

## Club NACSW July 2022 ORT Report by Lara Harriger, Event Chair

On July 10<sup>th</sup>, we had a National Association of Canine Scent Work (<https://www.nacsw.net/>) Odor Recognition Trial (ORT) at the Kindred in Sequim, Washington. Miriam Rose was our judge. Miriam is also the owner of The Kindred Training Center. Club member Georgia Edwards was our Certifying Official. (Georgia donated her fees as Certifying Official to the Club.)



Boo demonstrating recognizing the one box that has a Qtip with an essential oil on it.

Passing the ORT is a prerequisite for scent work trialing with the NACSW. All dogs have to prove that they can identify and indicate the three odors used in competition: Birch, Clove, and Anise. This is frequently the first organized dog event that dogs and their handlers attend. We had 26 dogs entered and ran 67 individual tests. (Most dogs tested on all three odors. Though a few were tested on only one or two odors. Making up for missed odors in previous tests.)

The weather was good - a bit warm but tolerable. At least for those outside. Those of us who were in the test building all day got a little overheated, but it never got too hot for the dogs to work.



The ORT set-up and Lynn Duke rewarding her dog at source; timer Kristy Faure, trial chair/scorekeeper Lara Harriger. Post-it notes mark the floor where boxes will be set for additional odors.

We started with the hosting team and Jennifer Rueda and Larry Markus, who came up from Oregon, setting up on Saturday. Many thanks to Jennifer and Larry for their help both days! On Sunday, we had another great group of volunteers - 10 people helped for all or part of the day. These amazing volunteers pretty much organized themselves! I've heard from a lot of participants about how easy the volunteers made the process for all the first-timers. Great job making folks comfortable and showing them that, they too, can do this competition thing.

Volunteers were given lunch, water and sodas, and t-shirts designed and donated by Diane Elliot. (Great t-shirts! I have a few left and for a \$10 donation to the Bouvier Health Foundation, I will send you one.)



We netted \$1445.97 for the trial. Making this a nice fund raiser for the Club and a great service to the scent work community.





Three Whidbey Island volunteers who made the long trek to the ORT site at Sequim, about to return home on the ferry: (L to R) Kristy Faure, Kathryn MacLean, Jan Skewes (all are Georgia's students, and Kristy is a Bouv owner and Club member).



Georgia's Oso and Lara's Davey got to know each other.



Vinnie, Jennifer, Larry and Boo were volunteers Saturday and Sunday.



Judge Miriam Rose and competitor Jan Skewes (Georgia's student) with Iris the lab, who passed all three odors!



Lara, Jim and Bouv Davey's set up at the Kindred.