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# PREMIUM LIST

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## AKC All-Breed FAST COURSING ABILITY TESTS

June 16 - 18, 2025



### Dalmatian Club of America

(AKC Licensed Club)

**Monday, June 16, 2025 – Events #2025188903 and #2025188904**  
**Tuesday, June 17, 2025 – Events # 2025188905 and #2025188906**  
**Wednesday June 18, 2025 – Events #2025188913 and #2025188914**

Each Separate Event is Limited to 125 Entries  
(Early entry is strongly encouraged)

**Event Location: Purina Farms**  
**300 Checkerboard Loop (Working Dog Field)**  
**Gray Summit, MO 63039**

The field is NATURAL GRASS and FULLY FENCED by Purina Farms using flexible mesh fencing with a newly extended 50+ yard runout.

The Lure is a Swift Paws Pro-Alpha Continuous Loop System (Squawker and/or Plastic Bags). No outside lures, squawkers, or equipment will be allowed.

**PRE-ENTRIES OPEN Saturday, March 1, 2025, 6 PM CT for DALMATIANS ONLY**  
**and Tuesday, April 1, 2025 for all other breeds.**

**ENTRY IS VIA ONLINE ENTRY FORM ONLY**  
**PLEASE VISIT [WWW.TALLYHOEVENTS.COM](http://WWW.TALLYHOEVENTS.COM) TO REGISTER**



**AMERICAN  
KENNEL CLUB®**

CERTIFICATION Permission has been granted by the American Kennel Club for the holding of this event under the American Kennel Club rules and regulations.

**GINA M. DINARDO, Executive Secretary**

## ENTRY FEES

Pre-Entry is \$25.00 per dog per test (includes \$3.50 AKC Recording Fee per run).

Entries close online **Sunday, June 8, 2025, 6PM CT**, unless the numerical limit is reached prior to the date after which time entries will not be accepted, canceled, altered, or substituted.

[NOTE: Dalmatian entries must be received by May 14, 2025 at 6PMCT in order to appear in the National Specialty Show Catalog.](#)

**ENTRIES/PAYMENT WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED ONLINE AT**  
[www.TallyHoEvents.com](http://www.TallyHoEvents.com)

**ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED WHICH ARE MADE SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS.  
ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED PRIOR TO THE OPENING DATE.  
A WAITLIST OF TEN RUNS PER TEST MAY BE MAINTAINED FOR DROPS.**

Open to all dogs at least 1 year of age by the day of the test that are individually registered with the American Kennel Club, recorded in the FSS program, dogs with PAL numbers, or dogs enrolled in the AKC Canine Partners program. A dog may enter only once per event. There are two events each day. Each event has an individual event number.

[If you would like your dog to run twice each day, you must enter and pay for both events for each day. This can easily be accomplished during a single sign-in/registration on the website by selecting each event you wish to enter.](#)

[Phone, fax, mail or email entries will NOT be accepted.](#)

Day-of-Show entries **MAY** be accepted (\$35) at the discretion of the Committee **IF** spots are available.

## RIBBONS and ROSETTES

- A Light Blue Flat Ribbon will be awarded to each dog achieving a qualifying run.
- Special Rosettes will be awarded to each dog completing a title.
- [Be sure to notify the Event Secretary of any titles above FCAT anticipated during this event. \(We generally have enough title rosettes on hand for BCAT, DCAT and FCAT titles.\) This can easily be accomplished during a single sign-in/registration on the website by selecting the expected title you anticipate achieving during these events for each dog.](#)

Any titles attained for which Rosettes are not available on the day they are attained will be mailed to the recipient as soon as they become available.

## ROUTE TO SHOW

Type the following address into your preferred GPS or mapping device:

**Purina Farms  
300 Checkerboard Loop  
Gray Summit, MO 63039**

## PERFORMANCE BREAKFAST

*Celebrate the versatility of our beautiful athletic breed! Make your reservations to attend the Performance Breakfast on Friday, June 20 at*

<https://dalmatianclubofamerica.org/product/companion-performance-award-reception/>

## ACCOMODATIONS

The following area hotels may accept well-behaved people and pets. Some facilities may charge an extra fee for dogs and/or have limits on size. Please verify pet policies when reserving.

