# **EARLY ENTRY FEE IS \$25**

MAIL IN ENTRIES MUST BE **POSTMARKED** BY **Saturday 3 May 2025**ONLINE ENTRIES WILL CLOSE AT **MIDNIGHT** ON **Sunday 11 May 2025 DAY OF TEST ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.** 



In conjunction with the West Michigan Apple Blossom Cluster Dog Show

# Grand Rapids Agility Club

Is Hosting

# **8 AKC FAST CATs**

**OPEN TO ALL BREEDS** 



# **Kalamazoo County Expo Center**

2900 Lake Street Kalamazoo, MI 49048

## **FAST CAT EVENT#**

Test 1 Thursday 05/22/2025 2025527522

Test 2 Thursday 05/22/2025 **2025527523** 

Test 1 Friday 05/23/2025 2025527524

Test 2 Friday 05/23/2025 **2025527525** 

Test 1 Saturday 05/24/2025 2025527526

Test 2 Saturday 05/24/2025 2025527527

Test 1 Sunday 05/25/2025 2025527528

Test 2 Sunday 05/25/2025 2025527529

# ONLINE/EARLY ENTRIES @

https://blackknightscoursing.com/

Entry credit card nonrefundable transaction fee is \$1.25 per event number, per dog. Seminar First Dog \$2, each additional dog is \$1.25.

MONEY ORDERS, CASHIER'S CHECKS, OR CHECKS (by mail) PAYABLE TO **Black Knights Coursing.** 

EMAIL TO: <a href="mailto:trialsecretary@blackknightscoursing.com">trialsecretary@blackknightscoursing.com</a>

MAIL TO:

Trial Secretary BKC, LLC 23322 Unicorn Lane, Suite B Pass Christian, MS 39571-8974



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

## **FIELD & EVENT COMMITTEE**

(In response to unforeseen circumstances, committee members may be substituted as necessary)

# **GRAND RAPIDS AGILITY CLUB**

President:
Vice President:
Secretary:
Alice Frazier, Grand Rapids, MI
Janet Lash, Wyoming, MI
Shannan Bush, Cedar Springs, MI
Treasurer:
Pam Wengorovius, Belmont, MI

## **AWARDS**

- A light blue ribbon will be awarded to each dog that receives a qualification for the Fast CAT.
- New Title Rosettes for BCAT/DCAT/FCAT will be awarded.
- FCAT#s will receive a Rosette with a number tab and an FCAT# Medallion.
- Black and silver "Fun Run" ribbons are available.
- Silver and black "Personal Best" ribbons are available.

# **DAY OF TEST ENTRIES**

Gate Test entries for each dog per event	\$35
Seminar	\$50
Seminar Additional Dog	\$10
Fun Runs	

(Entry credit card nonrefundable transaction fee is \$1.25 per event number, per dog. Seminar First Dog \$2, each additional dog is \$1.25.)

# **ENTRIES**

- A dog may only enter once per event.
- Online entries are accepted <u>https://blackknightscoursing.com/</u>

- Gate or mail in entries:
  - A) Complete an official AKC entry form on the last page of this PL. One entry sheet for each dog. If you use this form, please remember to include fees for each event checked. Include a check payable to BKC.
  - B) For the original entry form: Separate fee/form for each dog and each test is required Ways to obtain an entry form: 1) Fill out an online entry form, print it out, and mail it in (<a href="http://www.oaklines.com/ExpressEntries/Login.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2fExpressEntries%2f">http://www.oaklines.com/ExpressEntries/Login.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2fExpressEntries%2f</a>),
    - 2) Link to fillable PDF entry form:

http://images.akc.org/pdf/LureCoursing\_Entry.pdf

\*\*Snail Mail Entries must be **postmarked** on or before 4 May 2025.

\*\*You will receive a confirmation email provided your email is legible on your entry forms. Online entries receive autogenerated confirmations.

### **AKC ALL BREED FAST CAT**

Open to all AKC Registered and Mixed Breeds (via AKC Canine Partners).

Each dog must be individually registered with the AKC. This includes all AKC registered purebreds, Foundation Stock Service (FSS), Purebred Alternative Listing (PAL), and AKC Canine Partners Spayed or Neutered dogs, or dogs with breed disqualifications may be entered. If **not AKC registered**, you can register your Canine Partner with AKC at the event, and your dog can participate in the tests that very same day.

## **CANINE PARTNER REGISTRATION**

https://www.akc.org/register/information/canine-partners/
If your Canine Partner is not yet registered with AKC, and would like to register, follow the link <a href="https://www.akc.org/register/information/canine-partners/enroll/">https://www.akc.org/register/information/canine-partners/enroll/</a> to enroll.

