

AKC Fast Coursing Ability Tests

All-Breed and All American (Mixed Breed Dogs)

October 21-22, 2023

Saturday

Test 1: Saturday, Event # 2023701946

Test 2: Saturday, Event # 2023701947

Sunday

Test 3: Sunday, Event # 2023701948

Test 4: Sunday, Event # 2023701949

Miniature American Shepherd Club of the USA (Licensed by the American Kennel Club)



EVENT LOCATION

Lake County Fair Grounds

1060 E Peterson Road

Grayslake, IL

Entries open August 16, 2023

Test Hours: Visual Inspection begin at 7:45 am.

Runs begin at 8 am and 1 pm until all runs are completed.

Each test limited to 150 entries

Day of event entries accepted as space allows. Tests will run concurrently each day.

PRE-ENTRIES CLOSE Tuesday, October 10, 2023, at 5:00 PM at the Event Secretary's address or when numerical limits are reached. Late entries will be accepted with a late entry fee of \$5.00 per entry if numerical limits have not been reached by pre-entry closing date.

Fun Runs on Friday October 20, 2023 – Beginning at 1 PM

\$10 per Run

NO Fun runs on Saturday or Sunday

Event is held in Conjunction with the Fall Harvest Cluster



Permission has been granted by the American Kennel Club for the holding of this event under American Kennel Club Rules & Regulations. -Gina M. DiNardo, Executive Secretary

ENTRY FEES

Pre-Entry rcvd by closing date (October 10, 2023)	\$25.00 per dog per test
Late entries & Day of Event (until limit is met) --	\$30.00 per dog per test
Day of Entries Cash only	
Junior Handler	\$12.50 per dog per test

Open to all dogs at least one year of age by the day of the test that are individually registered with the American Kennel Club, recorded in the FSS program, or dogs with PAL numbers or enrolled in the AKC Canine Partners program. A dog may enter only once per event. Each event has an individual event number.

ENTRIES OPEN August 16, 2023 for all dogs.

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".

NOT REGISTERED WITH AKC: You can register your dog through the AKC Canine Partners program the day of event. Breed will be marked as "All American Dog." Please contact the Event Secretary for more details. Qualified runs during the weekend will be counted toward your title.

PRE-ENTRIES CLOSE at the Event Secretary's address Tuesday, 5:00 pm on October 10, 2023, unless the numerical limit is reached prior to the date. After which time, entries will not be accepted, canceled, altered, or substituted. **Phone, email and fax entries will NOT be accepted.**

MAKE ALL CHECKS/MONEY ORDERS PAYABLE TO: GLMASC

Canadian exhibitors must make fees payable in U.S. funds. Exhibitors whose checks are returned for NSF will be assessed a \$20.00 service fee. Subsequent returned checks from the same exhibitor may result in their being put on a cash only basis. Entries will not be accepted if received without a signature or entry fees. An official American Kennel Club Entry Form must be used. Telephone entries cannot be accepted. No entry will be accepted which is made subject to conditions. Postdated and returned checks do not constitute a valid entry fee.

MAIL FEES AND ENTRIES TO EVENT SECRETARY:

Vicky Darnell
3014 Evergreen Dr
Joliet, IL 60435
4gandtb@gmail.com

PLEASE NOTE: If entry is sent via next day air service (UPS), Airborne Express, Federal Express, Express Mail, etc., please indicate that no signature is necessary upon arrival or entry may not be accepted.

ONLINE ENTRY: Entries may also be accepted by filling out the Online Entry Form. Payment can be made directly through the entry form (online entries are only valid with payment). You do not need a Paypal account to pay.

The form can be found at: [MASCUSA FCAT October 21-22, 2023](#)

EMAILED ENTRIES: Emailed entries will not be accepted, please use the link above to enter electronically.

ENTRY FEES SHALL NOT BE REFUNDED if a dog is absent, disqualified, excused by veterinarian or judge, or barred from competition by action of the Event Committee. If, because of riots, civil disturbance, or other acts beyond the control of the test-giving Club, it is impossible to open or complete the Test, no refund of entry fees will be made.

REFUNDS WILL BE MADE if, in the opinion of the Inspection Committee, for any entry found to be lame, unfit to compete, a female in season or for any other reason found to be barred from competition according to regulations governing this event. Refunds for bitches in season will be refunded less \$3.50 per run if requests are submitted to the Field Secretary at least 30 minutes prior to the start of judging for the day.

RUN ORDER: Upon processing of signed entries and entry fees, a confirmation will be emailed to exhibitors. Run order will be assigned 5 days before the event, the trial secretary will send a run order out to all exhibitors via the email to which entry confirmation has been sent.

