

Official NACSW™
K9 Nose Work® NW1 and NW3 Trials
April 6 and 7, 2019

Trial Location

Technical College High School
443 Boot Road
Downingtown, PA, 19335

Please note: It is not appropriate to contact or visit the trial location prior to the trial date, nor should training take place on trial grounds once an event is approved and announced. Our locations are real life search environments where people work, go to school, etc. Pre-trial contact or visits risk the host losing the opportunity to use the location again in the future.

Trial Host

Sabine Platten/Ruth Anne Cionca
Dog Training Center of Chester County

NW1: Saturday, April 6, 2019
NW3: Sunday, April 7 2019

Certifying Official

Nancy Reyes

Judges

Saturday and Sunday: Donna Hreniuk and Garrett Dyer

Entry Cost

NW1: \$100 per dog and handler team
NW3: \$145 per dog and handler team

Number of Entries

NW1: 45 entries
NW3: 35 entries

Entry fee will be payable by check only after receipt of a space in the trial.
One dog per handler per level.

Registration Entry and Closing

- Trial entry will open on February 12, 2019 at 12:00 p.m. Eastern Time. Entries will be awarded by random draw of all entries received between 12:00 p.m. Eastern Time, February 12, 2019, and 12:00 p.m. Eastern Time, February 14, 2019.
- Trial entry will close when entries fill after the draw period or at 5 p.m., Friday, March 22, 2019. NACSW reserves the right to cancel a trial if minimum entry numbers are not met.
- The trial host has the right to refuse entry of any competitor or dog for just cause as approved by the National Trial Committee. Just cause includes lack of adherence to NACSW rules and guidelines and the policies outlined in this premium.
- **Note:** We will not be taking payment until you are given a space in the trial. If you are given a space in the trial, you will receive information on how to submit payment. You will have 48 hours to complete your payment to confirm your space in the trial.

Registration Method

All registration will be on-line via the link provided to the NACSW™ trial registration form. Paper and phone entries will not be accepted. Completing the form is not a guarantee of entry. You will receive an auto-response e-mail confirming that we received your trial entry after registration - this e-mail does not confirm your space in the trial. A separate confirmation from dtcccnose-work@gmail.com will let you know if you have a space in the trial.

Entry Method

A Qualified Entry is one that meets all of the following criteria:

- Complete the on-line trial entry between 12:00 p.m., February 12, 2019 and 12:00 p.m., February 14, 2019.
- The Handler is a NACSW™ member for the 2018-2019 membership year (8/1/18-7/31/19).
- The Dog is registered with the NACSW™.
- Dogs participating in a trial must be at least one year of age.
- The Dog has passed the appropriate ORT and prior title level at least 14 days before the trial opens for entries.
- Qualified entry for NW1 – Dog has not yet earned a NW1 title level.
- Qualified entry for NW3 – Dog has earned a NW2 title and has not earned a NW3 Elite title.

Trial spaces will be awarded in the following manner:

- Spaces will be awarded by a random draw of all Qualified Entries received between 12:00 p.m., Eastern Time on February 12, 2019 and 12:00 p.m., Eastern Time on February 14, 2019.
- In the event that you are having technical difficulties with the entry system, please e-mail trialentry@NACSW.net prior to the end of the draw period.