**DCA Hotel Policy** — Any exhibitor who allows his/her dogs to be loose & unattended in a room or to damage hotel property and does not immediately contact the hotel management to make proper restitution will be subject to a Show Event Committee action which could result in the loss of AKC privileges. If it is determined by the Committee hearing that rules are being neglected & destruction and/or misuse of property is taking place, the Committee has the authority to correct the problem or seek AKC suspension.

### Host Hotel

**Holiday Inn Six Flags**, 4901 Six Flags Rd, Eureka, MO (10 Miles from Purina Farms) (636) 395-2862

### Other Hotels

**Wildwood Hotel**, 2801 Fountain Pl, Wildwood, MO (12 miles from Purina Farms) (636) 733-9100

**Comfort Inn Six Flags**, 1320 Thornton St, Pacific, MO (4 miles from Purina Farms) (636) 257-4600

**Quality Inn Six Flags, 1400 West Osage St, Pacific, MO** (5 miles from Purina Farms) (636) 257-8400

PLEASE KEEP THE HOTELS & MOTELS AND CAMPGROUNDS IN GOOD CONDITION SO WE MAY ALL CONTINUE TO USE THEM.

**PARKING INFORMATION:** Please Park in the designated parking area only.

- Vehicles are limited to ONE PARKING SPACE.
- No ex-pens or crates allowed on blacktop but are allowed on grass areas.
- No cones allowed in parking areas.
- NO PARKING IN ROADWAYS or next to building.
- ONLY cars with RV Parking Permits allowed in the RV lots.
- Please respect parking marked as reserved for judges, carpooling and handicapped spaces.
- Nestle-Purina Security will be in charge of all parking.

### PLEASE CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOGS!

**NOTICE TO ALL EXHIBITORS:** All exhibitors are responsible for cleaning up after themselves AND their dogs at their motel, RV grounds and Show Site. Motels and campgrounds require that dogs not be left unattended. Any damage to motels, RV grounds or the test grounds or test equipment may result in disciplinary action by the Event Committee. Please clean up after your dogs immediately while on the event grounds. \*Keep a bag in your pocket at all times.

## SCHEDULE

1. A brief handlers' meeting will be held prior to each run block.
2. All dogs will be inspected for soundness prior to running on each event date beginning at 7:30am for 8:00am-10:00am runs, 9:30 am for 10:00am-12:00pm runs and 12:30pm for 1:00pm-3:00pm runs.
3. ALL dogs must be checked in prior to 9:30am for 8:00am-10:00am runs, 11:30am for 10:00am-12:00pm runs and 1:30pm for 1:00pm-3:00pm runs.
4. These events will be run with an established run order to the best ability of the Paddock Master. Adjustments due to weather and other unforeseen circumstances may be necessary.
5. Run block start times are 8:00am, 10:00am and 1:00pm.



Samuel Kovitz - Chair, Mark Leaman, Amy Montgomery

## LURE OPERATOR

Lure Dude, LLC - Bill Walker and/or others as assigned.

## EVENT PHOTOGRAPHER

**Fast CAT Photographer** Aaron Gold Photo  
(618) 954-9292 [AaronGoldPhoto@gmail.com](mailto:AaronGoldPhoto@gmail.com)

## VETERINARIAN

### Fox Creek Veterinary Hospital

18962 HWY 100  
Wildwood, MO 63069  
Phone: (636) 458-6569  
Hours: Monday—Sunday 8:00am - 8:00pm with  
24 Hour on-Call Medical Team

### Pacific Animal Hospital

450 W. Flier Dr. Pacific, MO 63069  
Phone: (636) 257-2100  
Hours: Monday—Friday 7:00am - 6:00pm

### EMERGENCY VETERINARIAN

#### Veterinarian Specialty Services (VSS)

24 Hour Emergency Services  
1021 Howard George Drive  
Manchester, MO 63021  
(636)227-6100

#### DIRECTIONS TO VSS

Take I-44 East toward St. Louis. Exit at Hwy 141 & turn left (N). Take Hwy 141 to Howard George Dr. Turn Right, then take an immediate left. VSS will be on your left.

### The Checkerboard Café

The Checkerboard Café is adjacent to the Great Hall and provides service for breakfast and lunch.

Hours are 7am to 4pm.

No outside food is permitted in the building.

