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Performance Events Department

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To: **All Clubs Licensed to Hold FAST CAT®**

Subject: **FAST CAT® Top 20 Fastest By Breed Modified to Average of Three Runs**

This is to inform your club of a recent change to the Regulations for FAST CAT®. This change was approved by the Board of Directors in February. The change becomes effective June 1, 2018.

The Top 20 Fastest Dogs by Breed ranking on the AKC website is one of the biggest motivating factors for continued participation in Fast CAT. To minimize the impact of an anomalous performance on the standings and to ensure that the overall fastest dog is ranked first, the Top 20 is being modified so that it displays an average of each dog's fastest three runs. Dogs who have not yet completed three runs for the year will not appear on the Top 20 list. This change will affect the 2018 list (and years going forward), and the Lifetime list. The 2016 and 2017 lists will remain unchanged.

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

- *Regulations for FAST CAT®*

Chapter XVI FAST CAT® Regulations, Section 7. Top 20 Dogs by Breed by Year. (p. 38)

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.

This regulation update is being sent to all Judges, Club Presidents, and Secretaries licensed to hold or officiate at FAST CAT® events.

Comments can be e-mailed to the AKC at: lurecoursing@akc.org