

Welcome to our Glens Falls Kennel Club (GFKC) Fast CAT event.

**Location: Washington County Fairgrounds, 392 Old Schuylerville Road, Greenwich, NY 12834**

We will have a cute photo spot set up for your commemorative or New Title photos. We have Stellicopter Photography and Charlotte With Dogs all weekend taking the course action shots. Brochures with information and pricing will be available on site.

There are approximately 15-20 people in a time slot. You can run in any order within your hour time block. The armband number is an additional identifier to help us get the right scores recorded for the right dog. Please double-check your detailed entry attached as some time slots had to be changed to accommodate special circumstances.

We have many participants who are new to the sport (and we are very happy about that!) so I'll explain a little more about the order of things:

- Arrive 15-20 minutes earlier than your block.
- Go to the Check-In Table where you will give your name/dog's name.
- Your dog's height (points multiplier) will be verified. There will be a wicket for anyone who is unsure.
- You will do a "down and back" verification that your dog isn't lame or unfit to run. You will do this each time you check in.
- If your dog is a female, you'll also swipe them to show they're not in season, regardless of whether they are spayed or not.
- You will be given a "ticket" for each run with the dog's name and the Run # (1 or 2) and your "Armband" number. You will hand the ticket in to the Gate when you are in line. The "Armband" number is to make doubly sure we've got the right score for the right dog, despite a similar name!
- After Check-In you will send the Catcher to the far end to be ready and the dog and Releaser will get in line. Send a second collar/leash with the Catcher. **Make sure you bring spares.** There will be a golf cart circulating the grounds to help the Catchers get to their position expediently.
- The Releaser will enter the line to release the dog.
- If you don't have a designated releaser for your dog, let the gate know and there should be a Volunteer or two there you can hand your dog to and then you hustle down to the far end to do the catching.
- On your way back after Round 1, stop at Check-In again to be recertified for Round 2 and get your second ticket.
- Proceed back to the positions as you did for Round 1, after you have allowed your dog to rest and recuperate.
- When in line - please keep your dogs away from each other, 6' or more. This is a very exciting, high energy event and the dogs are over-stimulated and may behave in ways you don't expect. Give everyone space and do not allow them to interact at any time.
- Pick up after your dog. There are trash cans throughout the property.
- Do not allow your dog to urinate or defecate on any buildings, on the FastCAT course, or any of the fencing. Urinating or Defecating on the equipment, or on course prior to completion of your run is an immediate DQ/Elimination. If the dog urinates or defecates after completing their run it is NOT an NQ.
- Latest Rules relating to collars and muzzles: "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. The event committee at its discretion may require tags hanging from the collar to be secured to ensure the dog's safety. Owners should be aware that there is a chance

that tags hanging from the collar could become entangled on something during the run. If owners are concerned, tags may be taped to the collar. 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. Dogs may be muzzled at the owner's discretion. Muzzles must not have sharp, hard edges and must allow the dog to breathe."

We will be running concurrent events with a Block Schedule. Please **DO NOT MISS YOUR BLOCK** and **DO NOT SHOW UP TOO EARLY!** If you enter the line before your time block and there are people who have not completed their second runs, you will be asked to wait. Please be patient and work together to help everyone have a successful and pleasant time.

### **More Tips:**

- Please bring a designated partner for releaser/catcher pairs if at all possible. We will have volunteers, but some people just can't hold particular size or type dogs, and everyone needs to be understanding.
- Bring two leash/collar combos for your dogs. One travels to the finish line for catching. A volunteer releaser will usually leave the first set near the start. Retrieve it there for Round 2.
- New Title ribbons will be available at the Check-In desk. We will customize them for you with the exact title you earned!
- Qualifying ribbons will be available after your dog's run. Your dog's name/time/run# will be noted on the label on the ribbon. They will be grouped alphabetically by the dog's name on the Ribbon Tray.
- Read the AKC FastCAT rules before you come if you have any lingering questions. [AKC FastCAT Rules](#)
- No OPEN TOE sandals, flip flops, or bare feet allowed on the course.
- Handlers are not allowed to run on course with a dog or prior to their run.
- Handlers are not to entice the dog through the course with items other than the lure. NO mechanical devices, including whistles, horns, etc., NO toys including the waving of objects to lure the dog to the finish line. You MAY CHEER and use the dog's name. Food or toys can only be shown **AFTER** the dog crosses the finish line to help catch the dog.
- Use this formula to calculate MPH:  $204.545 \text{ divided by run time (seconds) = MPH}$  e.g.,  $204.545 / 9.45 = 21.64 \text{ mph}$ . MPH x Handicap = points

### **Handicap**

- 18" or greater = Handicap is 1.0
- 12" up to less than 18" = Handicap is 1.5.
- Under 12" = Handicap is 2.0.
- Titles are earned at specific point levels:
  - BCAT = 150 points, DCAT = 500 points, FCAT = 1,000 point
  - FCAT# = Each additional 500 points