### Ruffland Crate Raffle!



Support the Dalmatian Club of America 2025 National Specialty and be awarded a double-door (front and rear) Ruffland crate with a storage topper. \$5 for one opportunity or \$25 for six opportunities. DCA will give one donor a Ruffland large double-door kennel with storage topper in millstone grey. Recipient to be announced at DCA 2025, immediately after Best of Breed.

Need not be present to be eligible. Crate will not be shipped.

Get your tickets here!

<https://dalmatianclubofamerica.org/.../2025-ruffland-crate/>

## ADDITIONAL CONCURRENT ACTIVITIES ONSITE

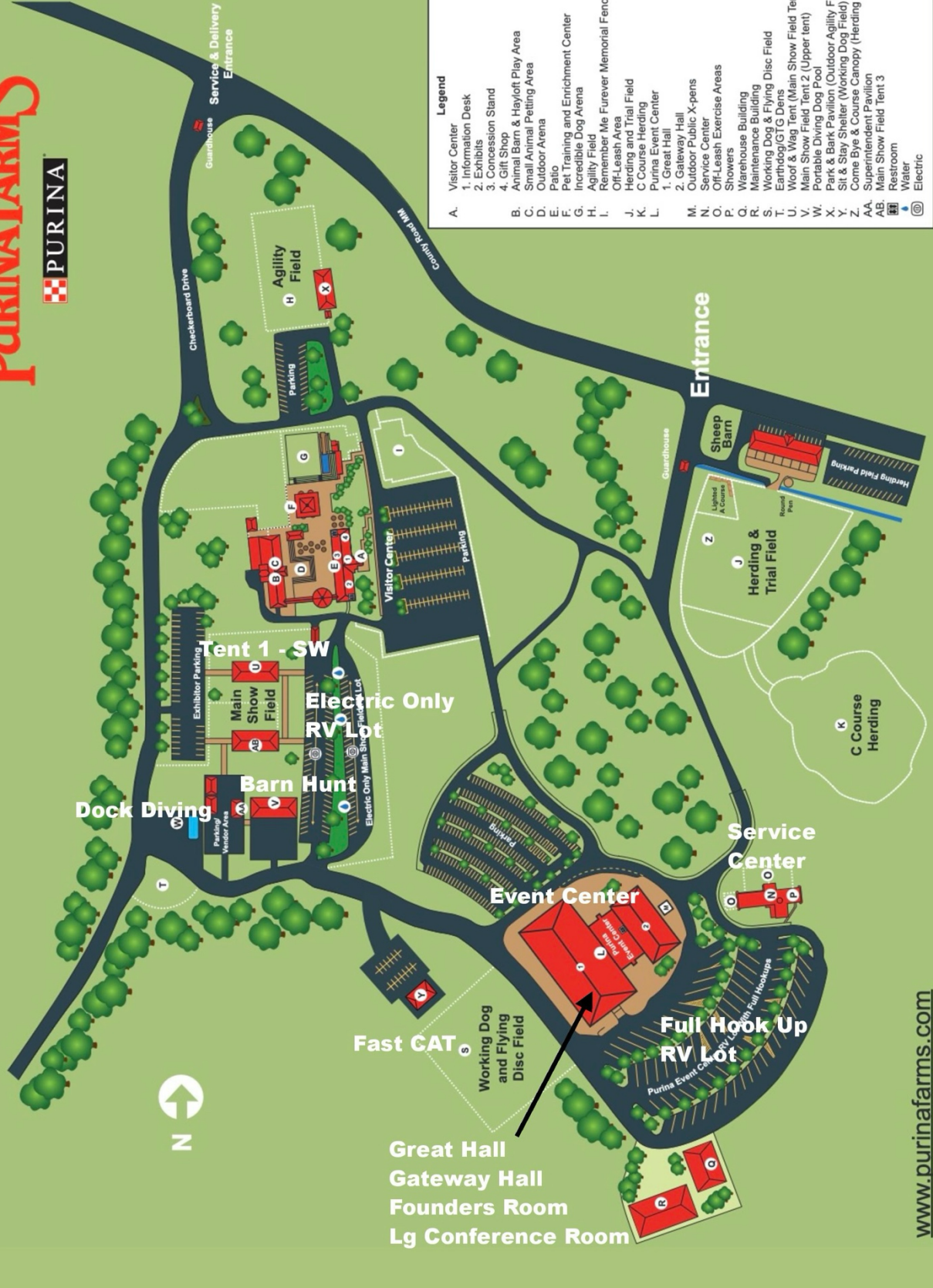
**MONDAY, June 16**

Agility (AB) NADD Dock Diving (AB) Fast CAT (AB) Scent Work (AB) Regional Specialty – Dalmatian Club of Greater St.Louis/ Heartland Dalmatian Club of Greater Kansas City Conformation Handling Practice DCAF Event	Great Hall Dock Diving Pool Working Dog Field Service Center, Gateway Hall, Main Show Field Tent 1 Great Hall  Great Hall Founders Room
<b>TUESDAY, June 17</b> Agility (AB) NADD Dock Diving (AB) Fast CAT (AB) Scent Work (AB) Regional Specialty – Chicagoland Dalmatian Club Welcome Party	Great Hall Dock Diving Pool Working Dog Field Service Center, Gateway Hall, Main Show Field Tent 1 Great Hall Founders Room
<b>WEDNESDAY, June 18</b> DCA Agility Barn Hunt (AB) Fast CAT (AB) Puppy and Veteran Sweepstakes Futurity Junior Showmanship Clinic & Outing Betty Garvin Seminar	Great Hall Main Show Field Tent 2 Working Dog Field Great Hall Great Hall Great Hall Founders Room



## 2025 PERFORMANCE FUND

Without your continued generous support of the Performance Fund, it would not be financially feasible for DCA to offer Agility, Fast CAT, Tracking, Obedience, Rally, Road Trial, Scent Work and Barn Hunt at our National. These events showcase the incredible versatility of our breed! Sponsors are acknowledged in the show catalog. For full details about great 2025 Performance Fund items, please visit <https://dalmatianclubofamerica.org/product-category/2025-national-specialty/2025-national-specialty-performance-fund-logo-items/>



Legend	
A.	Visitor Center
1.	Information Desk
2.	Exhibits
3.	Concession Stand
4.	Gift Shop
B.	Animal Barn & Hayloft Play Area
C.	Small Animal Petting Area
D.	Outdoor Arena
E.	Patio
