

## **Overview of the New AKC Event called Fast CAT**

Cudahy Kennel Club will be holding its first-in-the-Midwest Fast Coursing Ability Tests [Fast CATs] at the same site and time as our regular Coursing Ability Test [CATs]. They will be run concurrently – both sets of events are on May 14/15. Fast CAT was just approved by AKC in April. The Fast CAT is a timed 100 yard dash. The events are open to all pure bred and All American dogs listed with the AKC

### **What happens at a Fast CAT?**

The event is a straight run with the dog chasing a drag lure and a “squawker” which appears to mimic a running rabbit or squirrel. There is no trailing string as there is in a regular continuous loop course. The Fast CAT field is 8 yards x 150 yards total fenced area. There is a 10’ release area before the starting line. A Huntmaster will be there to assist in making sure the rules are followed. Your dog will run individually. It will be timed over 100 yards with the official time registering when the most advanced part of the dog trips the electronic beam at the start and finish line. There is a 30 yard run-out at the end to allow your dog to de-accelerate before retrieval. In a typical course the dog is released by a handler in the starting area and retrieved after crossing the finish line by a different handler.

### **How can I earn a title or other recognition?**

Dogs earn their first AKC title by recording 150 points. One point is awarded for each mile per hour. The speed is determined by recording the time (down to 1/1000 of a second) and converting it to miles per hour. For purposes of titling there are three handicapping classifications depending on the height of the dog. Details are in the attached premium list.

In addition to titling points the top twenty fastest dogs in each breed will be posted on the AKC website. Since this CKC event is one of the first three weekends being tabulated it is likely that many of our competitors will make the fastest dog list.

In addition Cudahy Kennel Club will be awarding a “Fastest in Event” ribbon for the fastest dog in each breed or category competing in each of the three Fast CAT events. You must be present to receive the award.

### **Can I run both CAT and Fast CAT at the same time?**

Yes. Although both events will have pre-set running orders the Fast CAT running order is flexible because more dogs can run per hour over the shorter straight course. Pre entries receive preference in scheduling because we can anticipate and allow for conflicts. Therefore if you are planning on participating in both the CAT and Fast CAT events we strongly urge you to pre enter.

Due to the possibility of distractions the two courses are set up in different areas of the large running field. Please allow for three to ten minutes to get from the CAT area to the Fast CAT area.

### **Does my dog need to be inspected again if it passes inspection for the CAT?**

Yes.

### **Can I practice before I run?**

Note that date of entries close one hour after the start of the Fast CAT events. The practice schedule may be available thirty minutes after the total entry is determined.

### **Are you going to be running more Fast CAT events?**

Yes. CKC will be holding the three Fast CAT’s in May and another three each in both June and August.

### **Want to Volunteer or Have More questions?**

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