

**EARLY ENTRY FEE IS \$25**

MAIL IN ENTRIES MUST BE **POSTMARKED** BY

**13 January 2024**

ONLINE ENTRIES WILL CLOSE AT **MIDNIGHT** ON

**SUNDAY 21 January 2024**

**DAY OF TEST ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**



# Obedience Training Club of Palm Beach County Is Hosting

## 6 AKC FAST CATs

**OPEN TO ALL BREEDS**

Licensed by the American Kennel Club  
Lure Coursing Company: Black Knights Coursing, LLC



**St Lucie County Fairgrounds**  
15601 W Midway Road, Ft. Pierce, FL 34945

### **FAST CAT EVENT#**

Test 1 Friday 02/02/2024 **2024028424**

Test 2 Friday 02/02/2024 **2024028425**

Test 1 Saturday 02/03/2024 **2024028426**

Test 2 Saturday 02/03/2024 **2024028427**

Test 1 Sunday 02/04/2024 **2024028428**

Test 2 Sunday 02/04/2024 **2024028429**

Early Entries:

ONLINE ENTRIES <https://blackknightscoursing.com/>  
Online card **NONREFUNDABLE** transaction fee is \$1.25 per  
event number, per dog. Seminar \$2

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

EMAIL TO: [trialesecretary.bkc@gmail.com](mailto:trialesecretary.bkc@gmail.com)

MAIL TO: **BKC, LLC**

**23322 B Unicorn Lane**

**Pass Christian, MS 39571-8974**



### **FIELD COMMITTEE**

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

Betty Gansky.....**FIELD CHAIRMAN**

6634 Bali Hai Dr. Boynton Beach, FL 33437 (561)736-1941

LeAna Dusang.....**FIELD TRIAL SECRETARY**

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**Committee**.....Betty Gansky, Steve

Campbell, Celeste Platte, Fran Smith & Members of Obedience Training  
Club of Palm Beach County, et al.

Laurel Getchell.....**BKC ADMIN**

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### **OBEDIENCE TRAINING CLUB OF PALM BEACH COUNTY**

President:

Betty 'Gansky'

Vice President:

Steve Campbell

Secretary:

Celeste Platte

Treasurer:

Fran Smith

## 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

Day of Test entries for each dog per event.....\$35

Seminar (see back page).....\$35

Seminar additional dog each.....\$10

Fun Runs.....\$10

*(Same day entries credit card transactions will have a fee of \$1.25 per event number, per dog, \$2.00 for seminar online fee varies with additional dogs.)*

## ENTRIES

- A dog may only enter once per event.
- Online entries are accepted  
<https://blackknights coursing.com/>
- Same day 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 (<http://www.oaklines.com/ExpressEntries/Login.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2fExpressEntries%2f>),  
2) Link to fillable PDF entry form:  
[http://images.akc.org/pdf/LureCoursing\\_Entry.pdf](http://images.akc.org/pdf/LureCoursing_Entry.pdf) (

\*\*Snail Mail Entries must be **postmarked** on or before 13 January 2024.

\*\*You will receive a confirmation email provided your email is legible on your entry forms. Online entries receive auto-generated 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 <https://www.akc.org/register/information/canine-partners/enroll/> to enroll.

## EVENT SCHEDULE

### **FRIDAY & SATURDAY:**

- MORNING ROLLING ROLL CALL WILL START AT 8:00 AM
- FOR MORNING SESSION, DOGS MUST BE INSPECTED AND IN LINE BY 11:45.
- LUNCH BREAK: 12:00 TO 1:00 PM
- AFTERNOON ROLL CALL WILL START AT 1:00 PM
- FOR AFTERNOON SESSION, DOGS MUST BE INSPECTED AND IN LINE BY 4:00 PM, SHUTTING DOWN FOR THE NIGHT 4:30 PM

**\*\*\*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
- DOGS MUST BE INSPECTED AND IN LINE BY 12:30 PM, SHUTTING DOWN FOR EQUIPMENT BREAKDOWN AT 1:00 PM OR AFTER THE LAST DOG RUNS.