F.	Pet Training and Enrichment Center
G.	Incredible Dog Arena
H.	Agility Field
I.	Remember Me Forever Memorial Fence and Off-Leash Area
J.	Herding and Trial Field
K.	C Course Herding
L.	Purina Event Center
1.	Great Hall
2.	Gateway Hall
M.	Outdoor Public X-pens
N.	Service Center
O.	Off-Leash Exercise Areas
P.	Showers
Q.	Warehouse Building
R.	Maintenance Building
S.	Working Dog & Flying Disc Field
T.	Earthdog (GTC) Dogs
U.	Wolf & Wag Tent (Main Show Field Tent 1)
V.	Main Show Field Tent 2 (Upper tent)
W.	Portable Driving Dog Pool
X.	Park & Back Pavilion (Outdoor Agility Field)
Y.	Sit & Stay Shelter (Working Dog Field)
Z.	Come Bye & Cruise Canopy (Herding Field)
AA.	Superintendent Pavilion
AB.	Main Show Field Tent 3
Ⓜ	Restroom
Ⓜ	Water
Ⓜ	Electric

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## ATTENTION EXHIBITORS

**REFUNDS AND FEES:** Entry fees shall not be refunded in the event that a dog is absent, disqualified, excused by a Veterinarian or Judge, or barred from competition by action of the Event Committee. If because of riots, civil disturbances or other acts beyond the control of the test- giving club it is impossible to open or to complete the test, refund of entry fees may or may not be made, at the Event Committee's discretion.

Refunds for bitches in season (and lame or unfit dogs) will be refunded, if requests are submitted to the Test Secretary at least 30 minutes prior to the start of judging for the day. **All refunds are less a 5% processing fees.**

**Mixed breed dogs** that have been listed with AKC Canine Partners may participate provided their listing number has been recorded on the entry form. Breed should be marked as "All American Dog."

**ERRORS ON ENTRIES:** Owners are responsible for the accuracy of the information required on the entry form. **Changes, additions, or corrections to an entry, entry substitutions, or cancellations by the owner must be received in writing (email accepted) by the Event Secretary prior to the closing date of the test.** Other means of notification will not be accepted. Errors on entries may lead to errors in results being submitted to AKC. It is the responsibility of the entrant to review the results and notify the Event Secretary via email (posting or messaging on social media will NOT lead to corrections being processed).