# EVENT SCHEDULE THURSDAY to SATURDAY:

- > MORNING ROLLING ROLL CALL WILL START AT 8:00 AM
- MORNING SESSION DOGS MUST BE CHECKED IN AND IN LINE TO RUN BY 11:30 AM
- ➤ LUNCH BREAK: 12:00 TO 1:00 PM
- > AFTERNOON ROLLING ROLL CALL WILL START AT 1:00 PM
- > ALL DOGS (EARLY ENTRIES AND GATE ENTRIES) MUST BE CHECKED IN FOR FINAL RUNS OF THE DAY BY 4:00 PM, SHUTTING DOWN FOR THE EVENING AFTER THE LAST DOG IN LINE RUNS

\*\*\*Runs begin 15 - 30 minutes after roll call begins.

#### **SUNDAY:**

- > WILL BE A STRAIGHT RUN THROUGH FOR BOTH EVENTS.
- ➤ MORNING ROLLING ROLL CALL WILL START AT 8:00 AM
- ➢ ALL DOGS (EARLY ENTRIES AND GATE ENTRIES) MUST BE CHECKED IN AND IN LINE FOR FINAL RUNS BY 12:30 PM, SHUTTING DOWN FOR EQUIPMENT BREAKDOWN AFTER THE LAST DOG IN LINE RUNS.

# **EVENT INFORMATION**

- **THERE WILL BE CONCURRENT RUNS BUT CLUB**SUGGESTS A FIFTEEN MINUTES BETWEEN RUNS.
- WORKER DOGS WILL RUN PRIOR TO MORNING ROLL CALL AND AT THE END OF DAY AND/OR WORKED IN AS NEEDED.
- **WE DO NOT DO BLOCK SCHEDULES FOR RUN TIMES. THIS IS FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE. THIS IS A ROLLING ROLL CALL.**
- PRIORITY RUNS WILL BE FOR EARLY ENTRIES. SAME DAY ENTRIES AND FUN RUNS WORKED IN BEGINNING AFTER 10:00 EACH DAY (earlier if there is little wait).
- **♣** Due to the compressed/short schedule on SUNDAY, there will be NO Fun Runs unless otherwise posted in BKC Facebook group.

- Please note we may have to limit or eliminate Gate Entries and Fun Runs each day depending on weather, temperature, and staff/volunteer availability.
- Although we endeavor to have enough rosettes on hand, that is not always the case. If we run out of rosettes, the club will reorder and send to you.

Please follow us on Facebook for daily updates during the event. Black Knights Coursing:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/1450237368673170

### FOR THE SAFETY OF EXHIBITORS AND DOGS:

CATCHER MUST BE IN PLACE BEFORE RUNNING DOG
ELECTRONIC TIMER IS USED
RUN AREA IS FULLY FENCED WITH CONSTRUCTION
FENCING

CONTINUOUS LOOP EQUIPMENT IS USED

TURF IS GRASS

ALL DOGS RUN AT OWNERS SOLE RISK

NO RECALL FROM START LINE

# **EVENT DAY PROCEDURES**

Each dog will be inspected by the Inspection Committee for lameness, fitness to compete, and females in season. All dogs to be inspected must be presented without tape, bandages, or wrapping/coverings of any kind (coats, blankets, etc.). If, in the opinion of the inspection committee, a dog is found to be lame, unfit to compete, or in season, the dog will not be allowed to test, and the applicable entry fees will be refunded. Dogs must be inspected prior to EACH run.

Dogs will be brought to the start line on leash and released upon a verbal signal ("Tally-Ho!") from the Huntmaster or once the lure starts moving. Dogs may be released by hand, folded leash, or using a traditional lure coursing slip lead.

Dogs may run with or without a collar. Owners may use clips or rubber bands 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. Electronic training collars or pinch/prong collars are NOT allowed on AKC test grounds.

# **FAST CAT**

The Fast CAT is a timed straight race of 100 yards where a dog chases a lure. Dogs run singularly and earn points based on their handicapped speed. There are no placements. Titles are issued at designated benchmarks. The dog's time to complete the 100-yard dash is converted into MPH. Dogs earn points based on their handicapped speed.

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:

- 18" or greater = handicap is 1.0
- 12" up to less than 18" = handicap is 1.5
- Below 12" = handicap is 2.0

Points = MPH multiplied by the dog's handicap

Fast CAT titles suffix titles are earned at designated milestones:

- BCAT = 150 points
- DCAT = 500 points
- FCAT = 1,000 points
- FCAT# = every additional 500 points

The AKC Fast CAT website will feature the Top 20 Fastest Dogs by Breed by Year national standings. The standings will be updated as event results are processed.

