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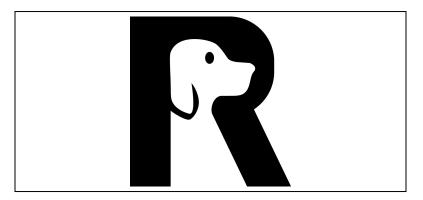
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PREMIUM LIST **AKC FAST COURSING ABILITY TEST**

All Breed and All American (Mixed Breed) May 13 - 15, 2022



Rochester Minnesota Kennel Club, Inc.

Licensed by the American Kennel Club

History Center of Olmsted County

1195 W Circle Dr, Rochester, MN 55902

Each test limited to 120 entries, 2 tests per day

Field is fenced by Rochester Minnesota Kennel Club Lure is continuous loop with plastic bag or squawker

Entries open March 18, 2022

ENTRIES RECEIVED BEFORE THIS DATE WILL BE RETURNED Early entry is strongly encouraged

Pre-entries close April 29, 2022 at 8 pm or when entries are full Entries will be accepted for All American Dogs listed in the AKC Canine Partners Program



Permission is granted by the American Kennel Club for the holding of these events under the American Kennel Club rules and regulations. James P. Crowley, Secretary

ENTRY

Entry fee is \$25.00 per dog per event. Entries close at the Event Secretary's address Friday, 8:00 pm, April 29, 2022, unless the numerical limit is reached prior to the date after which time entries will not be accepted.

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.

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."

MAKE CHECKS/MONEY ORDERS PAYABLE TO: RMKC

Fees are payable in U.S. funds. Returned checks will be assessed a \$20.00 service fee. Mailed entries will not be accepted without a signature and fees. The attached American Kennel Club Entry Form must be used. Telephone and fax entries will not be accepted. No conditional entries will be accepted. Entries may be mailed or delivered to:

Field Secretary Jenn Walker 9741 Cherrywood Roscoe, IL 61073 (815) 979-2157

MidwestFastcatTrialSecretary@gmail.com

Online entries may be submitted to https://form.jotform.com/Midwestfastcattrialsecretary/rmkc-fastcat-entry Online entry fees must be paid via PayPal. There is an additional \$1.50 per event PayPal fee for online entries.

Owners 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 received by email by the Event Secretary prior to the closing date of the trial. Other means of notification will not be accepted.

If an entry is sent by UPS, Airborne Express, FedEx, etc. please indicate that no signature is necessary upon arrival.

RIBBON PRIZES

Qualifying scores – light blue ribbon awarded to each dog receiving a qualifying score

Fast CAT titles – special ribbon awarded to dogs completing BCAT, DCAT and FCAT titles. Please note on your entry form if you anticipate earning a title.

ROUTES TO SHOW

From the East and South: US 52 N, exit 53 left on 16th ST SW, left on W Circle Dr, venue is ½ mile on the left

From the North: US 52 S, exit 54B right on Salem Rd S, left on W Circle Dr, venue is ½ mile on the left

ACCOMODATIONS

The following nearby hotels accept well-behaved people and their pets. Contact hotels to verify their pet policy because hotel policies are subject to change. Please be a responsible owner and a considerate hotel guest by maintaining a restful atmosphere and cleaning up after your dog.

LaQuinta Inn & Suites Rochester	866.266.3306		
4353 Canal Place SE, Rochester, MN 55904			
Ramada Rochester Mayo Clinic Area	507.281.2211		
1625 S Broadway Rochester, MN 55904			
Best Western Rochester Mayo Clinic Area	507.289.8866		
1517 16th Street SW Rochester, MN 55902,			
Microtel Inn & Suites Mayo Clinic South	507.405.5936		
4165 Maine Avenue SE, Rochester, MN 55904			
Sleep Inn & Suites West	507.282.2364		
2109 Commerce Drive NW, Rochester, MN 55901			
Days Inn & Suites Mayo Clinic South	507.206.4675		
3595 Commercial Drive SW, Rochester, MN 55902			

VENUE INFORMATION

The History Center of Olmsted County has a museum and community garden on the grounds. Exhibitor parking will NOT be allowed in the museum parking lot and the access to the garden will not be blocked. Car parking and dog crating will only be allowed in designated areas. Museum bathrooms are only available with a paid museum admission. A portable restroom with sink will be available on site.