**CRATING:** Crating will be in your own vehicles.

**WARM-UPS** and training should be conducted in a sportsman-like manner to your dog, other dogs and competitors, away from the running course, so as not to create any sort of distraction for dogs running or waiting to run.

All dogs **MUST** be on a short leash of 6 ft in length or less or confined to a crate and under control while on the test grounds, except during their runs. **Retractable leads ARE NOT allowed onsite.** Dogs must be on a leash when being exercised, trained, or when warming up. Dogs must be removed from the test course immediately following the end of the Test. Exercise your dogs only in posted areas and clean up after them!

No gasoline or diesel generators are permitted inside of any building or within 100 feet of any tent or the running course. No excessively loud generators are allowed anywhere on event grounds.

### PURINA FARMS & EVENT CENTER RULES

- **RVs** may begin using their reserved spots at Purina Event Center upper lot on their first reserved day but not before **3pm**, Sunday, June 15.
- No dogs in Checkerboard Café.
- No private exercise pens in the building.
- All crates must be on a solid matting that won't allow liquids or other substances to seep through to the floor.
- No grooming in the building outside of designated grooming areas.
- No soft side crates in the Great Hall except in Obedience/Rally/Agility Area.
- No grooming at ringside. No grooming tables at ringside. This will be strictly enforced.
- Exhibitors and handlers will be held responsible for clean conditions in and around their crates and parking spaces.
- Anyone causing undue disturbance will be asked to leave the show grounds.
- **DO NOT LEAVE DOGS IN CLOSED VEHICLES.**
- Aisles must be kept open in the Grooming and Showing areas.
- Overnight Security will **NOT** be provided in the building.
- **NO DOGS MAY REMAIN INSIDE THE BUILDING OVERNIGHT.**



- No wagons, buggies, golf carts, skates, bicycles or scooters will be allowed inside the buildings.
- EXHIBITORS & GUESTS: No one is permitted anywhere that is marked “Employees Only” and/or “No Admittance.” Violators will be reported to the AKC.
- No Smoking (including electronic cigarettes) in the buildings.
- No push pins, nails or any type of things going into the walls. No adhesive should be used to affix a sign to a wall.
- No dogs are permitted on the second floor of the Event Center except for a scheduled class or when specifically invited for an event.
- No outside food or beverage is allowed on the Purina Farms property. Violators will be reported to the AKC.

### IMPORTANT CONTACT NUMBERS

Security On-Duty: 636-221-1428

In Case of Emergency: 314-982-2222

RV Questions: (866) 979-2488

Life-Threatening Emergency: 911 & then 314-982-2222

Mercy Hospital - 901 E Fifth St, Washington, MO 63090

### INCLEMENT WEATHER

In the event a severe weather or tornado warning is issued for the immediate area, Site Security will notify the Purina Farms management team. The team will notify guests of an impending weather event via the property-wide public address system. Public service announcements should also come via the storm siren and announcements. Guests will be asked to seek cover in designated areas marked as severe weather shelter areas inside the Purina Farms facilities (those in the outdoor event areas should seek cover in one of the indoor facilities on the property). Areas at the Purina Event Center include the Gateway Hall, restrooms, South stairwell and the Great Hall if necessary. At the Visitor Center, this includes the bathrooms, indoor theater and the hallway near the front information desk. After the weather event ends, Purina Farms management teams will announce all clear.

If weather is extreme after-hours, then security will unlock the Purina Event Center to allow overnight guests to come into the building with dogs at any time. The service center is also open 24/7 for campers to seek shelter. Should the weather look threatening, Purina Farms Security will go around the lots to notify overnight guests to seek shelter.

#### **NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS - ALL EVENTS**

***The American Kennel Club Rules and Regulations will govern this show and exhibitors must make themselves familiar with the agreement of the American Kennel Club, as printed at the end of this Premium List.***

