



Truckee Meadows Dog Training Club Fast Coursing Ability Tests (FCAT)

Licensed by the American Kennel Club

Saturday 4/26/2025 Trial 1 # 2025180806

Saturday 4/26/2025 Trial 2 # 2025180803

Sunday 4/27/2025 - Trial 1 # 2025180805

Sunday 4/27/2025 - Trial 2 # 2025180804

**At the Taylor's
950 Cattle Drive
Fernley, NV 89408**

Entry Fees

Pre-Entry – \$25.00 each entry

Day of Test Entry – \$35.00 each entry

Permission being granted by the American Kennel Club for the holding of this event under AKC Rules & Regulations

Officers & Directors:

President – Tammi Hoederman

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Test Committee:

Chairman – Sharon Walls

Secretary – Jane Taylor, 950 Cattle Drive, Fernley, NV 89408

Huntmasters / Lure Ops – Daniel Oliver, Sharon Walls, Arnett Taylor, Mark Heddleston, Jane Taylor

Lure Operators – Brenda O'Sullivan, Daniel Oliver, Sharon Walls

Field Crew – Jane Taylor FCAT Chairman and the Officers and Directors of TMDTC

Eligibility:

Fast Coursing Ability Tests are open to all dogs at least 12 months of age on the day of the test that are individually registered with the AKC, recorded in the Foundation Stock Service (FSS) program, individually registered with a foreign or domestic registry organization whose pedigrees are acceptable for AKC registration, dogs granted a Purebred Alternative Listing (PAL) number, dogs with AKC Limited or Conditional Registration, or dogs enrolled in the AKC Canine Partners program. (Go to www.AKC.org to register your canine companion)

Dogs with breed disqualifications and spayed/neutered dogs ARE eligible to enter. A dog may enter only once per test.

Tests Offered:

AKC Fast CAT – The purpose of the AKC Fast CAT® event is to provide all dogs and their owners an enjoyable, healthy activity in which they can participate. Dogs run individually. The dog's time to complete the 100 yard dash is converted into MPH. Dogs earn points based on their handicapped speed. Titles are awarded when a dog has accumulated a given number of points.

Any dog that displays aggressive behavior during trial hours will be excused for the day without refund.

Ribbon:

A light blue participation ribbon will be awarded for successful completion of the 100 yard run (dog must cross the finish line).

Veterinarian On Call:

Animal Emergency & Specialty Center
6425 S. Virginia St, Reno NV 89511 Ph: 775-851-3600

Entry information and directions

FIELD TRIAL SECRETARY – USPS Mail entries to:

Jane Taylor, 950 Cattle Drive, Fernley, NV – 951-312-8685

Email entries sent to TMDTC.COURSING@GMAIL.COM will be accepted with proof of PayPal or Zelle payment. (TMDTC PayPal OR Zelle address tmdtc.obedience@gmail.com)

Pre-entries must be received by the FTS prior to 6pm on Wednesday, April 23rd.

Entries will NOT be acknowledged by email, mail or telephone. Late, incomplete, unsigned or conditional entries will not be accepted.

Directions:

Take I-80 to Fernley exit #46 drive south to Truckee Lane, turn right. Go to the first street to turn left, Stock Lane. Approximately .5 miles turn right on Cattle Drive. At the end of the cul-de-sac the gate will have a sign TMDTC FCAT. Enter the gate and park to the right past the house and area. Cattle Drive is a private road.

Important Times:

Each day's two tests will be run concurrently. Inspections will begin at approximately 8:00 am each day, with runs beginning at 9:00 am. Any exhibitors who are willing to commit to volunteering during the tests will be given preferred placement in the running order.

Note: Dogs that are overweight and/or out of condition may be at risk for injury and exhaustion. Bitches in season are not allowed near the test area during the hours of the trial. 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. ***TMDTC and Jane or Arnett Taylor assumes no liability for injury to any person or dog before, during, or after the Test, including practice runs.***

Any exhibitor or participant unable or unwilling to adhere to the safety guidelines will be asked to leave the trial site.

FOR FIRST TIME RACERS AND HANDLERS

FCAT Test Committee members are eager to assist those that are new to AKC Tests and Trials. Feel free to call the Test Chairman/Secretary, or any one on the committee with any questions you may have to participate in this Fast CAT and club members will be available to assist you the day of the Test. Go to <http://www.akc.org/events/fast-cat/> for additional information.