RIBBON PRIZES

A Light Blue Ribbon will be awarded to each dog receiving a qualifying score. Special larger ribbons/rosettes will be awarded for dogs completing advanced titles. ***Please advise the Event Secretary if you expect to earn a title above FCAT so that an award is ready if you are successful.***

Lure Operator

Lure operation services will be provided by Fast & Fun, LLC, the course will be fenced by Purina Farms. The lure will be a drag lure made of plastic or a squawker (weather and course permitting).

Directions to Show Site

From the South

Take I-355 North to I-290 West and IL-53 N
290W/53N to merge onto Lake Cook Road, follow IL-53N (right at light)
IL-53N to IL-83N (turn left)
83N to S Midlothian Road (turn right)
Destination will be on your left.

From the North

Take 94 E into Illinois
Take exit 10 for IL-21/Milwaukee Ave
Take Milwaukee Ave to W Casey Rd, turn right
W Casey Rd becomes Midlothian
Destination will be on your right

Parking: Daily Parking is \$10 Per day at the gate, or you can purchase a 3 day parking pass for \$15 in advance and can be purchased at www.fallharvestcluster.com

Veterinarian Information

24 HOUR EMERGENCY CLINIC • 847-548-5300 Premier Vet Group – Grayslake
810 E Belvidere Rd, Grayslake, IL 60030

Accommodations That Will Accept Dogs

Hotel policies may have changed toward dogs, so please verify current policies.

Comfort Suites Grayslake
1775 E Belvidere Rd
Grayslake, IL 60030
Choicehotels.com

Hampton Inn and Suites
2061 Shell Drive
Libertyville, IL 60048
Hilton.com

NOTE: Some motels may charge a pet fee or have limits on size.

Please clean up after your dogs, so all dogs will be welcome in the future!

Test Schedule

Event	Hours	Entry Close	Inspection	Start of Runs
Saturday FCAT Test 1	8 am to finish	End of test or at limit	7:45 am to end of test	8:00 am
Saturday FCAT Test 2	Concurrent	End of test or at limit	Prior to run	Concurrent
Sunday FCAT Test 3	8 am to finish	End of test or at limit	7:45 am to end of test	8:00 am
Sunday FCAT Test 4	Concurrent	End of test or at limit	Prior to run	Concurrent

- All handlers must have dogs inspected prior to EACH trial.
- Dogs are assigned a running order after entries are received. If you are late for your run time, you will be moved to the end of the run order.
- Note that upon receipt of signed entries and entry fees, a confirmation will be emailed to exhibitors.
- Any dog that is not present by the time the test ends will be considered absent.

Note: The speed of the Top 20 fastest dogs of each breed will be posted on the American Kennel Club website (https://www.akc.org/apps/fastcat_ranking/). Please check the AKC website to see how your dog compares with other dogs in your breed. AKC Rules, Regulations, Policies and Guidelines are available on the American Kennel Club Web site, www.akc.org

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Fast Cat Chair: Karen Pence- 4130 N Ashland Ave Apt 1, Chicago, IL 60613 847-507-3398
 Fast Cat Committee Members – Loretta Zich, Kristine Maser, Hilary Rainey, Kristy Hubbard, Louella Pence
 And Officers and Members of the Board of Directors as listed above and any MASCUSA Members present.

Official Photographer for all Fast Cat Events:

Josh Feeny

joshfeeneyphotography.com



Miniature American Shepherd Club of the USA

Leashes: Retractable leads are not permitted on the test site. Exercise your dog(s) only in posted areas and clean up after them. Exhibitors must always exercise control over their children while on the event grounds. No private gasoline or diesel generators are permitted inside of any building or within 100 feet of any tent or the test run.

Assumption of Risk: By entering this event, exhibitors certify that they have read and understand and agree to the Agreement that is a part of the entry form. The Club assumes no responsibility for any loss, damage or injury sustained by exhibitors. Neither the Event Committee nor the Club will be responsible for the loss or damage to any dog on the ground, whether, as a result of an accident, or any other cause. It is clearly understood that every dog entered in the event is in the care, custody and control of its owner or handler during the entire time the dog is on the premises. Exhibitors, owners, and agents assume all responsibility for dogs and equipment on the site. (See Agreement on entry form.)

Errors on Entries: Owners are responsible for the accuracy of the information required on the entry forms.

Changes, additions, or corrections to an entry, entry substitutions, or cancellations by the owner must be received in writing (email accepted) by the Event 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/handlers are solely responsible for the behavior of their dogs and/or children. Any person(s) whose dog and/or children create unnecessary disturbance or repeatedly engage in unsafe or disruptive behavior may, at the discretion of the Event Committee, be asked to leave the test site. In such case no refund of any fees/monies paid will be made. All Owners/agents/exhibitors and other persons attending these events hereby waive any claim against the Club or its agents, or any losses, damages, or injuries affecting self, dog, children, or personal property.