Camping and RV parking are not available at the event. The grass will be flat and mowed. The event run area is fenced for safety. Food will not be available on site. There are many food options within close driving distance.

SCHEDULE

Field hours are 7:30 am to the conclusion of both events scheduled for the day.

Inspection begins at 7:30 am for runs scheduled in the morning and 12:30 pm for afternoon runs. 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 are not permitted to run. Handicaps will be verified at inspection. You will receive a sticker at inspection that will be turned in to the Paddock Master. Dogs may be inspected for their second run immediately after completing their first run.

Morning runs start at 8:00 am and afternoon runs start at 1:00 pm. Event volunteers' dogs will be scheduled first in the morning running order.

A 60-minute lunch break will be taken at the discretion of the Event Committee.

Dogs not present by the time the event ends will be considered absent.

Concurrent Run Scheduling

There are two events per day that will run concurrently. Dogs will be scheduled to run both events for each day either in the morning or afternoon. If you have one dog entered and scheduled in the morning, the two runs will be scheduled approximately 30 dogs apart, giving your dog about an hour to rest. If you have entered two dogs, there will be enough morning runs to schedule your second dog. The afternoon will be organized the same way as the morning. Morning entrants running a third and fourth dog will run with afternoon dogs.

NEW Electronic sign-up

Runs will be scheduled online using SignupGenius. Entrants will receive a confirmation e-mail with a link to choose a run time block. E-mails will be sent out in the order entries are received by the Event Secretary. Entrants will signup for one run block per dog, which schedules both runs for the dog for that day. Any dog not signed up for a run block after pre-entries close will be assigned to an open block. When a block is full, runs cannot be added. If you are part of a group that will be running together, you may coordinate with each other. There will be three sign-up schedules, one for each event day

The speed of the Top 20 fastest dogs of each breed is posted on the AKC website. Check the website to see how your dog compares to other dogs in your breed.

https://www.apps.akc.org//apps/fastcat_ranking/index.cfm.

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Lure Operator

Bill Walker "Lure Dude"

Event Committee Members

Pat Campbell, David Distel, Brenda Holman, Diana Mann, Carole Sorenson, Shannon Wilson

Veterinarian on Call Friday until 5pm

Broadway Veterinary Hospital <u>www.broadway-vets.com</u> 1910 Broadway Ave S, Rochester, MN (3.5 miles from venue) 507.206.3313

Emergency Veterinary Service

BluePearl Pet Hospital Rochester MN <u>www.bluepearlvet.com</u> 121 23rd AVE SW, Rochester, MN (2.5 miles from venue) 507.424.3976

Twin Eyes Photography

https://twineyesphotography.mypixieset.com/

Attention Exhibitors

These events may be canceled in the event of extreme weather conditions. No refunds will be given if the trial cannot be held or completed due to riots, civil disturbances, an act of God, extreme or dangerous weather conditions, public emergency, or any other reason beyond the control of RMKC.

E-mail acknowledgment of entries will be made as soon as practical with a SignUpGenius link to select a run time. Should such acknowledgment not be received within a reasonable time, please contact the Event Secretary.

REFUNDS AND FEES: Entry fees shall not be refunded if a dog is absent, disqualified, excused by a veterinarian, or barred from competition by action of the Event Committee. If because of riots, civil disturbances or other acts beyond the control of the event club it is impossible to open or to complete the trial, no refund of entry fees will be made. Postdated and returned checks do not constitute a valid entry fee. RMKC will add a collection fee of \$20 for returned checks.

