



“VIRTUAL SNIFF-THRU” PREMIUM

Registration Can Be Made Any Time

Searches May Be Submitted At Your Convenience

Online Entry Only

www.virtualworkingdogcenter.com

Entry Fee Per Dog: \$25

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Due to the COVID-19 situation, you must follow your Federal, State and/or Local Government Rules and Regulations for the area in which you will be conducting your searches.

About the “Virtual Sniff-Thru”

The “Virtual Sniff-Thru” is an opportunity for you to continue to enjoy competing in nose work while self-distancing continues. Also, the “Virtual Sniff-Thru” gives you an opportunity to continue to learn how the new NACSW™ rules and regulations will apply. Finally, the “Virtual Sniff-Thru” may give an opportunity to get some competition experience with your dog! However, during this COVID-19 situation, please keep the health and safety of yourself and others foremost in your mind.

Which Level To Select

Though the “Virtual Sniff-Thru” are mock events and are not affiliated with NACSW™, we suggest that you register for the “Virtual Level” equivalent to the NACSW™ Level in which you were competing before COVID-19 cancelled all NACSW™ Trials. This will give you practice at the NACSW™ Level in which you will once again be competing when Trials start back up.

What Rules Will Apply

Again, while this “Virtual Sniff-Thru” is not affiliated with NACSW™, we will follow the current NACSW™ Rules and Guidelines which can be found at www.NACSW.net. Though there has been a delay on the implementation of the new rules that were to go into effect on July 1, 2020, the “Virtual Sniff-Thru” will follow the Rules as amended in order to give handlers, and their dogs, an opportunity to compete under the amended Rules. It is the responsibility of each competitor to read and understand the current NACSW™ Rule book prior to participating in this “Virtual Sniff-Thru.”

What “Virtual Sniff-Thru Levels” will be available?

The following “Virtual Sniff-Thru Levels” will be “virtually” available:

Virtual Sniff-Thru Level 1 (VSTL1)
Virtual Sniff-Thru Level 2 (VSTL2)
Virtual Sniff-Thru Level 3 (VSTL3)
Virtual Sniff-Thru Level Elite (VSTLE)

Element Descriptions, Requirements and Scoring

The “Element Parameters,” that describes (1) the type of search areas required for the “Virtual Level” selected; (2) the type and number of hides which the helper is to set; and (3) the time limit allowed for each element, will be emailed to the competitor’s helper upon registration. A Score Sheet also will be emailed along with the “Element Parameters.”

Requirements for Participating in a “Virtual Sniff-Thru”

- 1) The location of the search areas can either be on the competitor’s own property, at a training center or at a location where the competitor’s dog has never searched. The choice is completely that of the competitor who knows their dog the best.
- 2) If the location selected for this “Virtual Sniff-Thru” is not on personal property, the search must occur on property on which the competitor and helper are given permission to use or where the public has access and where social-distancing rules are followed.
- 3) If the competitor and the competitor’s helper are both competing in a “Virtual Sniff-Thru,” different areas of any given location, or even totally different locations, should be used for each “Virtual Sniff-Thru.”
- 4) Must have a helper that can set the hides in accordance with the requirements set out in the “Element Parameters” prepared for each Element and which will be emailed to your helper following your registration.
- 5) Must have a computer capable of opening PDF documents.
- 6) Must have an iPhone or android phone with which your helper can video you and your dog searching each element.
- 7) Must have a computer to upload your video onto YouTube and then email the links to those videos back to the organizers.
- 8) info@virtualworkingdogcenter.com must be a trusted sender in your email settings.
- 9) Must read the entire Premium.

Facebook Group

A Facebook Group called “Virtual Sniff-Thru” has been created. Information “About” the “Virtual Sniff-Thru” and any updates will be available on this Facebook Group. This the link to the Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2432750627023056> Handlers must request access to this Facebook Group and such access will be granted upon registration. Upon completion of the “Virtual Sniff-Thru,” the results of the competitors who titled will be listed on this Facebook Group. While the organizers will not be uploading any video onto this Facebook Group, any competitor who wishes to showcase any or all of their searches are more than welcome to do so.

General Rules

- You are responsible to join the Facebook Group, “Virtual Sniff-Thru.” Handlers must request access to the Facebook Group and such access will be granted upon registration.
- Information as to how to upload your videos to YouTube will be emailed to you upon registration.

