

Flat-Coated Retriever Society of America

(AKC Member Club)

FAST COURSING ABILITY TEST

AKC All-Breed



November 11-12, 2023

4 FastCAT Tests

- Saturday Nov 11, 2023 Event #s 2023146025 | 2023146026
- Sunday Nov 12, 2023 Event #s 2023146027 | 2023146028

Each Test Limited to 100 entries

Pre-Entries open MONDAY SEPTEMBER 11, 2023 at 8:00am

Pre-Entries close MONDAY OCTOBER 30, 2023 at 6:00pm at the Secretary's address or **when run limits are reached** | A waitlist will be established

Entries accepted electronically or by mail.

Electronic Entry & Payments here: www.fastcatevents.com

Continuous Loop | Squawker & Bag Lure

Natural Grass Surface | Fenced Course | Minimum 50yd runout

Tests will run CONCURRENTLY each day using a BLOCK SCHEDULE.

Tags on collars should be removed or secured to the collar.

No electric collars, prong collars, or flexi leads allowed.

Closed-toed shoes only.

Officers of the Flat-Coated Retriever Society of America

President	Kim Hitt DVM
Vice-President	Cindy Zelbst
Treasurer	Don Bierer
Recording Secretary	Annette Rose
Membership Secretary	Nanci Hanover

Test Committee

Andy Abramowitz, Charles Dykes, Janet Herrington, Bob Herrington, Ida Rakowsky, and all members present of the Mid-Atlantic Flat-Coated Retriever Club

Test Chair

Janet A Herrington
7 Haldiman Lane | Blairstown, NJ 07825
irishome@embarqmail.com
908-878-6349

Test Secretary

Lizz Molloy | KDC Event Services
PO Box 70218
Staten Island NY 10307
914.539.7250
events.kdc@yahoo.com

Lure Operator

Diane Bruder
dianelure@gmail.com

Photographer:

Official / exclusive event photography by Mark L. Baer.

<https://www.mlbaer.com/>

You may photograph / film only your own dogs.

LOCATION

Orchard Hills Training Center
45 Bella Vista Ln, Barto, PA 19504

No Overnight RV Parking or Camping on site
No FOOD AVAILABLE ON SITE



AMERICAN
KENNEL CLUB

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

GINA M. DINARDO, Executive Secretary

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Pre-Entry Fee: \$25 per entry per dog per test*

Late / Waitlist (space permitting): \$30 per entry per dog*

See www.fastcatevents.com or contact Secretary for availability

(Entry fee includes \$3.50 AKC recording fee)

*electronic entries have processing fees applied, processing fees are not refundable

Pre-Entries close Monday October 30, 2023 at 6:00pm

After closing, refunds are only given for bitches in season and dogs unfit to participate. In this case contact Secretary PRIOR TO THE ENTERED TEST/S.

THERE ARE NO REFUNDS FOR ABSENT DOGS OR IF SECRETARY IS NOT INFORMED PRIOR TO THE ENTERED TESTS FOR BITCHES IN SEASON, OR ILL/UNFIT DOGS

Early, incomplete, unsigned, conditional,
or unpaid entries will not be accepted.

You may withdraw your entry PRIOR TO CLOSING and your entry will be refunded, less a \$3.50 per entry fee.

AFTER PRE-ENTRY CLOSING YOU MAY WITHDRAW YOUR ENTRY ONLY IF YOUR SPACE CAN BE FILLED FROM THE WAITLIST –

THERE IS A \$5/ENTRY FEE FOR WITHDRAWAL AFTER CLOSING

Bitches in season and dogs unfit to participate will have their entry refunded, less any online processing fees.

All eligible refunds will be processed after the conclusion of all the tests.

Entries paid by check can take up to 30 days to refund.

THERE ARE NO REFUNDS FOR ABSENT DOGS OR BITCHES IN SEASON / UNFIT DOGS IF SECRETARY IS NOT INFORMED PRIOR TO THE TEST DATE.

Each “test” is a separate event – you may enter up to two tests per day –

For example, you can enter Test #1 AND Test #2 on one day and both runs will be assigned to the same block of time.

Dogs entering ONLY ONE test on a single day may be assigned after closing to either Test #1 or Test #2 to balance entry numbers - it will not impact run time

For Mail entries, make checks payable to **KDC Event Services** and send to:

FCRSA FastCAT - c/o Lizz Molloy - KDC

PO Box 70218

Staten Island, NY 10307

ENTRIES OPEN 8am Monday September 11, 2023

overnight / priority entries by USPS only, waive signatures, no certified mail

Entry checks will be deposited upon receipt. There is a \$50 fee for returned checks.