**THERE WILL BE CONCURRENT (BACK to BACK) RUNS.**

**OBEEDIENCE TRAINING CLUB OF PALM BEACH COUNTY SUGGESTS A 15 MINUTE WAIT 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.**

✚ IF WE ARE BUSY, PRIORITY RUNS WILL BE EARLY ENTRIES. SAME DAY ENTRIES AND FUN RUNS WORKED IN BEGINNING AFTER 9:00 EACH DAY (earlier if there is little wait).

✚ **Due to the short day, 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, we will send to you.**

✚ **As heat peaks over 80 degrees, brachycephalic dogs and long haired/double coated dogs will be moved to the front of the line.**

✚ **Assistance may be limited depending on volunteer availability, so please bring a friend or make a friend in line.**

✚ **2 leashes and 2 people are required.**

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:**

**PLEASE HAVE RELEASER AND CATCHER IN PLACE BEFORE RUNNING DOG**

**ELECTRONIC TIMER IS USED**

**RUN AREA IS FULLY FENCED**

**CONTINUOUS LOOP EQUIPMENT IS USED**

**ALL DOGS RUN AT OWNERS SOLE RISK**

**THERE IS NO RECALL ALLOWED 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 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. Unacceptable collars are choker collar, prong collar, or electronic collar. Tags may be taped for safety reasons. 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/](https://www.apps.akc.org/apps/fastcat_ranking/))

### PHOTOGRAPHY

**Kim Langevin** of *Blue Dog Photography* is the official photographer for these events. No other photographer will be allowed to photograph dogs/people without the express consent of Blue Dog 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:



<https://bluedogphotos.com/>

### 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.)
- **Safety:** Safety is of utmost importance. It is the responsibility of the event committee to ensure the safety of the course, the equipment, and the conduct of those involved with the event.
- **The Start:** Dogs may start up to 10 feet behind the starting line.

- **The Finish:** The club must provide enough room for a safe run-out area. It is recommended that an owner or someone familiar with the dog stand at the finish to catch the dog once the course has been completed. BKC provides a minimum of 50 yard run off but if Greyhounds or Borzois are pre-registered, then we do a 75-yard run - off to allow these breeds time to slow and come to a stop.
- **Lure Equipment:** Battery-powered, continuous loop equipment will be used. Lures consist of white plastic bags. Electronic break-the-beam 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.
- BKC will break periodically to accommodate workers and allow for lunch.
- 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/per event 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.
- Run area is fully fenced.
- **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.**
- **Early entry fees may be refunded if requested PRIOR to EVENT CLOSING. No refunds for pre-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/>)
- **Obedience Training Club of Palm Beach County, 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 <https://www.akc.org/sports/coursing/fast-cat/>

### **NOTICE TO ALL EXHIBITORS**

#### **\*Facilities\***

Stationary restrooms are 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 Obedience Training Club of Palm Beach County nor its members will be responsible for any accidents at these tests.**

### **DIRECTIONS TO TEST SITE**

- From West: Take State Road 70 east (Okeechobee Rd), turn right onto Peacock Rd. If you pass under the pedestrian overpass, you have gone too far. Turn left into SLC Fairgrounds rear entrance.
- From I-95: Take exit #129, State Road 70 (Okeechobee Rd), go west 6.5 miles. Turn left on Peacock Rd. just past the pedestrian overpass. Turn left into SLC Fairgrounds rear entrance.
- From FL Turnpike: Take Exit #152, State Road 70 (Okeechobee Rd), go west 6 miles. Turn left on Peacock Rd. just past the pedestrian overpass. Turn left into SLC Fairgrounds rear entrance.