Refunds for bitches in season will be made if requests are submitted to the Event Secretary at least 30 minutes prior to the start the event.

RMKC RULES: No smoking is permitted on the grounds. All dogs MUST be on a short leash and under control while on the event grounds except during their runs. Retractable (Flexi) leads are not allowed. Clean up after your dogs! Exhibitors must exercise control over their children at all times while on the event grounds.

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

WAIVER OF LIABILITY: Neither the Event Committee nor RMKC will be responsible for the loss or damage to any dog on the event grounds, whether as a result of an accident or any other cause. It is clearly understood that every dog entered in the trial is in the care, custody and control of its owner or handler during the entire time the dog is on the test premises. All owners, handlers and other persons attending these trials hereby waive any claim against the club or its agents, for any losses, damages, or injuries affecting self, dogs, children, or personal property.

Owners and handlers assume all responsibility for dogs and equipment on the event site.

CONDUCT: It is expressly understood that all owners and handlers 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 Event Committee, be asked to leave the trial site. In such cases no refund of any fees paid will be made.

EVENT SITE: All dogs must be held on a leash or confined to a crate except when on the course for running. Dogs must be on a leash when being exercised, trained or when warming up. Warm ups and training should be conducted in a sportsman-like manner. Dogs must be removed from the field immediately following the end of the test.

Crating will be in your car. RMKC 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 waste in the containers provided. Please keep your crating area, the test site, grounds, and hotel rooms and hotel grounds clean so we may continue to be welcomed at these facilities in the future.

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.

PHOTOGRAPHS: There will be a photo area available to take pictures of your dogs and their ribbons. Post your photos on the RMKC Facebook page! There will be a professional photographer taking pictures on the field that will be available online for later purchase.

VOLUNTEERS: Volunteers are always needed and appreciated. Volunteer dogs, at their option, will run in the morning. Volunteering for 4 or more hours will receive a free lunch. Please note on your entry if you are available to volunteer. The club will provide training.

COMMUNICATION: A dedicated Facebook group has been set-up for this event. Up-to-date information on this event will be available and questions will be answered. https://www.facebook.com/groups/319620186571308

COVID PRECAUTIONS

Suggested best practices for Fast CAT, as recommended by the AKC, will be followed.

Basic Information about AKC Fast CAT

- 1) Fast CAT 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.
- 2) Dogs run singularly.

How are Fast CAT Points and Titles Awarded?

- 1) The dog's time to complete the 100 yard dash is converted into MPS.
- 2) A handicap system is applied to a dog's MPS to determine the number of points earned. The handicap system is based on the height of the dog at its withers.
 - a) 18 inches or greater = handicap of 1.0
 - b) 12 inches to less than 18 inches = handicap of 1.5
 - c) Below 12 inches = handicap of 2.0
- 3) Points = MPS multiplied by the dog's handicap
- 4) 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

5) The top 20 fastest dogs by breeds are published on the AKC website.

Course and Equipment

- Safety: Safety is of 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. A test dog will run prior to the start of the event to ensure that the equipment functions properly and volunteers understand their jobs. Prior to moving the lure to position for the start, the lure operator will announce "hold your dogs" to caution owners.
- 2) The Finish: The club will provide enough room for a safe run-out area. RMKC will attempt to use a minimum of 50 yards. It is recommended an owner or someone familiar with the dog be at the finish to catch the dog once the test is completed. RMKC will attempt to help at the end of the course to collect the dogs if the owner requests it.
- 3) **Timing Devices**: RMKC 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.
- 4) Lure Equipment: RMKC uses a continuous loop system. The lure will be a white plastic bag or squawker. The lure will be propelled by an electric motor attached to a continuous loop set-up. Safety is the number one consideration in running this event.

