

# PREMIUM LIST

## 6 CATS (COURSING ABILITY TEST)

HOSTED BY

**Mississippi Gulf Coast Kennel Club**  
**Mississippi Gulf Coast Southern Harvest Cluster**  
**&**  
**Running Dog Coursing, LLC**

ALL BREEDS Must be individually registered with the AKC

This includes all AKC registered purebreds, Foundation Stock Service (FSS), Purebred Alternative Listing (PAL), and AKC Canine Partners. Spayed or neutered dogs, or dogs with breed disqualifications may be entered. **Not AKC registered? NO PROBLEM!** You will be able to register your Canine Partner with AKC at the event, and your dog can participate in the tests that very same day.

**Field Trial Secretary: James Van Pelt 504-400-1697**  
**[RunningDogCoursing@gmail.com](mailto:RunningDogCoursing@gmail.com)**

**Harrison County Equestrian Center**  
**15321 County Farm Rd, Gulfport, MS 39503**

### AKC EVENT NUMBERS

<b>11/1/2024 Test 1 - 2024672534</b>	<b>Test 2 - 2024672535</b>
<b>11/2/2024 Test 1 – 2024672536</b>	<b>Test 2 - 2024672537</b>
<b>11/3/2024 Test 1 – 2024672538</b>	<b>Test 2 - 2024672539</b>

**EARLY ENTRY \$21 – ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY FTS BY 12:00PM ON FRIDAY OCT 18th FOR EARLY ENTRY PRICING**

For online entry Please visit [Http://RunningDogCoursing.com](http://RunningDogCoursing.com)

#### FOR MAIL IN ENTRIES:

Please fill out a Entry Form for each event, checks should be made out to **RUNNING DOG COURSING**  
Mail Entries to – **Running Dog Coursing, LLC., 9120 Airport Blvd, Suite N, Mobile AL 36608**



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*Permission has been granted by the American Kennel Club for the holding of this event under the American Kennel Club's rules and regulations*

## FIELD COMMITTEE

(In response to unforeseen circumstances, committee members may be substituted as necessary)

<b>Field Chairman</b>	<b>Charles Stewart</b>
<b>Trial Secretary</b>	<b>James Van Pelt – (504) 400-1697</b>
<b>Committee</b>	<b>Members of MGCKC</b>

<b>OFFICERS OF THE MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST KENNEL CLUB</b>	
<b>President</b>	<b>Charles Stewart</b>
<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Jennifer Underwood</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>MaryBeth Lanassa</b>

## AWARDS

An Orange ribbon will be awarded to each dog that receives a Pass qualification for the CAT. New Title Rosettes for CA, CAA, CAX will be awarded.

## HOW TO ENTER

Complete an official AKC entry form (located at the end of this premium list) for each dog. **ONE ENTRY FORM PER EVENT NUMBER.** A dog may only enter once per event. Separate fee for each dog and each test.

Link to fillable PDF entry form: [http://images.akc.org/pdf/LureCoursing\\_Entry.pdf](http://images.akc.org/pdf/LureCoursing_Entry.pdf)

<b>DAY OF TEST ENTRIES</b>	
<b>Day of Entry's</b>	<b>\$30</b>
<b>FUN RUNS</b>	<b>\$6</b>

Turn in your entry forms and fees to the Field Trial Secretary (FTS) before 2pm on the day of the test.