(https://www.apps.akc.org/apps/fastcat\_ranking/)

# **PHOTOGRAPHY**

Brian Batista of Brian Batista Photography is the official photographer for these events. No other photographer will be allowed to photograph dogs/people without the express consent of Brian Batista Photography

and the Field Trial Chairman. (Only exception is persons with cell phones and their own dogs). Anyone caught photographing these events, or any portion thereof, without permission will be asked to leave the field. An AKC Event Committee hearing may also be called if unsportsmanlike behavior is



evident. Photographs may be purchased by contacting the photographer: <a href="https://www.brianbatistaphotography.com/">https://www.brianbatistaphotography.com/</a>

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

- Open to all dogs at least 12 months of age that are individually registered/listed with the AKC. This includes dogs recorded in the FSS program, dogs with PAL numbers or dogs enrolled in the AKC Canine Partners program. (An event number defines an event.)
- Lure Equipment: Battery-powered, continuous loop equipment will be used. Lures consist of white plastic bags. Electronic break-thebeam timing system will be used with manual timing as a backup for equipment failure and rainy weather.
- For the safety of the dog and as a courtesy to other entrants, a
  testing dog should have a reliable recall. A penalty of \$20.00 may be
  assessed for any dog causing an excessive delay of the event
  because it cannot be recalled or retrieved from the field. Dogs that
  delay the event because their owners cannot recall them may be
  refused entry at future events.
- You will be charged \$5.00 if you do not pick up after your dog.
- These events will be run concurrently. Dogs that have not yet run will have priority over dogs that will be running for the second test.
- Event is held in rain-or-shine outdoor event. Please plan accordingly.
- Dogs should be walked prior to running to warm them up and again after their run to cool them down.
- The handler may NOT run down the course to entice the dog to run or use toys/treats to get the dog to run. They CAN call their dog from the catch area. Handlers may carry toys or treats on their persons to assist with retrieving their dogs at the completion of their run. Please review the published AKC rules pertaining to Fast CAT.
- Dogs must be on lead or crated unless running.

- Handlers should wear comfortable shoes and be physically able to hold and release their dogs, as well as catch them.
- Lure coursing is a physically demanding sport so please make sure your dog is in good shape. 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.
- Any person, upon reasonable complaint, may be asked to leave the grounds of the test by the Field Committee and may be disciplined by the AKC. Children must always be under control of their parents or guardian(s).
- Each dog requires an entry form.
- Late, incomplete, unsigned, unpaid, or conditional entries, or entries not containing the "Agreement" found on the Official AKC Entry Form will not be accepted.
- Mixed breeds must be spayed or neutered to be eligible to run. AKC registered dogs with breed disqualifications may be entered.
- 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.
- No refunds for early entry fees unless the entered dog upon inspection is lame, unfit to compete, or in season.
- A return check fee of \$40.00 will be assessed for any check(s) returned for insufficient funds.
- Junior Handlers go here to download forms for credit toward Junior Handler points. https://images.akc.org/pdf/CEJRH1.pdf (https://www.akc.org/sports/juniors/junior-handlers-in-performance-sports/)
- Grand Rapids Agility Club, Black Knights Coursing, LLC, Members, Directors, Agents, Superintendents & Employees are not responsible for loss or damage to, or death of any dogs at these events or for the possessions of any participant, whether the result of an accident or any other cause. It is expressly understood that every dog at this show is in the care, custody and control of the owner or handler during the entire time the dog is on the show premises.

Complete regulations governing Fast CAT can be found on AKC Fast CAT website and will appear in Chapter 16 of the Regulations for Lure Coursing.

https://images.akc.org/pdf/rulebooks/AKC1812-REFCAT.pdf
To learn more about AKC's Fast CAT please visit AKC Fast CAT
webpage at <a href="https://www.akc.org/sports/coursing/fast-cat/">https://www.akc.org/sports/coursing/fast-cat/</a>

# NOTICE TO ALL EXHIBITORS \*Facilities\*

Stationary & Portalet restrooms will be available. Feel free to bring your own food and drinks.

Please pick up after yourselves. Little baggies of poop need to go to the trash cans!!!

Plan to have a lot of fun! And Tally-Ho!

Neither Grand Rapids Agility Club nor its members will be responsible for any accidents at these tests.

#### **DIRECTIONS TO TEST SITE**

# Routes to Expo Center & Fairgrounds

From the North or South on 131: Take Exit 34 (I-94E, Detroit Exit.) Go East on I-94 to Exit 80 (Sprinkle Rd.). Turn left on Sprinkle and go to 3rd traffic light (BL-94). Turn left and go to 1st road (Olmstead). Turn right and continue to Lake St. about % mile. Turn left to show site.