- If a trial level is not full after the Qualified Entries draw, there will be a secondary draw of any entries received that did not meet the ORT or title requirements. These entries will be accepted pending completion of the requirements. Dogs must earn the appropriate ORT and prior title level at least 3 days prior to the trial date to be eligible to compete. If the required title or ORT is earned less than 14 days prior to the event, it is the competitor's responsibility to provide proof of the ORT or title to the event host in the form of a photo of the official results.
- If you are entered in another NW1 trial before this one and earn your title or if you earn your NW3 Elite, you will forfeit your space in this trial. You may ask the host to add you to the list of those wishing to run For Exhibition Only (FEO). You may be given a space in the trial if space remains after all Qualified Entries are accommodated.
- If you earn your NW1 or NW3 Elite after the refund period has ended, you must contact the trial host at dtcccnosework@gmail.com within 48 hours of earning your title and at least 72 hours before the trial to let them know you are no longer eligible. If you contact the host within 48 hours of titling and at least 72 hours before their trial and they are unable to fill your space, you won't be given a refund but will be allowed to keep your space in the trial and run your dog FEO. If you fail to contact the host within 48 hours of earning your title and at least 72 hours before their trial, you will forfeit your space; you will not be allowed to run as FEO, and no refund will be issued.
- After all entries received during the draw period are processed, if the trial level is still not full, entries will continue to be accepted in the order they are received through the closing date or until entries fill.
- You may enter multiple dogs for entry in the draw. However, only one dog/handler per title level will be accepted into the trial. Entry will go to the dog selected in the draw – you may not swap to an alternate dog. If more than one of your dogs are selected in the draw, you may select which dog you wish to enter.
- Some trial entries may be given priority entry based on contributions to the organization and the trial process.
- If space remains after all qualified entries are accommodated by 5 p.m., March 22, 2019, we may accept entries for teams who wish to run For Exhibition Only (FEO). Dogs running FEO are not eligible to receive titles or earn placement ribbons. FEO results will not be included in the posted trial results.

You will be notified via e-mail of the results of the random draw by February 24, 2019. If you are given a space in the trial, you will receive information on how to submit payment. You will then have 48 hours to complete your payment to confirm your space in the trial.

A wait list will be started as soon as entries fill. Alternates will be contacted when a space opens up. Depending on last minute trial logistics, we may opt not to fill all canceled spaces.

Be sure you read and understand the guidelines for this trial before entering. By submitting a registration for this NACSW™ Trial, you acknowledge that you have read, understand, and accept the policies and liability information of NACSW™.

Cancellation Policy

The following cancellation policy applies:

No refunds for cancellations received after 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time, March 22, 2019. All cancellations must be e-mailed to dtcccnosework@gmail.com.

Entry fees shall not be refunded in the event that a dog is absent, disqualified, or excused by the NACSW™ official or judge.

This cancellation and refund policy applies to competitors that must withdraw for any reason including, but not limited to, injury, illness, emergency, and personal or work-related reasons.

No part of the fee will be refunded if the trial 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 trial organizers.

Liability

By registering for the trial, the competitor hereby assumes all risks of, and responsibility for, accidents and/or damage to her/himself or to her/his property or to others, resulting from the actions of her/his dog. The competitor expressly agrees that the NACSW™, Technical College High School and Dog Training Center of Chester County and their 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 or injury to property, whether due to uncontrolled dogs or negligence of any member of said groups, or any other cause, or causes. The competitor also agrees to assume all financial liability that may be incurred by the NACSW™, Technical College High School and Dog Training Center of Chester County due to the actions of themselves or their dogs regardless of the cause.

Trial Conditions

Modeled after real-life detection work, K9 Nose Work® trials are held in many different locations, with a variety of terrain and weather conditions. Dogs and handlers need to be able to safely negotiate all kinds of surfaces, including, but not limited to, stairs, tile, linoleum, carpeting, gravel, asphalt, uneven surfaces, and slippery footing. Handlers should be prepared to deal with whatever weather might occur, including heat, cold, rain and snow. This trial might require walking extensive distances between parking and search areas, often across natural uneven surfaces. Participants should expect to spend most of the day outside or in their vehicles as there are rarely indoor crating options at trials. Handlers should be familiar with potential re-

gional risks and health concerns that may affect themselves or their dogs. Handlers agree that they are entering this trial at their own risk.

In addition, please be aware that this trial site is located on a busy commercial road. While competitors will be parking safely away from the road, dogs who are sensitive to traffic noises will likely hear car and truck traffic. The parking lot is tiered, paved. Due to unforeseen conditions, such as weather or change in availability of areas at the location, the expected search areas, parking and pathways to the search areas may be modified at the last minute. Potty areas are limited primarily to islands in the parking lot. Because this site is a technical school, the searches may require walking some distances.

