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Serious About Making
K9 Nose Work® Seriously Fun.

The NACSW is a membership organization, ensuring the highest standard of quality at all NACSW sanctioned events.

Benefits of NACSW membership include:

- Eligibility to enter NACSW sanctioned Odor Recognition Tests (ORT) and compete in trials nationwide
- Access to members-only K9 Nose Work® trial statistics
- Top quality awards and certificates for titles and trial placements
- Registered dogs receive lifetime registration and an official scorebook for recording ORT and trial completion information

To become a member
of the NACSW, visit nacswnet.net.

DID YOU KNOW?

The NACSW uses law enforcement and private sector K9 Detection professionals to judge many of the K9 Nose Work trials. Competitors benefit from the judges' expertise and understanding of scent work and searching; and judges find it exciting and rewarding to observe such a diverse group of K9 Nose Work dogs and handlers. If you're an experienced K9 Detection professional interested in judging a K9 Nose Work trial, contact trial@nacswnet.net.

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The mission of the NACSW is to make the activity and sport of K9 Nose Work® safe, fun and fair for virtually every dog and dog lover through the sanctioning of all K9 Nose Work activities, the training of all Certified Nose Work Instructors, and the officiating of all K9 Nose Work Odor Recognition Tests and K9 Nose Work Trials.



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SMELL THAT?

It's the Sweet Odor of Competition.

K9 Nose Work® is the fun search and scenting activity that all dogs and their people can enjoy. It's also a nationwide competitive sport, organized and governed by the National Association of Canine Scent Work (NACSW).

K9 Nose Work starts with getting your dog excited about using his nose to seek out a favorite toy or treat reward hidden in one of several boxes. As your dog grows more confident with his nose, the game expands to entire rooms, exterior areas, and vehicles. Competition level **K9 Nose Work** builds upon the basics of the sport to include training that will:

- Increase your dog's scent discrimination skills
- Add special target odors to the search
 - Expand the search to focus on the four Elements of Competition
 - Introduce advanced handling skills and competition tactics

For a list of local Instructors and workshops to get you started in the sport of K9 Nose Work go to k9nosework.com.

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DO YOU KNOW YOUR ELEMENTS?

Forget about the periodic table, in the sport of K9 NoseWork there are four elements of competition you and your dog want to know.

Container Search

At the first level of competition, this search requires you and your dog to find one odor hidden in one of a group of boxes (typically around 20) of any size or shape set in any pattern. Advanced levels of competition increase the number of hidden odors, as well as the number and type of containers to include items such as suitcases, and paint cans. Food and toy distractions may also be present.

Interior Building Search

You and your dog search for one hidden and accessible odor in one interior area, like a classroom, or kitchen. Advanced levels of competition increase the number of rooms to search and the number of odors to find. This is generally the only element offering you the choice to keep your dog on-leash, or let him loose.

Exterior Area Search

You and your dog must find one odor hidden in an outdoor area. Advanced levels of competition increase the size of the area and the number of odors to find. Expect the real challenge of this element to be working through the many distractions of the outdoors – grass, critter smells, etc. – in time to find the odor.

Vehicle Search

You and your dog search for one odor hidden on the exterior of one of three vehicles. Advanced levels increase the number of vehicles and the number of hidden odors. This element is generally set up outside, adding environmental challenges such as wind and rain to the search.

A TITLE FOR SMELLING GOOD.

You and your dog put in the hard work and face the challenges, you deserve something to show for it. The sport of K9 Nose Work® currently offers 3 national title levels: Nose Work I, 2, and 3, as well as Element titles at the NW3 level, and an NW3 Elite title. A title is awarded for passing all four elements of competition in one trial day, and must be earned before advancing to the next level of competition.

THE NOSE WORK I TITLE (NW1)

Recognizes proficiency in one target odor

THE NW2 TITLE

Recognizes proficiency in two target odors and increases the difficulty level with larger search areas, more hidden odors, and more environmental distractions

THE NW3 TITLE

Recognizes proficiency in three target odors and greatly increases the difficulty level

ELEMENT TITLES

Achieved by successfully completing an individual element three times at the NW3 level. For example, completing the NW3 level container search element at three different trials earns an NW3-C.

Earning all four element titles is not equivalent to earning an NW3 title, which requires passing all four elements in one trial day

THE NW3 ELITE TITLE

Achieved by earning three NW3 titles

NEW TITLES COMING SOON!

For exciting competition games in development, check nacsw.net for updates

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