From the West on I-94: Get off at Exit 80 (Sprinkle Rd.) Turn left on Sprinkle and go to 3rd traffic light (BL-94). Turn left and go to 1st road which is Olmstead. Turn right onto Olmstead and continue about % mile to Lake St. Turn left to show site.

From the East on I-94: Get off at Exit 81 (BL-94). Continue on BL-94 across Sprinkle Rd. until you reach Olmstead. Turn right onto Olmstead and continue % mile to Lake St. Turn left to show site



# **Parking**

- THERE WILL BE RV PARKING. RESERVATIONS WILL BE TAKEN UNTIL CLOSE OF ENTRIES See RV form for details.
- GENERAL PARKING \$5.00 PER DAY. Limited handicapped parking; first come, first served.
- ADMISSION FEE FOR SPECTATORS NO CHARGE.

# **EMERGENCY VET (On call)**

#### Veterinarian In Attendance

Family Friends Veterinary Hospital 6555 28th St. S.E., Grand Rapids, MI 49546 (616) 575-6520

#### After Hours Emergency Veterinarian

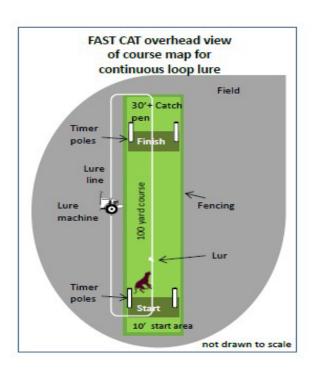
Dr. Ronald Moiles, DVM VCA Veterinary Specialty & Emergency Center of Kalamazoo 104 W. Cork St., Kalamazoo, MI 49001 (269) 381-5228 Closes at 10:00 P.M.

Animal Emergency & Specialty Hospital 6820 Edgeview Ave. S.W., Byron Center, MI 49315 (616) 537-1402

# MOTEL/HOTEL Please see the Main Premium List for the Show

All hotels/motels in this area that accept dogs are part of the test site. An event committee hearing will be held for individuals reported by any of the hotels/motels for not respecting motel property. Unattended dogs must be crated. Do not let your dog(s) destroy or foul the rooms. No grooming or bathing dogs in rooms. Clean up after your dog outside, too! Limit barking and other noise. Hotel quiet time 10pm – 6am. Please respect others. For your protection, thoroughly check your room for previous damage.

# RV RESERVATIONS Please see the Main Premium List for the Show



BKC Catch Pen length for this event location will be 70 to 75 yards.

# FAST CAT 101

The seminar, provided by BKC, is great for both new people wanting to learn about the sport and for our sport veterans. Fast CAT 101 includes: Overview of Fast CAT including rules, safety, understanding and importance of Premium Lists, course layout and position information, point calculation, titles, fun runs to get your dog engaged on the lure without pressure and more. All of this will give you a deeper understanding and appreciation of the sport itself!

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Location: Same as the Fast CAT site. We will begin at 230 PM but may hold off a short bit to make sure most/everyone gets there.

- Please bring a friend to help with catching/releasing for the fun runs.
- Please bring chairs.
- Please bring 2 leashes for your dog(s). No prongs/hidden prongs or e-collars.
- There will be about an hour of discussion prior to heading to the lane for practice runs. We suggest you leave the dogs in the AC car or crated while we have the speaking portion.
- Feel free to ask questions throughout the seminar.
- There is a lot of information given during the seminar, and we don't expect you to remember it all, so any questions you may have after the seminar please call/text/email or ask when you show for your qualifying runs.
- If you have multiple dogs, we run one dog at a time.
- Bring room temperature water for your dog and water/Gatorade for yourself.

Any other questions prior to the seminar, drop us an email!

Seminar Registration Form Date: 21 May 2025, Wednesday Time: 2:30 PM to 4:30 PM

Dog's Call Name	
Dog's Registered Name	
Owner's Name	
Owner's Phone number	
Owner's email address	
Owner's physical address	

New to Lure
Coursing (Fast
CAT)?

Yes
No

I hereby fully and completely release, indemnify, and hold harmless BKC and American Belgian Malinois Club and their personnel from any claim, cause of action or liability of any sort or nature, whether known or unknown, directly or indirectly, arising out of or in connection with this seminar and subsequent fun runs.

Signature:		
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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.							
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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 ARB ITRATION 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, REGULAT IONS, PUBLISHED POLICIES AND GUIDELINES.							
Signature of owner or his/her agent duly authorized to make this entry:							
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