Please confirm “pay to” information is correct,
entries will not be recorded without proper payment

Prizes

The Club will offer a flat light blue ribbon for a passing qualifying run.

The Club will also offer Rosettes for new titles – please alert the Secretary if you expect to complete a title at this event.

These will be CONCURRENT Tests using a BLOCK SCHEDULE.

NO RUN ORDER will be mailed out, a time block will be assigned.

An email explaining the process will be sent out prior to the event

We will use the Remind App to keep participants informed during the event –
After 11/05 click here: <https://www.remind.com/join/fcat2023> or text @fcat2023
to 81010 to sign up – this is the only way to be informed during the event.

After closing, run block assignments and important “day of” information will be emailed to participants – the same information will also be posted here

<https://www.fastcatevents.com/day-of-event-information>

ROLL CALL

Tests will run concurrently with rolling check-in and inspection. Plan to arrive at least **30 minutes prior to your scheduled run block. This is a “show & go” event, we ask that you depart the site when you have completed all your runs unless you are available to assist other entrants. All dogs must be checked in for at least their first run no later than 15 minutes past the start of the final run block of the day.**

Every dog must pass through inspection before each run. Dogs who have not been inspected for *each* run will not be run. If you do not check in by the start of the last run block, we will assume you are absent.

NO REFUNDS FOR ABSENT DOGS. At inspection, all dogs will be examined for fitness to run. Bitches known to be in season and ill or injured dogs are not to be brought to the test. Contact the Test Secretary prior to the event to be eligible for refunds.

At inspection, bitches in season, lame and unfit dogs will be excused with entry refunded, less any online processing fees.

Early acceptance of dogs for members of the test committee may begin one-half hour prior to published test hours.

Hours

Grounds will be available one hour prior to event hours.

Event hours are from 8:00AM until all runs are completed.

It is the responsibility of each entrant to be ready with catcher and releaser when their dog is called to the line.

What is the Fast CAT?

1. Fast CAT is a timed straight 100-yard dash for dogs.
2. Dogs are held at the start line and the coursing lure is activated prompting the dog to follow chasing it to the finish line and into a catch pen. The course is completely fenced, and dogs are run individually.
3. Dogs are timed when they complete the 100-yard dash. The time is converted to Miles Per Hour (MPH). MPH is calculated by

204.545 divided by the run time (204.545/x=MPH)

4. Based on the dog's size at the withers a handicap is applied and points are earned:

- 18" or greater = Handicap is 1.0
- 12" up to less than 18" = Handicap is 1.5.
- Under 12" = Handicap is 2.0.

5. FORMULA: MPH X HANDICAP = POINTS

6. Titles are earned at specific point levels

BCAT = 150 points, DCAT = 500 points, FCAT = 1,000 points

FCAT# = Each additional 500 points

*ACCORDING TO AKC RULES:

- Handlers in FastCAT are not permitted to **travel** down the 100-yard course **during a dog's run or just prior to a dog being released for its run.**
- It is recommended that an owner or someone familiar with the dog stand at the finish in order to catch the dog once the course has been completed. **A handler cannot recall their dog from the start line.**
- Dogs that are physically challenged due to loss of limbs are eligible to enter...For safety purposes, any dog requiring an assistance apparatus, such as a wheeled cart will not be allowed to participate.
- Dogs with artificial coloring in their coats may participate in FastCAT. The coloring must not cover more than one-third of the dog's coat. The coloring must not disperse (leave a cloud) when the dog is running...
- Handlers are not to allow dogs to be enticed through the course with anything other than the lure during its official run. NO mechanical devices including whistles, horns, bull horns, etc. or food or toys including the waving of objects to lure the dog to the finish line. You MAY CHEER and use the dog's name only.
- Head halters, such as the Gentle Leader or Halti, may be used on the grounds but must not be worn while running the course. Dogs may be muzzled at the owner's discretion...Special Training devices that are used to control and train dogs, including but not limited to, **collars with prongs, electronic training devices may not be used on dogs at AKC events.**

- This is not the complete list of FastCAT regulations – full regulations may be found at <https://images.akc.org/pdf/rulebooks/AKC1812-REFCAT.pdf>