### CLUB RULES:

#### **ATTENTION ALL EVENT EXHIBITORS**

- All dogs must be kept on leash except when being judged in off-leash events such as Agility, Barn Hunt, Dock Diving, Fast CAT, Obedience, Rally, Road Trial, and/or Scent Work.
- At no time can dogs be tied out or otherwise left attached to anything other than a human when outside a crate, car, or other secure enclosed confinement. Leashes cannot be left dangling or dragging. Standing or stepping on a leash is not allowed as a form of restraint (but may be used in an emergency to help secure a loose dog.) Accommodations to this rule may be made for differently-abled handlers as determined by the Club.
- The show site will be made available to exhibitors, SUNDAY, JUNE 15, 2025. **The Great Hall is NOT AVAILABLE to EXHIBITORS BEFORE 4PM.**
- No unentered dogs or puppies allowed in building per AKC guidelines.
- No working (practice) in rings before or after show hours. Dogs are allowed in rings only during judging hours and scheduled practice times.
- No crates at conformation ringside.
- Crates in the performance area of the Great Hall **MUST BE REMOVED BY THE END OF THOSE EVENTS ON WEDNESDAY.**
- No washing of animal food containers in restrooms.

- Bathing of dogs limited to bathing area in the Service Center. **NOTE: The Service Center Building restrooms, showers and dog wash room will be off limits from 10AM-3PM on Monday and Tuesday to accommodate Scent Work Trial Classes. Please plan accordingly.**
- Pick up after your dogs and dispose in provided receptacles.
- **No videotaping or photography during the events for resale is permitted without the Dalmatian Club of America, Inc. approval.**
- **Please be advised:** when an exhibitor/handler brings a dog to the podium for a win/placement photo they are establishing a de facto contract with the show photographer to purchase that photo.
- **No baby strollers are allowed in the show site or adjacent hallways during show hours.**
- Unless otherwise specified, all trophies and awards must be claimed the day of the show. **None will be mailed.** The club reserves the right to substitute a prize of equal or greater value.
- **VACCINATIONS:** Exhibitors should follow their veterinarian's recommendation to assure their dogs are free of internal and external parasites, any communicable diseases, and have appropriate vaccinations.
- **Waiver of Rights** Any dog found in an unsafe environment, distress or harm's way (for example - left unattended on a grooming table in a noose not attached to a safety release clip; left in a vehicle without proper ventilation) will be removed. Exposing a dog to an unsafe environment, distress or harm's way is considered mistreatment. All persons attending this show hereby waive any claim for damages against the host clubs and Nestle-Purina in the event a motor vehicle must be entered to rescue a dog from overheating or improperly vented conditions.
- The club is not responsible for the products or actions of Vendors at this show.
- **PLEASE NOTE: It is expressly understood that exhibitors or spectators alone are responsible for the behavior of their dogs and/or children. Any exhibitor or spectator whose dogs and/or children create unnecessary disturbances or repeatedly engage in unsafe or disruptive behavior or whose equipment creates an impediment to the safe flow of traffic may, at the discretion of the Event Committee, be asked to leave the event site. In such cases, no refund of any fees paid will be made.**
- **LIABILITY. The show-giving clubs, their members, Nestle-Purina, show superintendent, trial secretaries, their agents, employees, etc., assume no responsibility for any loss, damage, or injury sustained by exhibitors, handlers, or any of their dogs or property and further assume no responsibility for injury to children & further expect exhibitors and spectators to keep their children and dogs under strict control.**
- The hotel(s) allowing exhibitors and their dogs to stay with them while attending these shows have been advised to report any misuse of their establishment(s) by exhibitors entered in these shows to the 2025 Specialty Event Committees. Please be advised that if an exhibitor is reported and is found to be in violation of the hotel(s) rules, such a report could result in an Event Committee Hearing.
- All AKC Rules and Regulations will be enforced by the Show Event Committee under AKC guidelines. Failure to comply with these rules and/or rules within this Premium List will result in charges being brought before the Show Event Committee. **Any event hearing, disciplinary action, rule violations, complaints, or charges will be resolved by the Dalmatian Club of America, Inc. National Specialty Event Committee: John Cramer, Sam Kovitz, Donna Hacholski, Toni Linstedt, & Michele Wrath.**

**The AKC is committed to creating a safe and respectful sport environment for all. If you need to talk to someone, or need help, please call 800.656.HOPE (National Sexual Assault Hotline) or text HOME to 741-741 for free, 24/7 confidential services from trained crisis counselors.**

## FAST CAT RULES & NOTICES

- All entered dogs must be one year of age or older on the day of the test or trial.
- Each entry will be examined at **inspection**. Inspection shall take place prior to any form of wrapping being applied to the dog. In the opinion of the inspection committee, any entry found to be lame, unfit to compete or a female in season shall not be allowed to enter and entry fees shall be refunded less a 5% processing fee. All dogs will be inspected before each event.
- The Run Order will be based on run blocks set by the Event Secretary in conjunction with the field committee. We will separate the running of multiple dogs handled by a single handler to the best of our abilities. If a dog is late for their run time they will run as soon as openings are available to avoid

inconveniencing those that arrived as scheduled.