**Cash, Checks and Credit Cards accepted**

Please make checks payable to **Running Dog Coursing**

**CHECK-IN WILL START AT 8:30AM MORNING ENTRIES WILL CLOSE AT 11:30AM**

**Break for Lunch from 12pm– 1pm**

**AFTERNOON RUNS WILL START AT 1:00PM AND CLOSE AT 3:00PM  
IF ENTRIES ARE NOT AT FTS ON OR BEFORE CLOSING TIME, THEY WILL NOT BE  
ACCEPTED**

#### **CANINE PARTNER REGISTRATION**

**If your Canine Partner is not yet registered with AKC, simply fill out the Canine Partners Enrollment Application located at the end of this premium list and turn it in along with your entry form and fees (Payment is made directly to AKC. Fill out the credit charge authorization on the Canine Partners form or include a separate check for \$19 payable to AKC).**

#### **INSPECTIONS**

Each dog will be inspected during Check-in by the inspection committee for lameness, fitness to compete, and females in season. All dogs to be inspected must be presented WITHOUT TAPE, BANDAGES, or WRAPPING/COVERINGS of any kind. (Coats, blankets, etc.) If, in the opinion of the inspection committee, any entry is found to be lame, unfit to compete or in season, they shall not be allowed to test, and the applicable entry fees shall be refunded.

**ALL DOGS MUST BE INSPECTED BEFORE EACH RUN.**

#### **RUNNING YOUR DOG**

It is recommended that dogs be handled with a "slip-lead" that gives instantaneous freedom to the dog when the "Tallyho" (release) signal is called by the Huntmaster. The Host Club will have slip leads for you to borrow. Please ask.

**Dogs may wear any collar except a choker collar, or collars with prongs or electronic training collars. The collar should be snug to minimize the chances of getting hung up on something during the run. Owners should be aware that tags hanging from the collar could be required to be removed to help prevent them from being entangled on something during the run.**

**Owners may use clips or rubber bands to hold the dog's hair. The owner assumes responsibility for the safety of the dog regarding the dog's collar and paraphernalia on the dog.**

**Please be aware the HuntMaster has control of the course, they may ask you to remove any non-flat collars, restrictive collars or tags. They will also ask you to secure any handles for safety reasons.**

### **CAT – Summary Description**

CAT is an outdoor pass/fail event open to all dogs. CAT is based on the fundamentals of the sport of Lure Coursing where two different sized courses, 300 yards or 600 yards are used depending on a dog's height. Dogs run singly and are required to complete the course with enthusiasm and without interruption within a maximum amount of time. Sighthounds exposed to CAT may use their experience as an introduction to Lure Coursing tests and trials.

### **How Does CAT Work?**

**Coursing Ability Test**, tests a dog's ability to traverse a basic course while following a lure. Dogs are required to complete their course with enthusiasm and without interruption within a maximum amount of time. The Coursing Ability Test was developed based on the AKC Lure Coursing program and is a pass/fail event. Titles are awarded based on the accumulation of passes. CAT tests are held outdoors and are open to any breed or mixed breed dog. The course will be designed with safety for non-sighthound breeds as a primary consideration. There shall be no turns more acute than 90 degrees. The total length of the course shall be no less than 600 yards and should be as close to 600 yards as is possible. The lure will consist of 2 - 3 white plastic bags. Depending on the size and type of dog, the dog will run either the full course or a 300-yard course. The 300-yard distance shall be clearly marked. Safety is of utmost importance. Many of the dogs running the Coursing Ability Test will not possess the agility of a sighthound and this must be a consideration in the design of a course.

The speed and distance of the run required will depend on the size and type of dog.

- Dogs under 12" at the withers and/or brachycephalic ("flat-faced") = approx. 300 yards in 1-1/2 minutes

- Dogs over 12" at the withers that are not brachycephalic = approx. 600 yards in 2 minutes, The maximum time is not meant to be difficult to achieve, but to prevent a dog that "walks" the course from passing.

The judge keeps the official time and decides the merits of the dog's performance. If there is a question as to which course a dog should run, the judge will decide.

### **CAN MY DOG EARN AN AKC TITLE FOR COURSING ABILITY?**

Titles will be awarded for dogs that pass the Coursing Ability Test the required number of times.

