



AMERICAN
KENNEL CLUB™

Performance Events Department

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To: **All Clubs Licensed to host FAST CAT® and CAT events**

Subject: **Announcing New Field Representatives and Regulation Updates to Fast CAT®/CAT**

This communication is to inform your club about our newest field representatives and the recent changes to the *Regulations for FAST CAT®* and *CAT*.

The Performance Events Department is pleased to announce the addition of **Katie Kaltenborn** as the new **Lure Coursing Field Representative**, and **Sharon Webb** as the new **Fast CAT/CAT Field Representative**. Bob Mason retired earlier this year. We thank him for his many years of guidance and wish him the best in his retirement.

Katie has owned, handled and bred performance Borzois since the late 1970's and Greyhounds since the early 1980's. Her successful involvement with these sighthound breeds have been through her passion for lure coursing and the desire to achieve their best performance in the field. Katie became a lure coursing judge in 1987. She recently retired from professional life and looks forward to sharing her passion for the sport with newcomers as well as existing fanciers.

When AKC added Coursing Ability Tests to their performance program, Sharon and 3 of her Belgian Tervurens jumped at the chance to participate. Juno became the first dog in the country to earn a Coursing Ability Test title. Sharon soon joined both the Greyhound Association of North Georgia and the Bluegrass Lure Coursing Club where she quickly became instrumental in the development and growth of CAT. Sharon has been mentored by some of the best Sighthound Lure Coursing people in the country, learning how to design and safely setup coursing for all breeds of dogs. Sharon is grateful for the lifelong friendships she has made through coursing and loves watching dogs and their humans have fun.

The following two changes to the *Regulations for FAST CAT®* are effective immediately. Changes to the current Regulation are underlined.

(1) The first provides greater clarity for handlers on what methods of encouragement are allowed during their dog's FCAT run and gives discretion to the event committee in cases where the specific situation is not mentioned in the regulations.

Section 14. Conduct of Handlers. Handlers are not permitted to run down the 100-yard course with a dog during its an official run. If the course is fenced, this includes both inside or outside the fence. Handlers shall simply release the dog in the starting box and may not run with the dog within the starting box. Handlers may run within the catchment area as their dog is running the course but may not cross the finish line. 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 an official run. Cheering, clapping, calling your dog's name, whistling and waving your arms from the end of the course or the start area is allowed. Noise making devises such as whistles, duck calls, electronic calls or other items of this nature

are not permitted. The use of toys, treats, flags or other items of this nature are not permitted while the dog is running the 100-yard course, however they may be used after the dog has crossed the finish line to assist in catching the dog. Should a situation arise where the application of this Regulation is open for interpretation, the event committee shall decide how it will be handled. An explanation shall be submitted to the AKC along with the event results.

(2) The second change specifies that Lure Operators cannot operate the lure for a dog they own, co-own or for anyone in their immediate family or household.

Section 15. Lure Operators. (new section) Lure operators shall not operate the lure when a dog owned or co-owned by them or any member of their immediate family or household is running. More than one lure operator may be used during the Fast CAT event. Clubs may, but are not required to, list the name of the lure operator in the premium list.

There is one change to the *Regulations for Coursing Ability Tests (CAT)* effective January 1, 2019.

Section 6. Making Event Application. (*paragraph #2*)

A club may hold an unlimited number of ~~up to twelve (12)~~ Coursing Ability Test per calendar year.

The Regulation books will be updated to reflect these changes during the next printing.

Regulation updates are always found on the “Regulation Resources” webpage for [CAT](#) and [FCAT](#). These updates have been sent to all Presidents and Secretaries of clubs licensed to hold FAST CAT® and CAT as well as our Lure Coursing clubs and judges. Please remember to keep your email address current so you can receive these announcements. If you need to check or update your email address or if you have any questions or comments, please send an email to: lurecoursing@akc.org