



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CANINE SCENT WORK'S EDUCATION DIVISION

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K9 Nose Work® Instructor Submission Requirement - Odor Recognition Test Alternative

Guidelines and requirements for alternate ORT submission. The ORT or equivalent requirements is to demonstrate that an instructor can, at a minimum develop a dog to a point of basic odor recognition (unpaired) with a level of independent searching.

FEES (all fees are in USD):

ORT Alternative - Type	Type of submission (certificate or video submission)	NACSW/K9NW processing fee	
Skills Challenge - NACSW official certificate of completion	No video required	\$0	
Skills Challenge - Instructor Submission Only	Video required	\$30.00	
Non-NACSW ORT Title (alternate organization; Must be pre-approved organization prior to submission)	Video of ORT/Equivalent; Signed certificate of title or equivalent.	\$30.00	Not all scent work/nose work sports organizations will be approved.
(Australian Instructors) ACSW Official ORTs	Submission of proof of completion of at least one trial odor (Birch, Anise or Clove)	\$0	
ORT (Any Odor) Proctored by a CNWI (NOT AN OFFICIAL ORT)	Video and note from CNWI	\$30.00	+ cost of CNWI's time (to be determined by each individual)
NACSW ORT	Date; Odor tested; Location; NACSW Trial Div. Member #	\$0	
Professional detection certification	Law Enforcement, Military, SAR, Other K9 Detection professionals with professional ORT's/Certifications through a recognized certifying body please contact submissions@k9nosework.com for details on how and what to submit.	\$0	



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For NACSW ORT equivalent for Instructors, you must submit one of the following:

- Title in alternate organization for those outside the USA (Australian Instructors: ACSW ORT only). Organization must have a program with 5 years of active Scent work trialing. Pre-approval from the education division will be required.
- NACSW Online skills challenge. If you have already done the Skills Challenge when officially offered, then you can submit proof of successful completion. You can find information on the NACSW Skills Challenges here: <https://nacsw.net/challenges>
- You may also elect to complete the non-NACSW Skills Challenge that is described below. You must submit the video of the exercises in the Challenge via email to submissions@k9nosework.com and pay the \$30 processing fee.

PLEASE NOTE: Completion of any of the Skills Challenges will not grant you an ORT title from the NACSW, but they will fulfill the requirement for your CNWI status.

Non-NACSW Skills Challenge Description:

Submission 1 - Sourcing: Should include: 1) photo, diagram, or video of the chairs (and table if applicable) with hide location 2) Link to video including audio of the search.

What we are looking for: The dog should demonstrate that they can identify the exact location of the hide and communicate to the handler. The hide needs to be under the chair at the designated location and not readily visible to the dog. It is acceptable for the dog to have one preliminary communication prior to identifying the exact location, however the dog should resume searching without cues from the handler in this case. Multiple communications that are not at the exact source would not be considered a passing search.

Exercise - Have 4 chairs side by side no more than 6" apart facing the same direction in the middle of the space. Set one hide under one of the middle 2 chairs at one of the front corners of the chair.

Submission 2 – Independent Searching: Should include: 1) Link to video including audio of the search that includes a view of the handler at all times.

What we are looking for: The handler will remain at the start line and the dog should independently navigate to the location of the hide and communicate to the handler. The handler may give an initial search cue to start the search. The handler should not give any additional cues (physical or verbal) to send the dog out to the hide or to encourage the dog to continue searching.

Exercise - Set 6 boxes in a line with each box 4' apart. The start line should be 4' from the first box. Place the hide in the 4th box (16' away from start line).



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Submission 3 - Inaccessible Hides: Needs to include: 1) Photo or diagram or description of the search area identifying the hide location that demonstrates the actual depth of the hide 2) Link to video including audio of the search.

*An inaccessible hide in this challenge is defined as a hide that the dog cannot physically access. Depth of the hide should be a minimum of 18 inches in all directions and it is recommended the height of the hide is less than 3 feet. This inaccessible challenge **excludes (do not use)** contained type hides like hides inside drawers, cupboards, or file cabinets.*

What we are looking for: The dog should demonstrate that they fully understand the location of the hide and/or show persistent attempts to access the hide. The handler should minimize movement and should not appear to “assist” the dog in locating the hide through presentation, direct body positioning, or by cuing the dog to continue searching.

Exercise – Create an inaccessible hide in the middle of an area. The dog should be able to get all the way around the hide (360 degrees). You can use a combination of x-pens, crates, chairs, tables, or other objects to create the barrier around the hide. The tables and chairs may be upright or on their sides. The dog should not be able to easily squeeze through or jump over the barrier.

Submission 4 – Multiple Hides: Needs to include: 1) Photo, video, or diagram of the search area identifying the hide locations in relation to each other and the space. We do not need close up photos of the hide locations. 2) Link to video including audio of the search.

What we are looking for: The dog should demonstrate that they can move on from hides to find other hides. The dog may communicate on an already located hide but must demonstrate the ability to move on to find additional hides with minimal handler involvement.

The handler may move through the search area with the dog, but the dog should be leading the search and not need undue influence from the handler to move on to the next hide. The handler may take a step away from the hide but should not need to physically move or lure the dog a significant distance to get the dog to move on. The handler may reward after each find (and the one allowed “re-find”) and cue to resume searching. The handler may reorient the dog after each find. The handler should not appear to “assist” the dog in locating the hides through presentation, direct body positioning in proximity to the hide, or repeatedly prompting the dog to continue searching. Handlers should also not need to use body blocking to prevent a dog from returning to a hide.

Hide Parameters: Hides at all levels should be sourceable and may or may not be visible to the dog. The hides should be set in an area that has multiple hide location options. For example: a room in your home, the storage area at a training facility, an outdoor area with bushes and trees or picnic tables. It should not be a few isolated objects in the middle of an empty space. Space between hides should be relatively open to allow for converging odor. If there are objects in between the hides, they should not be large and solid. For example: a coffee table in the middle of the space would be fine, a full-size car would not be OK.



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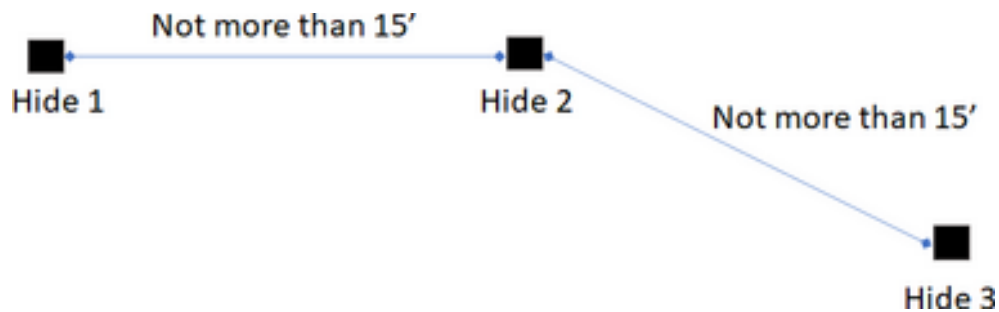
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Exercise - Set 3 hides. Recommended no higher than nose height relative to dog's height. The distance between Hide 1 and Hide 2 should be no more than 15 feet. The distance between Hide 2 and Hide 3 should be no more than 15 feet. The hides may be in a straight line or offset as shown in the diagrams below. Hides may be found in any order.

Diagram 1:



Diagram 2:



For additional questions or to seek approval for non-NACSW trial title/certificate please email submissions@k9nosework.com.

Thank you.



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