

# Entries Open March 15, 2024, at 12:00 PM CDT

# ENTRIES RECEIVED BEFORE THIS DATE WILL BE RETURNED/CANCELLED

Pre-entries close May 1, 2024, at 12:00 pm or when entries are full. No Day of Show entries will be accepted. We are offering 4 Fast CAT Tests

Open to All Breeds and All-American Dogs Listed with The AKC Canine Partners Program

Sedalia Kennel Club

Licensed by the American Kennel Club

# Tests Operated by Columbia Canine Sports Center

Event contact: Kathy Echols (kathyrechols@gmail.com)

4506 Interstate 70 Drive SE Columbia, MO 65201

Saturday, May 18, 2024 – Event #2024180101 and #2024180103 Sunday, May 19, 2024 – Event #2024180104 and #2024180102

# ONLINE ENTRIES ARE ENCOURAGED!!

https://form.jotform.com/240694268862165

(You may enter online and pay via Credit or Voucher) – Entries will NOT be accepted without payment.

Entries for Fast CAT: \$25.00 per dog/test. Note: A service fee of \$1.25 will be added to each entry to cover costs.

Field is FENCED by CCSC. The lure is CONTINUOUS Line (plastic) Break-the-beam timers will be used. Events will run concurrently.



#### 125 runs per test CERTIFICATION

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

Gina DiNardo, Secretary

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573-673-9680

# **EVENT COMMITTEE**

Brandi Lewis, Hannah Clayton, Cassie Kindle, Sara Steele, Jamie Siercks

## FIELD CONDITIONS

The Fast CAT Track is fully fenced with welded-wire fencing and has gates at either end for the entrance and exit. This track has the minimum run out.

Electronic Timers will be used to record run times.

Please bring your own shade and water.

For Fast CAT - Dogs are not permitted to run in choke collars (including limited slip martingales), harnesses, E-Collars or prong collars. Retractable leashes are not permitted on the event grounds.

You CAN bring your dogs to the line in a choke, limited slip or harness.

Regular restrooms are available in the small building.

Please pick up after your dog!

### **GENERAL ENTRY INFORMATION**

This event is open to all dogs at least one year of age by the day of the event. Dogs must be 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 one time per event. Each event has an individual event number. There are two events each day. Events are run CONCURRENTLY – meaning the option to run both events in the same time block is allowed.

# ONLINE ENTRY INFORMATION (PREFERRED METHOD)

When entries open, go to the JotForm link

(<u>https://form.jotform.com/240694268862165</u>) and fill out all required information. A service fee of \$1.25 will be added to each entry to cover costs.

Online Entries close on Friday, May 1 2024, at 5:00 pm, unless the numerical limit is reached prior to the date after which time entries will not be accepted.

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." All American Dogs without a Canine Partner number MAY register for the AKC Canine Partner program at the field and run for qualifying points

# PAPER ENTRY INFORMATION BY CHECK OR MONEY ORDER

Entry fee is \$25.00 per dog per event. Entries close at the Event Secretary's address on Wednesday, May 1, 2024, at 12:00 pm, unless the numerical limit is reached prior to the closing date, after which time entries will not be accepted.

Check the website for updated information:

MAKE CHECKS/MONEY ORDERS PAYABLE TO: Sedalia Kennel Club or SKC. Fees are payable in U.S. funds. Returned checks will be assessed a \$25.00 service fee. Mailed entries will not be accepted without a signature on the entry form and fees. The attached American Kennel Club Entry Form at the end of this document must be used if the online entry system is not used. Telephone, email, and faxed entries will not be accepted. Entries may be mailed or delivered to:

> Kathy Echols/SKC FCat 9150 S Rangeline Rd Columbia, MO 65201 <u>kathyrechols@gmail.com</u> 573-673-9680

If an entry is sent by UPS, Airborne Express, FedEx, or other overnight delivery services, please indicate that no signature is necessary upon arrival, or the entries will not be accepted.

You are responsible for the accuracy of the information required on the entry form. Incomplete entries will not receive a run time sign-up link until the Event Secretary receives all required information. Changes, additions, or corrections to an entry, entry substitutions, or cancellations must be sent to the Trial Secretary by email prior to the closing date of the trial. Other means of notification will not be accepted.

## **RIBBONS AND ROSETTTES**

Qualifying Scores – a light blue ribbon will be awarded to each dog receiving a qualifying score

Fast CAT New Title Rosettes – The Host Club will offer a Limited number of special rosettes to dogs completing their BCAT, DCAT, or FCAT titles. Please note on your entry form if you anticipate earning a title.