- The email used to send the “Element Parameters,” the Score Sheet and the YouTube instructions will be the email with which you register your dog. Please therefore check that the email address that you supply is correct.
- Each dog that is competing must be registered.
- You and your helper are responsible for setting up each Element in accordance with the instructions. But, you should keep foremost the safety of you, your helper and your dog in mind when selecting search areas and placing hides within the search areas.
- Submitted videos must be clear and reviewable.
- The video must start 10 seconds before the dog crosses the threshold and continue to run 10 seconds after the dog completes the search.
- The YouTube video links for each Element, a photograph of the completed Score Sheet with hand-drawn maps of the search areas with the locations of each hide marked on the maps or a photograph of each search area with the locations of each hide marked on the photograph **must be emailed to the organizers by 11:59 PM Eastern Standard Time on June 7, 2020** at info@virtualworkingdogcenter.com.
- When you email the YouTube links of your videos to the organizers, please use the following labeling instructions:

For VSTL1:

Your Name: Interior <https://youtu.be/XXYYXX>
 Your Name: Vehicles <https://youtu.be/XXYYXX>
 Your Name: Exterior <https://youtu.be/XXYYXX>
 Your Name: Containers <https://youtu.be/XXYYXX>

For VSTL2:

Your Name: Interior <https://youtu.be/XXYYXX>
 Your Name: Vehicles <https://youtu.be/XXYYXX>
 Your Name: Exterior #1 <https://youtu.be/XXYYXX>
 Your Name: Exterior #2 <https://youtu.be/XXYYXX>
 Your Name: Containers <https://youtu.be/XXYYXX>

For VSTL3:

Your Name: Interior <https://youtu.be/XXYYXX>
 Your Name: Containers #1 <https://youtu.be/XXYYXX>
 Your Name: Containers #2 <https://youtu.be/XXYYXX>
 Your Name: Exterior #1 <https://youtu.be/XXYYXX>
 Your Name: Exterior #2 <https://youtu.be/XXYYXX>
 Your Name: Vehicles <https://youtu.be/XXYYXX>

For VSTLE:

Your Name: Search #1 <https://youtu.be/XXYYXX>
 Your Name: Search #2 <https://youtu.be/XXYYXX>
 Your Name: Search #3 <https://youtu.be/XXYYXX>
 Your Name: Search #4 <https://youtu.be/XXYYXX>

- By entering this “Virtual Sniff-Thru,” the handler and his or her helper agree to all rules and regulations, including the waiver of risk detailed below in this Premium.
- This “Virtual Sniff-Thru” is designed for those with access to a location on which you were given permission to use or where the public has access and where social-distancing rules are followed.

- The “Virtual Sniff-Thru” will run under the current edition of NACSW™ Rules.
- Any rule updates or amendments will be detailed on the Facebook Group, “Virtual Sniff-Thru.”
- We urge you to set info@virtualworkingdogcenter.com as a trusted sender in your email settings.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

By submitting your entry, you have agreed all of the below information, so we encourage you to read it.

Refund Policy

- By registering for a “Virtual Sniff-Thru,” you are buying the “Element Parameters,” describing the type of search areas required for the “Virtual Level” selected, the type and number of hides which are to be set and the time limit allowed for each element and which will be emailed to the competitor’s helper upon registration. You also are buying a Score Sheet. Additionally, you are buying the organizers’ video review of your searches and confirmation of the results listed on the Score Sheet. Once the organizers have reviewed your videos, the organizers will post the results of each “Virtual Sniff-Thru” on the Facebook Group. In doing so, the organizers will have fulfilled their obligation in this sales contract and there will be no refunds made for any reason.
- However, if a refund is requested prior to the organizers’ review of your videos, then a refund will be made of the entry fee, less a 4% administration fee for credit card or PayPal refund, per transaction.

Waiver of Risk

The person who enters this event represents that he/she is authorized to enter into this agreement on behalf of both the competitor, the helper and the owner of the participating dog. In consideration of acceptance of this entry:

- All dogs are entered in a “Virtual Sniff-Thru” participate at their owners’ risk. The organizers will not accept responsibility for loss, damage or injury however caused by or to dogs, persons or property.
- Competitor/helper/owner release Scentinel Nose Work Dog Training, Positive Note Dog Training and Virtual Working Dog Center and their agents, officers and members and any third party involved in the event, and will defend them and hold them harmless from all present and future loss, injury, illness, damage, claims, demands and liabilities involving your dog, yourself, any person you represent and/or other’s equipment.
- Without limiting the generality of the foregoing hold harmless provisions, competitor/helper/owner hereby specifically assume sole responsibility for and agree to indemnify and save aforementioned parties harmless from any and all loss and expense (including legal fees) by reason of the liability imposed by law upon any of the aforementioned parties for damages because of bodily injuries, illness, including death, at any time in consequence of my (our) participation in the event or training, howsoever such injury or death may be caused and whether or not the same may have been caused or may have been alleged to have been caused by negligence of the aforementioned parties or any of their employees or agents or any other persons.
- Competitor/helper/owner acknowledge that the location selected for this “Virtual Sniff-Thru” must be property on which the competitor/helper/owner are given permission to use or where the public has access and where social-distancing rules are followed.
- Competitor/helper/owner acknowledge all hazards presented by the location selected to run a “Virtual Sniff-Thru” including, but not limited to, the condition of grounds, lighting, security, measures or lack of, electrical appliances, fittings, parking areas, fences or the ability for a dog to escape from the location, the presence of unfamiliar animals and people, the possibility of encountering another ill animal or having your own dog becoming ill. Competitor/helper/owner assume the risk of any harm arising from and any, all or more of the foregoing situations.

- All participants must comply with federal, state, local authorities and/or government rules, regulations and mandates.