Leashes/Crates: All dogs must be held on a leash or confined to a crate except when competing. Dogs must be on a leash when being exercised. Crating is not permitted within 10 feet of the ring gates. Dogs must be removed from the test grounds immediately following the end of the Test. Please be respectful.

Dogs in Vehicles: The Club reserves the right to remove any dog that appears, in the opinion of any member of the Event Committees, to be in distress in a parked vehicle or in a crate.

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

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

Inspections: Please line up by the cones. Move up accordingly. Female dogs: Handler will pull either a Napkin/Kleenex from dispenser provided, swipe dog in front of inspector and show results to the inspector. Handler should throw tissue away in the garbage can provided. Gait will then be checked by inspector for all dogs.

Walking the course: Walking the course ahead of a competition run will be permitted only at the discretion of the Huntmaster. The decision will be based upon the number of dogs entered into the test and availability in the run order.

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

COVID PROCEDURES: Suggested Best Practices for Fast CAT, as recommended by the AKC, will be followed. The Event Committee reserves the right to make changes to Covid procedures up until the day of the trials. Any changes to these practices will be communicated with the run order.

Basic Information About AKC Fast Cat

- 1) 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.
- 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 miles per hour (MPH).
- 2) 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.
 - 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 = MPH 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
FCAT2 = 1,500 points	FCAT# = every additional 500 points	
- 5) The top 20 fastest dogs by breed are published on the AKC website. (https://www.apps.akc.org/apps/fastcat_ranking/)

Course and Equipment

- 1) **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. 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.
- 2) **The Finish:** The Clubs must provide enough room for a safe run-out area and will attempt to use a minimum of 30 yards. 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 Clubs will attempt to provide assistance at the end of the course to collect the dogs if the owner requests it.
- 3) **Timing Devices:** The Clubs 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.
- 4) **Lure Equipment:** The Club uses a drag line system.
- 5) **Lure:** A white plastic bag or a squawker may be used for the lure.
- 6) 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.

General

1. All entries must be one year of age or older on the day of the test or trial.
2. Dogs not present by the end of the test 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 enter and entry fees shall be refunded.
4. Dogs will be inspected before each Event.
5. Run order will be based on order set by the field committee. We will separate the running of multiple dogs handled by a single handler. If a dog is late for their run time they will run at the end of the running order.
6. 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 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 regard to the dog's collar and paraphernalia on the dog.
7. Drag line system will be used. Lure is a white plastic bag or a squawker.
8. The field 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 course in progress, 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 Chairperson, except the appointed field 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. Dogs must remain on leash at all times, except when running.
13. Clean up and carry out all trash. Please pick up after your dog and put in receptacles provided at site.

****ONLINE ENTRY AND PAYMENT CAN BE DONE AT:**

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Club: Miniature American Shepherd Club of the USA		Event: _____ Tes 1 Saturday, October 21, 2023 Event #2023701946 _____ Tes 2 Saturday, October 21, 2023 Event #2023701947 _____ Tes 3 Sunday, October 22, 2023 Event #2023701948 _____ Tes 4 Sunday, October 22, 2023 Event #2023701949	
Location: Lake County Fair Grounds 1060 E Peterson Road, Grayslake, IL		Event type: Fast CAT TEST	
Breed:	Breeder: Not required	entry fees enclosed: \$	\$25.00 / \$30.00
Call Name:	AKC No. ☐ PAL/ILP No. ☐ Foreign & List Country: ☐ AKC No: _____		
Dog's Height at Withers: Under 12" ☐ 12" up to and less than 18" ☐ 18" and above ☐		Sex:	Date of Birth:
Name and Birthdate of Jr. Handler (if any):		Jr Handler #:	
Full Name of Dog:			
Actual Owner(s):			
Owner's Address:			
Name of Owner's Agent/Handler (if any) at Trial:		Entered in other MAS Specialty Events ☐	
Preferred Running Time: PLEASE NOTE: This does not guarantee your runs will happen in these slots. Run order is assigned based upon the order in which entries are received. Please refer to the final emailed running order to see what time slot your dog is assigned to.		_____ 8 am – 10 am _____ 1 pm – 3 pm	_____ 10 am – 12 pm _____ 3 pm – 5 pm
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 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. I (we) certify and represent that the dog entered is not a hazard to persons or other dogs. 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 events 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 person. I (we) agree that the determination of whether the injury is serious shall be made by the event veterinarian and is binding on me (us). 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.			
Signature of owner or agent duly authorized to make this entry:			
Tel:		Email:	
By signing above, I acknowledge that Miniature American Shepherd Club of the USA are not a liable party.			

MAKE ALL CHECKS/MONEY ORDERS PAYABLE TO: GLMASC

MAIL FEES AND ENTRIES TO: Trial Secretary: Vicky Darnell, 3014 Evergreen Dr, Joliet, IL 60435

Payment must be received before the closing date or a \$5/run late fee will be assessed.