General Information:

Time will be recorded using a laser timing system, with backup hand-timed stopwatches if needed. **One dog handler is needed at both the start (releaser) and finish line (catcher).** Please be sure your dog can be safely and quickly retrieved at the end of the Test. The field is fenced with strand wire.

A penalty of \$20.00 will be assessed for any loose dog not competing while the Fast CAT is in progress.

All participants are expected to clean up after their dogs. No exceptions! Dedicated bins for dog waste will be available for disposal. Please remember the event location is a private home.

TMDTC expects all participants to always adhere to the AKC Code of Sportsmanship. Concerns or disputes may be brought to the Test Chairman for resolution.

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MAKE SURE TO CHECK MARK THE DATE AND THE EVENT NUMBER ON THE ENTRY FORM FOR THE DAY/TRIALS YOU ARE ENTERING YOUR DOG!

There are 2 events per day and will be run concurrently.

Pet Friendly Accommodations -- TMDTC suggest calling to confirm rates.

Super 8 In Fernley
Wyndhamhotels.com

Ramada
775-786-5151
Wyndhamhotels.com

Motel 6 – USA Parkway and Fallon
www.motel6.com

Renaissance
775-682-3900
Marriott.com

Baymont Inn & Suites
775-786-2506
Wyndhamhotels.com

Residence Inn
775-853-8800
Marriott.com

Best Western Plus
775-358-6900
Sparks-renohotel.com

SAFETY IS PARAMOUNT!!!

The safety of handlers, owners, and dogs participating is paramount in this sport!

What will be required to participate at the TMDTC FCAT

- 1) Understanding that a catcher is required for the dog to participate. If need be the owner will catch the dog running the FCAT track and a designated slipper will be used. This is usually best practice and if a dog runs back to the start no time will be recorded.
- 2) There will be a Huntmaster at the start to make sure all are ready for the start and will call "Tally Ho" to signal the slipper to release the dog to run.
- 3) The lure will run out the end of the track and stop.
- 4) The catcher will pick up the dog in the catch zone and exit before the lure will return to the start.
- 5) The lure will NOT return down the same track it ran on.
- 6) The dog and catcher must exit the track before the lure can be brought back to the beginning.
- 7) ALL dogs will have a lameness check by the Inspection Committee BEFORE they are released to run. This will be done prior to runs.
- 8) ALL bitches will be swiped checked before running to ensure they are not in season. (In season bitches are not allowed to run.)
- 9) There will be a course observer watching for any issues and if a dog becomes tangled in the line or other mishap, the line will be cut to release tension.

There are a few jobs that are required and those jobs look out for the safety of all participants. These are and the descriptions of the job – Taken directly from the American Kennel Club FCAT rules and regulations as of August 2018.

SECTION 11. HUNTMASTER. Because Fast CAT is a timed event, there is no judge. The huntmaster has control of the course. The huntmaster's responsibilities are detailed in the Lure Coursing Regulations, Chapter 3, Section 5. In summary, 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. The minimum age of the huntmaster must be 16 years old.

SECTION 12. INSPECTION COMMITTEE. An inspection committee consisting of at least two persons who are members of the field committee shall inspect each entry for lameness, fitness to compete and females in season. 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. If necessary, the inspection committee is responsible for measuring dogs to determine their height at the withers.

SECTION 13. COLLARS/PARAPHERNALIA. Dogs may wear any type of collar except choker collars, a collar with prongs or an electronic training collar. The collar should be snug to minimize the chances of catching on something during the run. Clubs may, at their option, require that tags hanging from the collar be taped up. Owners may have their dog wear a muzzle if they desire. 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. Head halters, such as the Gentle Leader or Halti, may be used on the grounds but must not be worn while running the course.

SECTION 14. HANDLERS. Handlers are not permitted to run with a dog during an official run but must remain either at the start or finish area of the course. Handlers are not to allow dogs to be enticed through the course with anything other than the lure during its official run.

There will also be a timer to record the time of the run on the check-in slip the catcher will present to the timer.

More information will be available on the day of the event and there will be a handler briefing with introductions of the site crew. All of us will be happy to answer any questions and help wherever possible.

Titles and points! Yes! Titles, points and national rankings!

SECTION 5. EARNING POINTS.

A. The dog's time to complete the 100 yard dash is converted into MPHs. Please see formula in Section 17.

B. 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.

C. Points = mph multiplied by the dog's handicap

SECTION 6. TITLES. Titles are earned by accumulating points. The following titles will be awarded: BCAT = 150 Points; DCAT = 500 points; FCAT = 1,000 points; and FCAT followed by a number (e.g. FCAT2) for every additional 500 points. These suffix titles will appear on a dog's pedigree, with a higher level title superseding a lower level title.