- **Coursing Ability (CA)** – Awarded to a dog that passes the Coursing Ability Test three times under at least two different judges.
- **Coursing Ability Advanced (CAA)** Dog passes the Coursing Ability Test ten times (CA + 7 additional passes)
- **Coursing Ability Excellent (CAX)** – Dog passes the Coursing Ability Test 25 times.
- **Coursing Ability Excellent 2 (CAX2)** –Dog passes the Coursing Ability Test 50 times.
- **Higher numbered titles will be awarded for every additional twenty five passes.**

### **Eligibility to Participate**

CAT is open to all dogs at least 12 months of age that are individually registered/listed with the AKC. This includes dogs recorded in the FSS program, dogs with PAL numbers or dogs enrolled in the AKC Canine Partners program. Females in season may not enter. A dog may enter only once per event. (An event number defines an event.)

An inspection committee shall inspect each entry for lameness, fitness to compete and females in season. If necessary, the inspection committee is responsible for measuring dogs to determine their height at the withers.

### **Safety**

**Safety is of utmost importance. It is the responsibility of the event committee to ensure the safety of the course, the equipment and the conduct of those involved with the event. It is recommended that the event committee run a test dog prior to the start of the event to ensure that the equipment functions properly and all personnel understand their jobs. Prior to moving the lure to position it for the start, the lure operator shall announce, “hold your dogs” to caution owners.**

**Lure Equipment:** Clubs may use either a drag or continuous loop system. If a continuous loop system is used the “return” string must be set outside of the running course. The lure operator and the lure equipment shall be safely positioned in a manner that does not interfere with the retrieval of the dog at the end of the course.

**Lure:** A white plastic bag or a squawker may be used for the lure.

**Course/Fencing:** The course must be essentially flat. The club should consider fencing the course area; however, this is up to the decision of the club given the specifics of the setting. The premium should state if the location of the event is enclosed with fencing.

### **The Huntmaster Has Control of the Course**

In summary, the Huntmaster oversees all dogs and handlers on the field, shall ensure handlers understand safe release and retrieval procedures, shall ensure the lure is properly positioned, shall ensure the lure operator, and starting line signal person are ready, shall signal the lure operator to start the lure and shall give the verbal signal “tallyho” to release the dog.

### **Hosting CAT Events/Entering**

All AKC clubs licensed for Lure Coursing or the Coursing Ability Test will be automatically licensed for Fast CAT. All other AKC member or licensed clubs may apply to the Performance Events Department (PerformanceEvents@akc.org) to become licensed to hold Fast CAT provided they have the experience, equipment, and location to hold a safe event. Clubs will be limited to twelve Fast CAT events per calendar year. A club may not hold more than two Fast CAT events on the same day. A test must start and conclude on the same day.

A CAT event can be either a stand-alone event or may be held in conjunction with other AKC events. In all cases the CAT must be applied for as a separate event with its own event number.

**Entries:** All participants must fill out an entry form as provided in the event’s premium list. A club may accept entries prior to the event and/or a club may accept day-of-event entries. The specifics of how entries will be accepted must be explained in the premium. A club may limit the number of entries it will accept in a CAT event. Additional “stand-by” entries above the limit may be taken at the discretion of the event committee, and these dogs will be allowed to run if time permits. Owners of stand-by dogs must be informed that they are on the stand-by list and may choose not to participate.

**Complete regulations governing CAT can be found on AKC CAT website.**

**<https://images.akc.org/pdf/rulebooks/AKC1812-REFCAT.pdf>**

**\*\*\*NOTICE TO ALL EXHIBITORS\*\*\***

**FACILITIES**

Please ensure the comfort of you and your dogs by bringing your own portable shade, shelter and water.

Portable restrooms will be made available.

Feel free to bring your own food and drinks.

For the safety of the dog and as a courtesy to other entrants, a testing dog should have a reliable recall. A penalty of \$10.00 may be assessed for any dog causing an excessive delay of the event because it cannot be recalled or retrieved from the field. Dogs that delay the event because their owners cannot recall them may be refused entry at future events.

