

Official Premium List

4 - AKC All Breed Fast-CAT Test

Open to ALL AKC Registered and Mixed breeds
(via AKC Canine Partners)

Hosted by

Mississippi Gulf Coast Kennel Club



Saturday, October 31th & Sunday, November 1st 2026

2 Events each day

Concurrent runs are allowed with 30 minutes rest between runs.

Licensed by the American Kennel Club

Saturday 10/31	2026672515, 2026672516
Sunday 11/1	2026672517, 2026672518

Harrison County Fair Grounds

15321 County Farm Rd., Gulfport, MS 39503



**AMERICAN
KENNEL CLUB®**

CERTIFICATION Permission has been granted by the American Kennel Club for the holding of this event under the American Kennel Club rules and regulations.

GINA M. DINARDO, Executive Secretary

Pre-Entries Close 12pm – October 14, 2026

ENTRY FEE

Pre-Entry are \$25.00 (Per Dog Per Test)

Day of Test entry \$30.00 per test

Fun Runs - \$6.00

Fun runs will be fit in throughout the day

Check-in opens at 8:30am
Day of test entries close at 11:30pm

Break for lunch from 12-1pm

We will open at 1 pm and will close for the Day at 3pm.
**ON SUNDAY, the Desk will close at 11 AM, and we will run
any remaining pre-entered dogs.**

***NOTE - This event is being held in conjunction with a
Confirmation Show. It is your responsibility to plan your runs
accordingly.**

Online early entry available at:

[Http://RunningDogCoursing.com](http://RunningDogCoursing.com)

Mail in Entries accepted

Mail entries with Fees to:

**Running Dog Coursing, LLC.
9120 Airport Blvd, Suite N
Mobile, AL 36608**

Make Checks Payable to –

Running Dog Coursing, LLC.

Entry Confirmations will be sent if provided email address is legible

**Mail In Entries must be received by 12pm,
OCTOBER 14, 2026**

Field Committee

Field Chair Charles Stewart

Trial Secretary Dan Elkes 259-459-4970
elkesdan@gmail.com

**Field Committee Charles Stewart, Beth Downey,
Mary Beth Lanassa, Dan Elkes, Kim
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Canine Partner Registration

If your Canine Partner is not registered with AKC, simply fill out the form located at the end of this premium list. Before you begin, ensure your dog is not eligible for AKC Purebred Registration, AKC Foundation Stock Service Program or an AKC Purebred Alternative Listing (PAL). Additionally, your pup must be spayed or neutered, and not a wolf hybrid. Alternatively you can register online and get your canine partner number by visiting:

<https://www.akc.org/register/information/canine-partners/enroll/>

Course Info

The course is fully enclosed with entry and exit gates. The Start Box is 10ft. The Course is 100 yards from the start timer to the end timer with at least a 60-yard runoff. If location\venue safely allows, we will have a longer runoff. We use a closed-loop lure system with Electronic curtain type timers. With plastic bag type lures. The course will have an approximate 60yd runoff.

Lure Operator(s) – James Van Pelt, Dan Elkes , Jennifer Van Pelt.

Awards

A Light-blue flat ribbon will be awarded to each dog that successfully qualifies. New Title Rosettes will be issued for BCAT / DCAT / FCAT.

How To Enter

Complete an Official Lure Coursing Entry Form (Located at the end of this Premium, or Fill out and print online by going to:

https://images.akc.org/pdf/LureCoursing_Entry.pdf

INSPECTIONS

For your dog's safety, **EVERY** dog must be inspected at check-in by the inspection committee for lameness, fitness to compete, and females in heat. All dogs to be inspected must be presented without tape, wraps, and or bandages. If, in the opinion of the inspection committee, a dog is unfit for the test, your entry fee(s) will be refunded.

ALL DOGS MUST BE INSPECTED BEFORE EACH RUN, NO EXCEPTIONS

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 Hunt master. The Host Club will have slip leads for you to borrow. Please ask.

Dogs may wear any collar except a choker collar, a collar with prongs or an electronic training collar. 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 that Hunt Master 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.

Fast CAT – Summary Description

The Fast CAT Test is a timed 100-yard dash for dogs. It is meant to be a fun and healthy activity of interest to any dog owner.

The following is a summary of how the event is structured.

How Does Fast CAT Work?

1. Fast CAT is a timed straight race of 100 yards.
2. Dogs run singularly.
3. The dog's time to complete the 100-yard dash is converted into MPHs.
4. A handicap system is applied to a dog's MPH to determine the number of points earned. The handicap system is based on the height of the dog at its withers:

- **18” or greater = handicap is 1.0**
- **12” up to less than 18” = handicap is 1.5**
- **Below 12” = handicap is 2.0**

5. Points = MPH multiplied by the dog's handicap

6. Fast CAT titles suffix titles are earned at designated milestones:

- **BCAT = 150 points**
- **DCAT = 500 points**
- **FCAT = 1,000 points**
- **FCAT# = every additional 500 points**

7. Top 20 by Breed by Year: The AKC Fast CAT website will feature the Top 20

Fastest Dogs by Breed by Year national standings. The standings will be updated as event results are processed by AKC.

Eligibility to Participate

FastCAT 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 insure 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" in order to caution owners.

The Start: Dogs may start up to 10 feet behind the starting line. Clubs must clearly mark the 10 foot start box on the ground. A dog may be released from anywhere within the start box, however, at a minimum, a dog's front paws must be inside the start box when it is released. Enough space must be

provided behind the back of the start box to accommodate the dog's body to be aligned straight down the course.

The Finish: The club must provide enough room for a safe run-out area. It is suggested this be a minimum of 30 yards, **Running Dog Coursing strives to have a minimum of 60yards or better.** however this is up to the decision of the club given the specifics of the setting. The club should consider fencing at the end of the course in order to help collect the dogs. **It is recommended that an owner or someone familiar with the dog stand at the finish to catch the dog once the course has been completed.**

Timing Devices: The time to complete the 100-yard dash is recorded to the nearest 1/100th of a second (e.g. 9.11). The club may use stopwatches or break- the-beam equipment to obtain the time. If stopwatches are used, there shall be two timers positioned at the finish line. An individual at the start line shall signal with an arm drop the moment the nose of the dog crosses the start line. The timers shall start their stopwatches at the bottom of the arm drop. The timers shall stop their watches when the nose of the dog crosses the finish line. The times from the two stopwatches shall be averaged to determine the recorded time.

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 is in charge of 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, timers 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 Fast 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 Fast CAT event can be either a stand-alone event or may be held in conjunction with other AKC events. In all cases the Fast 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 Fast 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 Fast CAT can be found on AKC Fast CAT website.

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

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

This is an open area with plenty of available parking

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\Fast CATS 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.

**PLEASE ALLOW PLENTY OF TIME BETWEEN YOUR RUNS
OUR RECOMMENDATION IS AT LEAST 30 MINUTES BETWEEN
RUNS**

FOR THE SAFETY OF EXHIBITORS AND DOGS:

**PLEASE HAVE A RELEASER AND CATCHER IN PLACE
BEFORE RUNNING DOG.**

**NO RECALL FROM THE STARTING LINE COURSE AREA IS
FENCED.**

PLEASE REMEMBER TO 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 \ CAMPING

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 at Trial site 30/50amp hookups
DUMP STATION AVAILABLE ON SITE**

For RV PARKING REGISTRATION

Please see form at end of premium.