Dog Policies

- Dogs must be on a 6' leash at all times when not being tested. No flexi-leashes outside of actual search areas.
- Reactive and/or spatially challenged dogs should wear a red bandana (provided by the dog's handler) to signal that the dog needs extra space from other dogs.
- Dogs will be pottied in designated areas. Handlers must pick up and dispose of waste in designated containers.
- Dogs and handlers must stay in designated areas to avoid contaminating testing space, interrupting a test, or viewing a search.
- Unentered dogs must remain in the competitor's vehicle during the trial day except for pottying. Unentered dogs should not be allowed to "play," exercise, or train on the trial grounds.
- Dogs must be kept confined in a crate or vehicle when not competing.
- Competitors will provide their own shade with canopies or shade cloths.

Females in Season

- Will be allowed to run wearing "pants" at the very end of the running order.
- Females in season will be parked separately, if location logistics permit.
- Handlers must inform the host at dtcccnosework@gmail.com, by 5PM Eastern Time the day before the trial, if they will be running a female in season.

Trial Rules

Complete rules are available at www.NACSW.net. It is the responsibility of each competitor to read and understand the current NACSW™ Rule Book prior to participating in a NACSW™ event.

Sportsmanship

All competitors/handlers and spectators are expected to follow the rules of the NACSW™ and

demonstrate good sportsmanship. 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.

Harry Award

The Harry Award is given at the NW1 level to the most outstanding rescue dog that demonstrates extraordinary ability and spirit in Nose Work. A rescue dog may be defined as a dog that was not purchased from a breeder, private party or store. The dog may have been adopted from a shelter, rescued from the street, fostered with a rescue organization, etc. The five highest scoring rescue dogs will be considered for the Harry Award. Rescue designation is taken from your NACSW™ dog registration. If you are unclear if your dog is a rescue, please e-mail: membership@NACSW.net.

NACSW™ Results

Results will be posted after all searches are completed and scores are verified. It is your responsibility to ensure your scores are accurate prior to leaving trial grounds. In the event that a discrepancy cannot be verified at the trial, you may be instructed to submit a score card review request. It is not the responsibility of the host or NACSW to return score sheets that are left behind or to mail ribbons that are not picked up.

OTHER INFORMATION

Reactive Dog Parking

There will be reactive dog parking at this trial for those who wish to park in this area, however the parking is tight. There will not be separate potty areas or warm-up boxes.

RV Parking

There will be no space for RVs to park in the competitor parking area during the trial day.

Running Vehicles or Generators in the Parking Lot

Running your vehicles or generators in the parking lot is not allowed at this trial.

Smoking

Smoking is not allowed on this trial site, including the use of e-cigarettes.

Spectators

Family members and friends are welcome to watch certain elements if there is appropriate viewing space, provided they do not interfere with the dog working or the judging. Limits may be put on the number of spectators. Children under 18 must be directly supervised by a parent/

guardian at all times. **Spectators MUST check in at registration, sign a waiver, and get a name badge.** No dogs will be allowed in the spectator area. Spectators are reminded that hide placements must not be discussed nor should they speak with any competitors about what they saw until after the trial is complete. Competitors are not allowed to watch the trial at any time.

Video Taping and Photography

At this time, competitors may be allowed to take videos and photos of the search areas during the competitor walk-through. At the host's discretion, a photographer and/or video service may be present during the trial to offer photos and/or videos for sale to the competitors.

As a condition of your entry, you agree to allow NACSW™, or their agents, to video you and your dog, during the entirety of the NACSW™ event. These videos are the property of NACSW™. All competitors, through entry at any NACSW™ event, waive any and all rights relative to video broadcast or photography of such event.

Colleen Griffith will be on hand to video trial searches. Information for ordering videos will be provided to participants at Registration.

Lodging

Home 2 Suites, 975 E. Lancaster Ave., Downingtown, PA, 19335, 610-873-1200. *Pets allowed.*
Hampton Inn, 4 N. Pottstown Pike (Rt 100) Exton, PA, 19341, 610-363-5555. *Pets up to 75 lbs.*
Sheraton Hotel, 707 E. Lancaster Ave., Frazer, PA, 19355, 610-524-1894. *Pets under 80 lbs.*
Sonesta ES, 20 Morehall Rd., Malvern, PA, 19355, 610-296-4343. *Pets under 80 lbs.*

Questions

All trial-related questions, write to us at dtcccnosework@gmail.com.