## **EVENT INFORMATION**

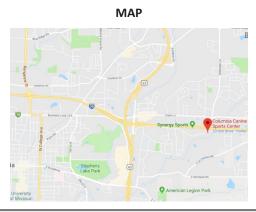
Field hours are: 7:30 am until 5:30 pm Saturday and Sunday. In the event of weather or ground conditions the Event Committee may start the events earlier or later than posted. All entrants present during the posted times will be allowed to run as long as conditions are deemed safe.

Volunteers will be fed lunch both days and may get some earlier running preferences. Please feel free to volunteer!

Directions to the Event Site:

**From the West:** Take I-70 east to the Hwy 63 exit (#128A). Turn south on Hwy 63 at immediately get into left turn lane. Turn left at first light onto I-70 Drive SE. CCSC is 1.3 miles on the right. From the East: Take I- 70 West to the Lake of the Woods exit (#131). Turn left at end of ramp to cross over I-70. Turn right on access road I-70 Dr., SE. CCSC is 1 mile on your left.

From the North or South: Take Hwy 63 to I-70 Dr., SE. Turn east. CCSC is 1.3 miles on right.



## **ROLL CALL (INSPECTION) AND RUN ORDER**

# FOR THESE EVENTS WE WILL BE HOLDING A "ROLLING ROLL CALL"

Inspections will begin 15 minutes before your scheduled Time Block. We inspect the dogs as they arrive at the field.

Dogs must be checked-in and inspected prior to **EACH** run. Inspection will check for general fitness and for females in season. Females in season and lame dogs are not permitted to run. Handicaps will be verified at inspection.

We will have a set run order within each time block. This will be sent out after closing. If you have a catcher or a releaser, make sure they are in the correct area at LEAST three dogs ahead. This really helps to keep things moving!

If you have a  $2^{nd}$  run within the same Time Block you must come back be reinspected. If you have a  $2^{nd}$  run in another Time Block – please come back at that time.

We will do our best to work around conflicts.

# Time Blocks

We will be using the "block schedule" running order. Due to the new Lure Operator rules, we will be assigning time blocks based on breed groups. We will send out Time Block information after closing.

We will have four time blocks each day (8 am to 10 am, 10 am to Noon, Lunch from Noon to 1 pm, 1 pm to 3 pm, and 3 pm to 5 pm).

# Concurrent Run Scheduling

We run events CONCURRENTLY. If you sign up for both test per day, you will run them in the same time block.

## **CONDITIONS OF ENTRY – READ CARFULLY**

#### NOTICE TO ALL EXHIBITORS

### ALL DOGS RUN AT OWNERS SOLE RISK

- All entries must be one year of age or older on the day of the test.
- Each dog requires an individual entry form for each event in which it is entered or enter online (EASIER!!)
- Entries will not be accepted without fees, signatures, and the "Agreement" found on the Official AKC Entry Form.
- Bitches in season and lame dogs will be refused entry and, if presented at inspection, will be refunded entry fees.
- Mixed breeds must be spayed or neutered to be eligible to run. AKC registered dogs with breed disqualifications may be entered.
- 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.

• Continuous loop lure machines will be used. The lure will consist of white plastic bags. Backup equipment will be available.

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

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

• No entry fees will be refunded if the event cannot be started or completed by reason of riots, civil disturbances, fire, extreme and/or dangerous weather conditions, an act of God, public emergency, act of a public enemy, strikes or any other cause beyond the control of the Club or its members and representatives.

• There are restroom facilities located near the field. Bring your own shade. No littering.

Best Western Plus Columbia Inn	573-397-6471 800-780-7234	\$20 per day	www.bestwestern.com
Drury Plaza Hotel Columbia East	573-441-0090	Daily fee of \$35 per room plus tax.	www.druryhotels.com
Holiday Inn Executive Center	573-445-8531	\$30 per pet for the first night	www.holidaycolumbia.com
LaQuinta Inn & Suites Columbia	573-445-1899	800-753-3757	www.laquintacolumbia.com

#### ACCOMODATIONS

Motel 6 Columbia - East	573-815-0123		www.motel6.com
Quality Inn & Suites	573-449-4422	\$35 USD per night/pet. Maximum of 2 pets per room.	www.choicehotels.com
Ramada Columbia	573-234-4459	A max of 2 dogs only allowed up to 50 LBS. for a fee of \$15.00 per pet per night.	www.wyndhamhotels.com
Residence Inn Columbia	573-442-5601 800-331-3131	\$75 pet fee. 2 pets per room allowed.	www.marriott.com
Staybridge Suites Columbia	573-442-8600	\$50 pet deposit	www.ihg.com
Super 8 Clark Lane	573-474-8488	800-800-8000	www.wyndhamhotels.com
Super 8 East	573-474-8307	800-800-8000	www.wyndhamhotels.com
TownPlace Suites	573-817-0012		www.marriott.com

## **RV Camping**

#### No overnight RV parking will be available at the show site.

Cottonwoods RV	5170 Oakland Gravel	573-	cottonwoodsrv@a
Park	Rd, Columbia, MO	474-	ol.com
	65202	2747	

#### NOTICE

The number of motels refusing dogs because of abuse of their premises continues to increase. We expect our exhibitors to be responsible guests.