- 5) **Field Conditions.** The field is reasonably flat, level and mowed short. The actual running area is approximately 150 yards long x 6 yards wide, with a plastic barrier. The release line is ten feet behind the start line. The course is 100 yards long with finish line timers (electronic or manual) and a 50-yard run-out area. Handlers may not walk the course with their dogs during the actual test, but they may walk the course to the catch area **BEFORE** their dog is released.
- 6) The Hunt Master has control of the course. The Hunt Master 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, 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.
- 7) At the line: Exhibitors will be able to sign up for their run block before the event. Anyone who does not sign up for a run block will be randomly assigned into open slots available. Each exhibitor will receive a running order via e-mail prior to the event. Dogs will be lined up in the paddock area, with no more than five in line at a time. If you are in line, please ensure your catcher is at the finish area. Anyone who does not have a catcher ready will be moved back in line. Dogs that are not present during their run block will be moved to the next block and the next available dog will be inserted into the running order. The missing dog will be inserted into the running order as convenient when they arrive. If you miss your run time, you will not be required to wait until all dogs have run. You can run, within reason, when you arrive. OUR GOAL IS TO FOLLOW THE RUN ORDER, BUT ALSO TO KEEP THE COURSE RUNNING.
- 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 Hunt Master! 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 Hunt Master about your "fast dog." They will tell the Lure Operator, who will adjust the running of the lure to accommodate this. Th Lure Operator has experience and knowledge related to running various breeds, but every dog is different. We want you to have a good score.
- 9) Schedule and Event Hours: 8am until all runs are completed. In the event of inclement or other conditions or to assist with timely completion of the event, Event Committee may elect to start the events earlier or later than posted. In any event, all entrants present during the posted times will be allowed to run, if conditions are safe.

General Information

- 1. All entries must be one year of age or older on the day of the event.
- 2. Dogs not present by the end of the event will be scratched.
- 3. 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 run.
- 4. Dogs will be inspected before each event.
- 5. Run order will be based on guidelines set by the event Committee. If a dog is late for their run block, they will be moved to the next run block.
- 6. Dogs may wear any collar except a choker collar, a harness, a collar with prongs or an electronic training collar while running. The collar should be snug. No tags hanging from the collar will be allowed. Clips or rubber bands may be used 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. Flexi/retractable leads are not allowed
- 7. A continuous loop system will be used. The lure is a white plastic bag or a squawker.
- 8. The event committee reserves the right to bar known aggressive dogs from the event site.
- 9. There will be a \$5 fine assessed for any loose dog not taking part in the event, or for anybody caught not picking up after their dog or leaving garbage on the field.
- 10.No one will be allowed on the field without the express permission of the Event Chair, except the appointed Event Committee.
- 11. Anybody exhibiting unsportsmanlike behavior will be excused from the field and may be subject to further disciplinary action.
- 12.Control of dogs will be strictly enforced and must be always on leash except when running.
- 13.Clean up and carry out or dispose of all trash. Please pick up after your dog and put in receptacles provided at site.

Club: Rochester Minnesota Kennel Club		Location:	Location: History Center of Olmsted County			
Date & Event (check boxes for all that app		t apply)	Event type: Fast CAT			
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Breed:	Per run fee/Dog entry \$25		ontmi ¢2E	Total Fees Enclosed		
			entry \$25			
Height at withers: under '	12" 12-18"		over 18"	;	Sex:	Date of Birth:
New Title Anticipated (Check Box): BCAT DCAT FCAT FCAT-#						
Call Name: AKC No. or CP or PAL/ILP No. or Foreign & List Country:						
Full Name of Dog:						
Actual Owner(s):						
Owner's Address:						
City:					State:	Zip:
Name of Owner's Agent/Handler (if any) at Trial:						
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 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. 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 provide of services that are necessary to hold this event and any employees or volunters 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 harm-less 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 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 there from, sustained by any						
Tel: Email:						

By signing above, I acknowledge that Rochester Minnesota Kennel Club is not a liable party.