The Huntmaster is responsible for field safety and therefore they are in complete charge of all dogs and handlers on the field. In service to this responsibility, s/he has the authority to stop the lure in any potentially dangerous situation and signal the handler to retrieve a testing dog. Listen to the Huntmaster and follow all instructions promptly and swiftly.

Any decisions made by the event's officiating judge(s) regarding the performance of an entered dog shall be final. Full discretionary power is given to the judge(s) to withhold any and all qualifications for lack of merit. The Judge(s) is responsible for ensuring compliance with the AKC Regulations on the field.

Exhibitors should follow their veterinarian's recommendation to assure their dogs are free of internal and external parasites, any communicable diseases and have appropriate vaccinations.

Coursing is an athletic activity that can tax a dog's physical strength. Dogs that are overweight and/or out of condition may be at greater risk for injury and

exhaustion. The Inspection Committee has the authority to disallow a dog's entry into a test, and in such instances, applicable entry fees will be refunded.

**FOR THE SAFETY OF EXHIBITORS AND DOGS:**

**THE COURSE IS FENCED.**

**PLEASE PICKUP AFTER YOUR DOG.**

**DIRECTIONS TO TRIAL SITE**

**Harrison County Fairgrounds**

**15321 County Farm Rd, Gulfport, MS 39503**

**From - I-10**

**Take I-10 Exit 28 head North on Country Farms Road for 6.7 miles to Harrison  
County Equestrian Center**

**EMERGENCY VET (On call)**

**Gulf Coast Veterinary Hospital**

**8144 E. Oaklawn Rd., Biloxi MS 39532**

**228-471-0475**

**LODGING**



## **HOTELS THAT HAVE ACCEPTED DOGS IN THE PAST**

**Call for prices and availability and Pet Fees**

**Best Western Seaway Inn - 9475 US 49, Gulfport MS. (228)864-0050**

**Hampton Inn and Suites - 15580 Daniel Blvd, Gulfport, MS. (228)539-0601**

**Home 2 Suites by Hilton - 15600 Daniel Blvd, Gulfport, MS (228)357-9684**

**Quality Inn Gulfport I-10 - 9445 US 49, Gulfport, MS (228)868-3300**

**Please verify with motels for their current rates and pet policies. Please clean up after your dogs at the motels and at the trial site.**

### **\*RV PARKING AVAILABLE\***

**Spaces are assigned in the order they are received. No refunds after closing date. Exhibitors are responsible for cleaning up their parking area. Parking tags will be available and must be visible on your windshield at all times. All RV sites have water, 30-amp and 50-amp hook-ups. There is a dump station on the grounds.**

**NOTE: RVs or other vehicles/trailers parking in Non-RV designated spaces and using hook-ups (30 or 50 amps) will be charged \$50.00 per day.**

**\*\*\* RV sites will be available on Thursday, April 4, 2024**

**Please see Below reservation form.**



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## Canine Partners Enrollment Instructions for Clubs

### Coursing Ability Test

#### **Who should enroll in Canine Partners?**

Dogs who wish to compete in the Coursing Ability Test must be either an AKC-registered dog or a part of the AKC Canine Partners program. Canine Partners is for mixed breeds or dogs who are otherwise ineligible for AKC registration.

Owners who enroll their dogs using the Coursing Ability Enrollment Form will receive the following Canine Partners benefits for their \$19.00 enrollment fee:

- Eligibility to participate in Agility, AKC Rally® and Obedience Events
- One year subscription to AKC Family Dog magazine
- Complimentary 60-day Trial AKC Pet Healthcare Plan \*
- AKC Canine Partners<sup>SM</sup> Program Official Certificate
- AKC Canine Partners decal

#### **How should clubs enroll these dogs in Canine Partners?**

1. Have the dog owners complete the Canine Partners Enrollment Application.
2. Collect payment. (*Payment for Canine Partners enrollment must be separate from event fees.*)
3. Assign the dog a Canine Partner's Enrollment Application Number (E1, E2, etc.) in box located in the upper right hand corner of the application. This number will be used to coordinate the results with the enrollment forms.
4. Have the Judge and Event Secretary complete the Coursing Ability Test Results for each dog indicating the Canine Partner's Enrollment Application Number in the space provided for the registration/listing number.
5. Submit the enrollment forms and separate payment(s) along with the Event Secretary's Report and results.