A report that an exhibitor at this show has abused motel property during this Show may result in disciplinary action by the Club. Sedalia Kennel Club reserves the right to decline future entries from the offending party in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 11, Section 15 of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows.

#### EQUIPMENT AND CREW

Lure Equipment: We will be using a continuous loop pully system.

The lure or "bunny" consist of white plastic bags. Additionally, a squawker is sometimes used – if track conditions allow. The lure is attached to string that is set in a continuous loop and the string is pulled/pushed by an electric motor.

Timing Devices: CCSC uses a brake-beam electronic timing device.

**Field Conditions:** The field is fairly level. The surface is grass that is mowed short. The track is fully fenced with welded panel fencing. Mounted entry and exit gates are also part of the track. Handlers may walk the course to the catch area BEFORE their dog is released.

Huntmaster: The Huntmaster is in complete charge of all dogs and handlers on the field. They are responsible for calling the next dog/handler onto the course. They are responsible for making sure the correct dog is on the start line. They are responsible for checking collars. The Huntmaster explains the release and, if necessary, the retrieval before the dog is released. They are responsible for making sure the lure is in position and traveling in the correct direction before calling the dog/handler onto the course. The handler should communicate to the Huntmaster any special needs the dog may have (Fast, slow, old, new). The Huntmaster will communicate any needs to the Lure Operator. The Huntmaster shall question the Lure Operator, Timer and handlers asking, "Are you ready?" After affirmative answers from all parties, the Huntmaster will begin the course. Provides a hand signal to the Lure Operator to start the lure. Gives the verbal signal "Tallyho" to release the dog from a standing start. The dog should not be slipped before the sound of the "T" in "Tallyho." Will notify the Lure Operator, Timer, and Handler of any issue with the release or the course that results in a rerun or a non-qualifying score. The Huntmaster shall stop the lure in the event of a safety issue with the course or the dog.

Lure Operator: The Lure Operator is responsible for communicating to the Trial Chair, any concerns regarding the track layout. They are responsible for operating the lure in a safe manner for all breeds. The Lure Operator will make a test run beforehand. The Lure Operator will receive communication from the Huntmaster regarding any special needs a particular dog may have (fast, slow, old, new, etc.). The Lure Operator will do all they can to get the best time for your dog. The Lure Operator will not move the lure at the end until the dog is leashed and off the course. For the utmost safety, the Lure Operator will position themselves so that they have a view of the entire course and will watch the dog the entire way until the dog is leashed and off the course. The Lure Operator will stop the lure on a signal from the Huntmaster, but shall automatically stop the lure any time a dog becomes entangled in the string or when a potentially dangerous situation may develop

**Queuing Up:** After dogs have been roll called and put in a run order, we will line them up about 6 at a time. Anyone that does not have a catcher or a releaser in place and ready could be moved back in the order. Dogs who are not present for their Time Block will be added to the next available Time Block – except for conflicts. Conflicts will be handled on a case-by-case basis at the field. We strive to keep the track running smoothly with as few delays as possible. For more information see the section on Time Blocks

#### HOW DOES FAST CAT WORK?

Tests, Titles, and Timing

- 1. Fast CAT is a timed straight run of 100 yards.
- 2. Each dog runs alone.

- 3. Dogs may start a maximum of 10 feet behind the starting line. The 10foot starting line will be clearly marked.
- 4. The dog's time to complete the 100-yard dash is converted to miles per hour using the following formula:

 $mph = \frac{204.545}{time \ in \ seconds}$  (rounded to hundreths)

- 5. A handicap system is applied to a dog's mph to determine the number of points earned.
- 6. The handicap system is based on the height of the dog at the withers:
  - a. 18" or greater: handicap is 1.0
  - b. Over 12" and under 18": handicap is 1.5
  - c. Under 12": handicap is 2.0
- 7. Points = mph multiplied by the dog's handicap
- 8. Fast CAT suffix titles are earned at designated milestones:
  - a. BCAT = 150 points
  - b. DCAT = 500 points
  - c. FCAT = 1,000 points
  - d. FCAT# = each additional 500 points
- 9. Timing devices: The time to complete the 100-yard dash is recoded 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 tie. 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.
- 10. Area of the course will be fenced with a fence-in recovery area of 30 yards or longer, with 50 yards recommended.

To learn more about Fast CAT please visit AKC Fast CAT webpage: www.akc.org/sports/coursing/fast-cat/regulations/