PREMIUM LIST

AKC All-Breed FAST COURSING ABILITY TESTS

July 15-16, 2023

Kalamazoo Kennel Club

(AKC Member Club)

Saturday, July 15, 2023 – Events #2023062518 and #2023062520
Sunday, July 16, 2023 – Events #2023062519 and #2023062521

Each Event Limited to 125 Entries
(Early entry is strongly encouraged)

Event Location:

1249 West D. Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI 49009

Field is FENCED by Kalamazoo Kennel Club
The lure is a continuous Loop System (Squawker and/or Plastic Bags)

PRE-ENTRIES OPEN WEDNESDAY, May 17, 2023, 7 PM ET AND CLOSE WEDNESDAY, June 28, 2023, 7 PM ET

ENTRY IS VIA ONLINE ENTRY FORM ONLY
PLEASE VISIT WWW.TALLYHOEVENTS.COM

Permission is granted by the American Kennel Club for the holding of these events under the American Kennel Club rules and regulations.

ENTRY FEES

$25.00 per dog per test (includes $3.50 AKC Recording Fee). Day of Show Entries will be $32 per dog per test IF they are available.

Entries close online **Wednesday, 7:00 PM ET, June 28, 2023**, unless the numerical limit is reached prior to the date after which time entries will not be accepted, canceled, altered, or substituted.

PAYMENT WILL BE MADE ONLINE WHEN REGISTERING:

www.TallyHoEvents.com

NO ENTRY WILL BE ACCEPTED WHICH IS MADE SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS.
ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED PRIOR TO THE OPENING DATE.
A WAITLIST OF TEN RUNS PER TEST WILL BE MAINTAINED FOR DROPS.

Open to all dogs at least 1 year of age by the day of the test that are individually registered with the American Kennel Club, recorded in the FSS program, dogs with PAL numbers, and dogs enrolled in the AKC Canine Partners program. **A dog may enter only once per event. There are two events each day. Each event has an individual event number**. **If you would like your dog to run twice each day, you must enter and pay for both events each day.**

Phone, fax, mail or email entries will NOT be accepted.

Entries will be accepted online at www.TallyHoEvents.com only.

RIBBONS / ROSETTES

- A Light Blue Flat Ribbon will be awarded to each dog achieving a qualifying run.
- Special Rosettes will be awarded to each dog completing a title.
  - ***Be sure to notify the Event Secretary of any titles anticipated.***

Due to supply chain issues, any titles attained for which Rosettes are not available on the day they are attained will be mailed to the recipient as soon as they become available.

Note: The speed of the Top 20 fastest dogs of each breed will be posted on the AKC website. Please check the AKC website to see how your dog compares with other dogs in your breed.
https://www.apps.akc.org/apps/fastcat_ranking/index.cfm

ROUTES TO SHOW

From the North or South: US Hwy 131, Exit #44, East on D Ave:
From the East or West: I-94 to US Hwy 131 North to Exit #44, right (East) on D Ave: For all the above: going East on D Avenue, the Kennel Club is one Block past the 4 way stop at Douglas Ave. The Kennel Club is the large white building on the right. If you go over the Kalamazoo River you have gone too far.

ACCOMMODATIONS

***-Please check that the pet policy has not changed for any selected motel/hotel.**

Baymont Inn, 2203 South 11th Street, Kalamazoo, MI 269-372-7999

Comfort Inn 622 Allegan Street, Plainwell, MI 269-685-9891

Super 8 Motel 618 Maple Hill Drive, Kalamazoo, MI 269-345-0146

Do not leave unattended dogs in your room and **PLEASE CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOGS!**

PARKING INFORMATION: Please park only in the designated parking areas and do not take up more than one space per vehicle. If adjacent spaces are full or unavailable, there are more spaces available nearby.

NOTICE TO ALL EXHIBITORS: All exhibitors are responsible for cleaning up after themselves AND their dogs at their motel, RV grounds or test grounds. Motels require that no dogs be left unattended. Any damage to motels, RV grounds or the test site may result in disciplinary action by the Event Committee. Please clean up after your dogs immediately while on the event grounds. *Keep a bag in your pocket at all times.

SCHEDULE (Quick Check)

1. A brief handlers' meeting will be held prior to each run block.
2. All dogs will be inspected beginning at 7:30am for AM runs (12:30pm for PM runs) for soundness prior to running on that event date.
3. AM and PM run start times are 8:00am and 1:00 pm.

***-All times stated are Eastern Time Zone (ET)**

Field Hours: 7:30am until all runs are completed or 3pm, whichever comes first. In the event of inclement weather or other conditions or to assist with timely completion of the test, the Test Committee may elect to start or end the events earlier, or later than posted. In any case, all entrants present during the posted times will be allowed to run, if conditions are safe.

Lunch: A 60-minute lunch break will be scheduled at the discretion of the Event Committee.

IMPORTANT – PLEASE READ!

