com))

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

**Homer Dog Trainers  
NACSW™ – Odor Recognition Test**

**Saturday, April 25, 2026**

Christian Community Church, 3838 Bartlett St, Homer, AK 99603

**\$30.00 per odor - Payment by check**

**Please mail this completed form via USPS with your registration fee to:  
Carol Kerkvliet, P.O. Box 1365 Homer, AK. 99603. Checks should be made payable Homer Dog Trainers**

Questions: Contact: Carol Kerkvliet, [kbayliving@gmail.com](mailto:kbayliving@gmail.com)

Odor:  Birch  Anise  Clove

Test date(s): Saturday, April 25, 2026

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

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**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 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 Homer Dog Trainers, Christian Community Church, 3838 Bartlett St, Homer, AK 99603, 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: \_\_\_\_\_