



AMERICAN
KENNEL CLUB™

Performance Events Department

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To: **All Clubs Licensed to Hold Lure Coursing, CAT and FAST CAT®**

Subject: **Distance Requirements for CAT and FAST CAT®**

This is to inform your club of a recent change to the Regulations for Lure Coursing Tests and Trials, Coursing Ability Tests, and FAST CAT®.

This change originated from the Performance Events Department and will become effective July 2, 2018.

Both CAT and FAST CAT® have evolved and grown in popularity at a steady rate since their inception. To maintain equal distances between events so as not to create encroachment of clubs hosting events and pulling entries away from each other, the AKC Board of Directors have approved a minimum distance requirement of 100 miles. This clarification will be specifically listed in each of the chapters pertaining to CAT and FAST CAT applications. This mileage requirement will be programmed into our event planning system so any event application which does not meet the minimum distance will automatically be put into a status of pending. Performance Events staff will contact the club and work together to find an alternative date and/or location. In some cases where a mileage requirement conflicts, a club may be able to obtain written consent from the conflicting club in order for their date and location to be approved.

The exact wording of this change will appear in the following locations as follows:

- *Regulations for Coursing Ability Tests (CAT) (Chapter XV)*

Section 6. Making Event Application. (p. 34)

- *Regulations for FAST CAT® (Chapter XVI)*

Section 9. Hosting FAST CAT Events (p. 39)

Coursing Ability Tests hosted by two different clubs may not be held closer than 100 miles in distance on the same day except a club may be licensed to hold a CAT event within 100 miles of another club which has established its CAT event on the same date only if, in each instance, it obtains the written permission of the club with the established date and submits the written permission along with its trial application. However, there may not be more than two CAT events on the same day at the same location.

This regulation update is being sent to all Judges, Club Presidents, and Secretaries licensed to hold or officiate at Lure Coursing, CAT and FAST CAT® events. Comments can be e-mailed to the AKC at: lurecoursing@akc.org