Scheduling of Runs / Concurrent Run Procedures / Note to Handlers:
Both events are being run concurrently. This means we schedule dogs to run both runs for each day within a single run block. In this scenario, if you have one dog entered and you are scheduled in the AM to do both runs, your two runs will be scheduled approximately 30 runs apart, giving your dog time to rest. The PM portion will be run the same way as the AM.
NOTE: Runs blocks will be scheduled when you register for the event. You will be able to choose your run block, based upon availability, when you register. (Register early to ensure the best selection of run blocks.) Any dog not present by the time the test ends will be considered absent.

CLUB OFFICERS

President: Jim Fankhauser
Vice President: Shannon Dobbins
Treasurer: Mary Law
Secretary: Sandy Morris

FIELD CHAIR

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LURE OPERATOR

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EVENT PHOTOGRAPHER

Pawz To Pose, LLC
www.pawztopose.com

Attendees may only photograph their own dogs.
No additional photographer/videographer permitted.

EVENT COMMITTE MEMBERS:

Betts McKeown, Jen Klang, Leslie Cash, Julie Prentice, Caroline Bahler

VETERINARIAN (Will be on Call Each Day)

Southwest Michigan Animal Emergency Hospital
(24-hour small animal emergency care.)
104 West Cork St., Kalamazoo, MI 49001 Phone: 269-381-5228
www.southwestmichigananimalemergencyhospital.com

Attention Exhibitors

REFUNDS AND FEES: Entry fees shall not be refunded in the event that a dog is absent, disqualified, excused by a Veterinarian or Judge, or barred from competition by action of the Test Committee. If because of riots, civil disturbances or other acts beyond the control of the test-giving club it is impossible to open or to complete the test, no refund of entry fees will be made.

Refunds for bitches in season (and lame or unfit dogs) will be refunded, if requests are submitted to the Field Secretary at least 30 minutes prior to the start of judging for the day and are accompanied by a veterinarian certification.

All refunds are subject to a $2.00 administrative fee per entry.

CLUB RULES: All dogs MUST be on a short leash of 6 ft in length or less or confined to a crate and under control while on the test grounds except during their runs. NO retractable leads allowed onsite. Dogs must be on a leash when being exercised, trained or when warming up. Dogs must be removed from the test course immediately following the end of the Test. Do NOT allow your pets to eliminate on any equipment, including fences and gates, when inside or outside of the fencing. Exhibitors must exercise control over their children at all times while on the test grounds.

The club reserves the right to remove any dog in distress in a parked vehicle or crate.

Please keep the grounds clean by picking up after yourself and your dog. Dispose of 'poop' bags in the trash containers provided there. Please keep your crating area, the test site, grounds, and motel rooms and grounds clean so we may continue to be welcomed at these facilities.

The Club assumes no responsibility for any loss, damage or injury sustained by exhibitors, their dogs or property, children or guests.

Neither the test committees nor the test-giving club nor any vendors or their assignees will be responsible for the loss or damage to any dog on the test grounds, whether as a result of an accident or any other cause. It is clearly understood that every dog entered in the test is in the care, custody and control of its owner or handler during the entire time the dog is on the test premises.

Exhibitors, Owners & Agents assume all responsibility for dogs & equipment on the show site.

Mixed breed dogs that have been listed with AKC Canine Partners may participate provided their listing number has been recorded on the entry form. Breed should be marked as "All American Dog."

ERRORS ON ENTRIES: Owners are responsible for the accuracy of the information required on the entry form. **Changes, additions, or corrections to an entry, entry substitutions, or cancellations by the owner must be received in writing (email accepted) by the Field Secretary prior to the closing date of the test.** Other means of notification will not be accepted.

CONDUCT: It is expressly understood that all owners/agents/exhibitors are solely responsible for the behavior of their dogs and/or children. Any person(s) whose dog and/or children create unnecessary disturbances or repeatedly engage in unsafe or disruptive behavior may, at the discretion of the Test Committee, be asked to leave the test site. In such cases no refund of any fees/monies paid will be made.

Releasers/Catchers: Each handler is responsible for arranging to have both a releaser AND a catcher available during each of their dogs' runs. The Club may provide volunteers to assist with releasing or catching well-mannered dogs but is not obligated to do so for every dog. When this assistance is available, it is strictly a courtesy and the volunteers accept no responsibility for any actions or consequences.

All owners/agents/exhibitors and other persons attending these tests hereby waive any claim against the club or its agents, for any losses, damages, or injuries affecting self, dogs, children, or personal property.

WARM-UPS and training should be conducted in a sportsman-like manner to your dog, other dogs and competitors.

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

CRATING: Crating will be in your vehicles.