Address for GPS

Orchard Hills Training Center | 45 Bella Vista Lane

Barto, PA 19504

***Obey the speed limit on Route 100 & North Church St or you will be ticketed.**

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Grandview Hospital – 700 Lawn Ave, Sellersville PA

215-453-4000 (14.5 miles)

Patient First Primary & Urgent Care – 1411 S Collegeville Rd, Collegeville PA

484-902-1893 (7 days 8am-10pm) (6miles)

24 Hour Veterinarian

Quakertown Veterinary Clinic

2250 N Old Bethlehem Pike, Quakertown PA

215-515-8810

Metropolitan Veterinary Associates

2626 Van Buren Ave, Norristown PA

610-666-1050

Area Accommodations:

Hampton Inn 215-536-7779	1915 John Fries Hwy/Rt 663, Quakertown PA
Quality Inn & Suites 215-538-3000	1905 John Fries Hwy/Rt 663, Quakertown PA
Holiday Inn 215-368-3800	1750 Sumneytown Pike, Kulpsville PA

A pet deposit may be required.

Please check with hotels for pet policies and restrictions.

FUN RUNS:

Fun Runs are **non-official** "practice" runs that are offered – **WEATHER AND TIME PERMITTING AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CLUB and LURE OPERATOR** – only after the completion of the official runs on Saturday.

There are no Fun Runs on Sundays.

SIGN UP FOR FUN RUNS AT THIS EVENT CAN BE ONLINE OR ON-SITE DAY OF.

In the event the fun runs are not held/completed based on the Club's decision, fun run fees will be refunded in full. There are NO refunds for missed fun runs; you may sell/give away your **fun run**.

We will use the Remind App to keep participants informed during the event –

After 11/05/23 click here: <https://www.remind.com/join/fcat2023> or text @fcat2023 to 81010 to sign up

AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB CAT ENTRY FORM

Entries open 9/11/2023 at 8am -

ENTRIES RECEIVED EARLY/ INCOMPLETE / WITHOUT PAYMENT

WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Pre-Entries close 6pm on Monday October 30, 2023 or when entry limit is reached.

Please select one or more tests to enter –

you can enter EITHER just one test OR both tests per day –

Saturday Nov 11th [] Test #1 # 2023146025 [] Test #2 # 2023146026

Sunday Nov 12th [] Test #1 # 2023146027 [] Test #2 # 2023146028

Entry Fees 1/\$25 2/\$50 3/\$75 4/\$100

Late/Day-Of Fees 1/\$30 2/\$60 3/\$90 4/\$120

Online entries at www.fastcatedevents.com online entries have processing fees

Make All Checks Payable to KDC Event Services

Mail Entries to;

FCRSA FastCAT | c/o Lizz Molloy / KDC

PO Box 70218, Staten Island, NY 10307

Email pre-paid entry forms to entries@fastcatedevents.com

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. 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 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 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 PURSU- ANT 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 his Agent duly authorized to make the entry:

E-mail Address [PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY; CONFIRMATIONS ARE ONLY SENT VIA EMAIL]:

Telephone:

By signing above, I acknowledge that the host club is not a liable party, including Covid related issues.

Check Here if Junior Handler – include name / handler DOB / and Junior Handler number (if available)

JH numbers can be obtained at akc.org/sports/juniors – forms will also be available at the test

IMPORTANT: FILL OUT ALL BOXES!		amount enclosed \$	
Club: Flat-Coated Retriever Society of America		Date: Nov 11-12, 2023	
Location: Orchard Hills Training Center 45 Bella Vista Ln, Barto, PA 19504		Event type: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fast CAT	DOG HEIGHT at withers Check one <input type="checkbox"/> under 12" <input type="checkbox"/> 12" – under 18" <input type="checkbox"/> 18"& above
Class: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAST CAT			
Breed:		Sex:	Date of Birth:
<input type="checkbox"/> AKC Registration #. <input type="checkbox"/> PAL/ILP Registration # <input type="checkbox"/> Canine Partner Registration #			
Full Name of Dog PREFIX TITLES ONLY:		Call Name:	
Actual Owner(s):			
Owner's Address:			
City:		State:	Zip:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I am entering multiple dogs <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please put me in the same block as: _____ Please make any requests for run block time here (requests will be accommodated if possible, but not guaranteed)			
Will you be earning a title? Circle BCAT DCAT FCAT FCAT #			
OPTIONAL INFORMATION:			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is my first FastCAT event / I am still new to FastCAT			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I may need help to catch/release			