\* Activation required. Administered by PetPartners, Inc. Underwritten by Markel Insurance Company, 4600 Cox Road, Glen Allen, VA 23060, rated A "Excellent" by A.M. Best Company. Contact Pet Partners, Inc. for terms and conditions. Eligibility restrictions apply. Available to US residents. Not available in New York. Must be activated within 28 days of AKC Certificate Issued date. Visit [www.akcphp.com/trial](http://www.akcphp.com/trial) or call toll free at 1-866-725-2747.



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(For Club Use Only)

## Enrollment Application

<b>Owner Name:</b>		
<b>Address:</b>		
<b>City:</b>	<b>State:</b>	<b>Zip</b>
<b>Phone:</b>	<b>Alternate Phone:</b>	
<b>Email:</b>		

### Dogs must be Spayed or Neutered

<b>Dog Name:</b>	<b>Sex:</b> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Dog Date of Birth (Month/Day/Year):</b>	<b>Date Dog Joined Your Family:</b>
<b>Breed 1:</b>	<b>Breed 2 (if applicable):</b>
<b>Color:</b> Black <input type="checkbox"/> Orange <input type="checkbox"/> Gray <input type="checkbox"/> Blue <input type="checkbox"/> Red <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Brown <input type="checkbox"/> Tan <input type="checkbox"/> Tri Color <input type="checkbox"/> Yellow <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Markings:</b> Brindle <input type="checkbox"/> Merle <input type="checkbox"/> Speckled <input type="checkbox"/> Spotted <input type="checkbox"/> Parti-color <input type="checkbox"/> Solid <input type="checkbox"/>

### Three ways to pay!

Submit this completed enrollment form, along with your \$19.00 payment, to your Event Organizer. Payment for Canine Partners enrollment must be separate from event fees for competition.

- Credit Card** (be sure to complete the Credit Card authorization below)
- Cash**                       **Check** (make checks payable to American Kennel Club)

Visa     MasterCard     American Express     Discover

Account Number (no dashes)

Exp. Date

/

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name of Cardholder: \_\_\_\_\_



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# JUNIOR HANDLER CERTIFICATION

Event Number \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Club Name \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Spell out)*

Name of Junior \_\_\_\_\_ Junior Number \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Registered Dog Name \_\_\_\_\_

If Dog Not Owned by Junior,  
Relationship of Dog Owner to Junior \_\_\_\_\_

Reg. # \_\_\_\_\_

Breed \_\_\_\_\_

## TYPE OF EVENT

- |  |                                      |                                   |  |
|--|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Obedience     | <input type="checkbox"/> Tracking    | <input type="checkbox"/> Rally    | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunt Test             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lure Coursing | <input type="checkbox"/> Field Trial | <input type="checkbox"/> Agility  | <input type="checkbox"/> Coursing Ability Test |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coonhound     | <input type="checkbox"/> Herding     | <input type="checkbox"/> Earthdog | <input type="checkbox"/> Scentwork             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____   |                                      |                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Fast Cat              |

Class/Stake \_\_\_\_\_ Score/Placement \_\_\_\_\_ Jump Height \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that the above named Junior Handler did compete in the above-referenced class/stake and received the score and/or placement indicated.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Judge, Trial Secretary or AKC® Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Judge, Trial Secretary or AKC Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

8051 Arco Corporate Drive • Raleigh, NC 27617-3390  
For a Junior Handler number, please call (919) 233-9767 or email juniors@akc.org.