General:

- All entries must be one year of age or older on the day of the test or trial.
- Each entry will be examined at **inspection**. Inspection shall take place prior to any form of wrapping being applied to the dog. In the opinion of the inspection committee, any entry found to be lame, unfit to compete or a female in season shall not be allowed to enter and entry fees shall be refunded. All dogs will be inspected before each event.
- The Run Order will be based on run blocks set by the field committee. We will separate the running of multiple dogs handled by a single handler to the best of our abilities. If a dog is late for their run time they will run as soon as openings are available to avoid inconveniencing those that arrived as scheduled.
- Dogs may wear any collar except a choker collar, a harness, 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 there is a chance that tags hanging from the collar could become 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 with regards to the dog's collar and paraphernalia on the dog.
- The field committee reserves the right to bar known aggressive dogs from the event site.
- There will be a $5 fine assessed for any loose dog not taking part in the course in progress, or for anybody caught not picking up after their dog or leaving garbage on the field.
- No one will be allowed on the field without the express permission of the field chairman, except the appointed field committee.
- Anybody exhibiting unsportsmanlike behavior will be excused from the field and may be subject to further disciplinary action.
- Control of dogs is strictly enforced. All dogs must be kept on leash at all times, except when running inside the fenced course.
- Clean up and carry out all trash.
- Please pick up after your dog and put in receptacles provided at site.

Basic Information about AKC Fast Cat

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

How are Fast CAT Points and Titles Awarded?

- The dog's time to complete the 100 yard dash is converted into MPH.
- 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 inches or greater = handicap of 1.0
    - 12 inches to less than 18 inches = handicap of 1.5
    - Below 12 inches = handicap of 2.0
- Points = MPH multiplied by the dog's handicap
- Fast CAT titles are suffix titles earned at designated milestones.
    - BCAT = 150 points
    - DCAT = 500 points
    - FCAT = 1,000 points
    - FCAT = every additional 500 points
- The top 20 fastest dogs by breeds are published on the AKC website.

Course and Equipment

Safety: Safety is of the utmost importance. It is the responsibility of the event committee to ensure the safety of the course, equipment and 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 Finish: The club must provide enough room for a safe run-out area. The Club will attempt to use a minimum of 50 yards, if conditions safely allow it. It is recommended an owner or someone familiar with the dog be at the finish to catch the dog once the course is completed. The Club will attempt to provide assistance at the end of the course to collect the dogs as a courtesy, if the owner requests it and volunteers are available. **Please exit the course as soon as your dog is leashed**.

Timing Devices: The Club will use electronic timers. The time to complete the 100 yard dash is recorded to the nearest 1/100th of a second. The time starts when any part of the dog breaks the electronic beam at the start line. The time stops when any part of the dog crosses the finish line. Stop watches will be used as a backup if the electronic timers don't function. In the event of manual timing, a starter's flag will signal the start when the dog's nose crosses the starting line and the time will be recorded by two timekeepers, each operating individually, at the finish line. The time will be the mathematical average of the two manually recorded times.

Lure Equipment: The Club uses a continuous loop system. The lure will consist of white plastic bags and/or squawker. The lure will be propelled by an electric motor attached to a continuous loop setup. Safety is the number one consideration in running this event.

Field Conditions: The field is reasonably flat, level and mowed. The running area is approximately 150 yards long x 6 yards wide, with a cloth/plastic type barrier fencing. The release line is ten feet behind the starting line. The course is 100 yards long with finish line timers (electronic or manual) and an appropriate AKC prescribed run-out area. Handlers may not walk the course during or before their dog is released for the actual test. (*New rule as of November 2022*.)

Huntmaster: The Huntmaster has control of the course. 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.

Check in and Inspection: Dogs must be checked in and inspected prior to each run. Inspection will check for general fitness and for females in season, which are not permitted to run. In addition, the dog's handicap must be verified at the time of inspection. You will receive a sticker at inspection that will be turned in to the Paddock Master.

At the line: The Paddock Master will coordinate the running of the dogs according to his/her best discretion. Each exhibitor will receive a running order via e-mail prior to the event. Dogs will be called "to the line" and "in the hole" positions. Dogs that are not present "in the hole" will be moved down and the next available dog will be inserted into the running order to keep things moving. The missing dog will be inserted into the running order as convenient when they arrive. So, if you miss your run time, you will not be required to wait until all the dogs have run. You can run, within reason, sometime after you arrive.

Operation of the Lure: The Lure Operator's job is to 1) ensure a safe run by operating the lure correctly, and 2) to get the best score for your dog. If your dog is new to the sport, tell the Huntmaster! That may mean operating the lure differently, to get his/her attention, as opposed to an experienced dog that needs little to no encouragement. If your dog is particularly fast for it's breed, simply advise the Huntmaster about your dog's typical times. They will tell the lure operator, who will adjust the running of the lure to accommodate this. The lure operator has experience and knowledge related to running various breeds, but every dog is different. We want you to have a good run.

Important Reminder:

Entries will only be accepted online at

www.TallyHoEvents.com

By entering this event electronically, you attest that you have read and agree with this entire Premium, including the following agreement:

AKC Rules, Regulations, Policies and Guidelines are available on the American Kennel Club website: www.akc.org.

AGREEMENT

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 regulation 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. 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, officers, 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 persons. **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**.