### **EMERGENCY VET (On call)**

Veterinary Emergency & Referral Center  
3984 South US Hwy 1, Fort Pierce, FL 34982  
772-466-3441

### **MOTEL/HOTEL**

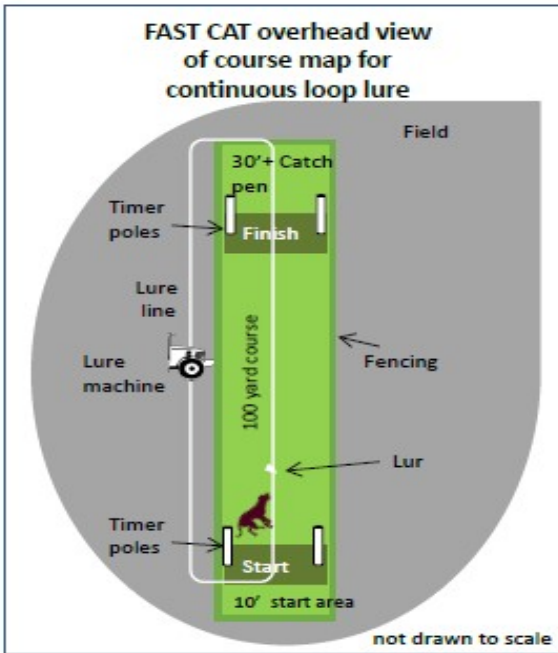
All hotels/motels in this area that accept dogs are part of the test site. An event committee hearing will be held for individuals reported by any of the hotels/motels for not respecting motel property. Unattended dogs must be crated. Do not let your dog(s) destroy or foul the rooms. No grooming or bathing 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.

### **NEARBY HOTELS/MOTELS THAT ACCEPT DOGS**

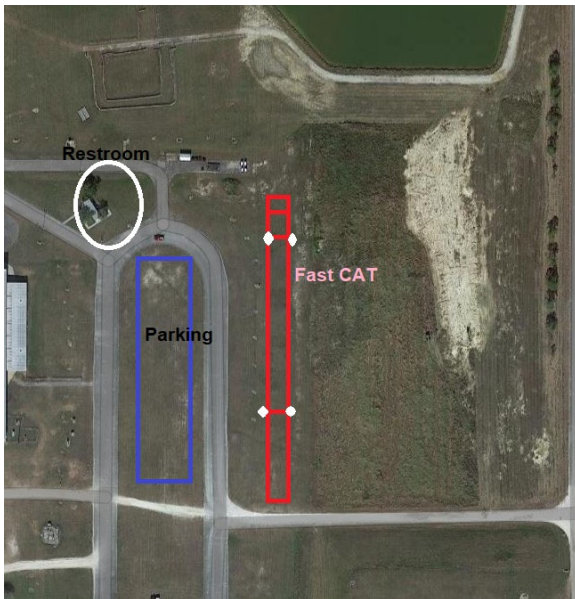
These hotels have graciously agreed to accept well-mannered dogs. A pet deposit may be required. **Please check with hotels for policies and restrictions.**

#### **HOTEL INFORMATION**

Holiday Inn Express	7151 Okeechobee Rd, Fort Pierce, FL 34945	772-464-5000
La Quinta Inn	2655 Crossroads Parkway, Fort Pierce, FL 34945	772-828-4199
Quality Inn	2831 Reynolds Dr., Fort Pierce, FL 34945	772-460-9855
Fairfield Inn & Suites	6502 Metal Dr., Fort Pierce, FL 34945	772-462-2900



BKC Catch Pen length for this event location will be 65 to 75 yards.



Site location  
Photo is not to  
scale.

## 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!

Shetland Sheepdog Club of Southeast Florida, 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.

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 as we only have 6 or 7 extras.
- 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: 01 February 2024 Thursday

Time: 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Dog's Call Name	
Dog's Registered Name	
Owner's Name	
Handler's Name (if Different from Owner)	
Owner's Phone number	
Owner's email address	
Owner's mailing address	

New to Lure Coursing (Fast CAT)?

Yes

No

I hereby fully and completely release, indemnify, and hold harmless BKC and Obedience Training Club of Palm Beach County 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_