# Official American Kennel Club Lure Coursing Entry Form

Club:		Date:	Event #:	
Location:		Event type (test or trial): <input type="checkbox"/> Test <input type="checkbox"/> Trial		
Stakes: <input type="checkbox"/> JC <input type="checkbox"/> CAT <input type="checkbox"/> Special <input type="checkbox"/> FCAT <input type="checkbox"/> QC <input type="checkbox"/> Open <input type="checkbox"/> Veteran		Breed:		Amount of entry fees enclosed: \$
Breeder:		AKC No. <input type="checkbox"/>	PAL/ILP No. <input type="checkbox"/>	Foreign & List Country: <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Call Name:</b>		AKC No:		Date of Birth:
Name of Jr. Handler (if any):			Jr Handler #:	
<b>Full Name of Dog:</b>				
Sire:				
Dam:				
Actual Owner(s):				
Owner's Address:				
City:		State:	Zip:	
Name of Owner's Agent/Handler (if any) at Trial:		<input type="checkbox"/> Please Separate My Entries.		
<p>AKC Rules, Regulations, Policies and Guidelines are available on the American Kennel Club website: <a href="http://www.akc.org">www.akc.org</a></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>AGREEMENT</b></p> <p>I certify that I am the actual owner of the dog, or that I am the duly authorized agent of the actual owner whose name I have entered above. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, I (we) agree to abide by the rules and regulations of The American Kennel Club in effect at the time of this event, and any additional rules and regulations appearing in the premium list of this event and entry form and any decision made in accord with them. I (we) agree that the club holding this event has the right to refuse this entry for cause which the club shall deem sufficient. I (we) certify and represent that the dog entered is not a hazard to persons or other dogs. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry and of the holding of this event and of the opportunity to have the dog judged and to win prizes, ribbons, or trophies, I (we) agree to hold the AKC, the event-giving club, their members, directors, governors, officials, agents, superintendents or event secretary and the owner and/or lessor of the premises and any provider of services that are necessary to hold this event and any employees or volunteers of the aforementioned parties, and any AKC approved judge, judging at this event, harmless from any claim for loss or injury which may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person or thing by the act of this dog while in or about the event premises or grounds or near any entrance thereto, and I (we) personally assume all responsibility and liability for any such claim; and I (we) further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim for loss, injury or damage to this dog. Additionally, I (we) hereby assume the sole responsibility for and agree to indemnify, defend and save the 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 damage because of bodily injuries, including death at any time resulting therefrom, sustained by any person or persons, including myself (ourselves), or on account of damage to property, arising out of or in consequence of my (our) participation in this event, however such, injuries, death or property damage may be caused, and whether or not the same may have been caused or may be alleged to have been caused by the negligence of the aforementioned parties or any of their employees, agents, or any other person. I (we) agree that the determination of whether the injury is serious shall be made by the event veterinarian and is binding on me (us). I (WE) AGREE THAT ANY CAUSE OF ACTION, CONTROVERSY OR CLAIM ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO THE ENTRY, EXHIBITION OR ATTENDANCE AT THE EVENT BETWEEN THE AKC AND THE EVENT-GIVING CLUB (UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED IN THIS PREMIUM LIST) AND MYSELF (OURSELVES) OR AS TO THE CONSTRUCTION, INTERPRETATION AND EFFECT OF THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE SETTLED BY ARBITRATION PURSUANT TO THE APPLICABLE RULES OF THE AMERICAN ARBITRATION ASSOCIATION. HOWEVER, PRIOR TO ARBITRATION ALL APPLICABLE AKC BYLAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES MUST FIRST BE FOLLOWED AS SET FORTH IN THE AKC CHARTER AND BYLAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS, PUBLISHED POLICIES AND GUIDELINES.</p>				
Signature of owner or agent duly authorized to make this entry:				
Tel:		Email:		