SECTION 7. TOP 20 DOGS BY BREED BY YEAR. National rankings showing the top 20 fastest dogs by breed for a calendar year (as determined by the average speed of a dog's top three runs in that year) will be maintained on the Fast CAT website. These rankings will be automatically updated as results are processed.

SECTION 8. RIBBONS AND AWARDS. A club holding a Fast CAT event may offer a participation ribbon or award to each dog that completes the 100 yard dash. The ribbon, if offered, shall be at least two inches wide and eight inches long and shall bear on its face a facsimile of the seal of The American Kennel Club, the words "Fast CAT," and the name of the test-giving club. Ribbons shall be light blue in color.

SECTION 17. POSTING OF RESULTS. Fast CAT event results will be posted on the AKC website and displayed in the Fast CAT – Top 20 Rankings.

SECTION 18. 100 YARD DASH TIME CONVERTED TO MILES PER HOUR.

A dog's 100 yard dash time must be converted into MPH using the formula below, rounded to the nearest hundredth of a mile:

Example: The dog's time is 8.14 seconds. $204.545 / 8.14 = 25.13$ MPH

Once the calculation is determined using the above formula, only then can rounding to the nearest hundredth take place.

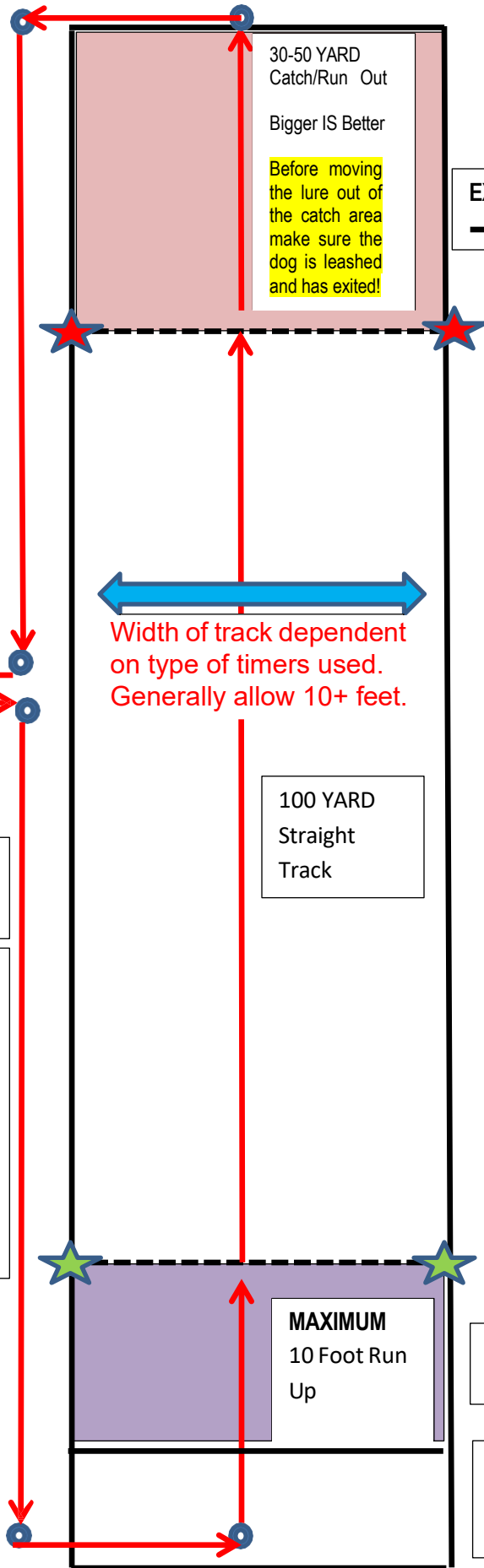
E. Lure Equipment: Clubs may use either a drag or continuous loop system. If a continuous loop system is used the "return" string must be set outside of the running course. The lure operator and the lure equipment shall be safely positioned in a manner that does not interfere with the retrieval of the dog at the end of the course.



Lure Op - Should be located at the 1/2 way point

A. Safety: Safety is of utmost importance.....

"Prior to moving the lure to position it for the start, the lure operator shall announce "hold your dogs" in order to caution owners."



Start Timer

Stop Timer

Lure Machine

String

Pulley- There should be NO pulley's on the track

EXAMPLE OF A CONTINUOUS LOOP FAST CAT TRACK