- Dogs may run without a collar or may wear any type of collar except choker collars, electronic training collars or head collars. You MAY bring your dogs to the line in a choke or head halter, but they MUST be removed in order to run. Collars should be snug. “Pinch Collars”, or collars with prongs are not allowed anywhere onsite. The collar should be snug to minimize the chances of getting hung up on something during the run. Owners should be aware that there is a chance that tags hanging from the collar could become entangled on something during the run. Owners may use clips or rubber bands to hold the dog’s tags or hair. The owner assumes responsibility for the safety of the dog with regards to the dog’s collar and paraphernalia on the dog.
- The field committee reserves the right to bar known aggressive dogs from the event site.
- There will be a \$5 fine assessed for any loose dog not taking part in the course in progress, or for anybody caught not picking up after their dog or leaving garbage on the field.
- No one except the appointed field committee will be allowed on the field other than during their assigned run, without the express permission of the field chairman.
- Anybody exhibiting unsportsmanlike behavior will be excused from the field and may be subject to further disciplinary action.
- Control of dogs is strictly enforced. All dogs must be kept on leash at all times, except when running inside the fenced course. Dogs must be leashed until after fully entering and prior to leaving the running course with the gates remaining closed and secured during the entire time while the dog is off leash.
- All participants and attendees will clean up and carry out all of their trash.

## SPECIAL PERFORMANCE AWARD - THE TRIATHLETE CHALLENGE

*If you and your dog are a multi-tasking team, set your sights on the Specialty Triathlete Challenge, a special award given to EACH Dalmatian/handler team that earns a qualifying leg or passing score in three (3) or more performance/companion venues during the National Specialty. The eligible events are Tracking, Road Trial - CC/CCC, CCI/CCIC, RD/RDC, RDX classes; Agility—all titling classes; Obedience - all titling classes; Rally - all titling classes; Barn Hunt - all titling classes; Scent Work – all titling classes, Fast CAT, and Dock Diving. Only one score or performance in each venue will count towards this award, and the performance must be at the titling level, although the dog/handler team may already have earned the relevant title. If your dog can hock, heel, sniff, run, or jump, just pick your venues and go for the challenge!*

**Triathlete Forms must be turned in before 7 pm on June 19. All awards must be picked up at the Performance Breakfast. NO AWARDS WILL BE MAILED.**



Your dog  
Your poop

BE A RESPONSIBLE dog owner and exhibitor.

Pick up after your dog on the grounds.

## Basic Information about AKC Fast Cat

- Fast CAT Test is a timed straight 100 yard dash for dogs. It is meant to be a fun and healthy activity of interest to any dog owner.
- Dogs run singularly.

## How are Fast CAT Points and Titles Awarded?

- The dog's time to complete the 100 yard dash is converted into MPH.
- 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 inches or greater = handicap of 1.0
  - 12 inches to less than 18 inches = handicap of 1.5
  - Below 12 inches = handicap of 2.0
- Points = MPH multiplied by the dog's handicap
- Fast CAT titles are suffix titles earned at designated milestones.
  - BCAT=150 points
  - DCAT=500 points
  - FCAT = 1,000 points
  - FCAT = every additional 500 points
- The top 20 fastest dogs by breeds are published on the AKC website:  
[https://www.apps.akc.org/apps/fastcat\\_ranking/index.cfm](https://www.apps.akc.org/apps/fastcat_ranking/index.cfm)

## CONDUCT OF THE EVENT

**Check in and Inspection:** Dogs must be checked in and inspected prior to each run. Inspection will check for general fitness, intact All American dogs and for females in season, neither of which are permitted to run. In addition, the dog's handicap must be verified at the time of inspection. Dogs may be measured via use of a wicket to confirm height if there is any question regarding the dog's true height. You will receive a sticker at inspection that is to be turned in to the Paddock Master.

**Paddock Master:** The Paddock Master will coordinate the running of the dogs according to their best discretion. Each pre-entered exhibitor will receive running order information via e-mail during the week prior to the event. Dogs will be called to "in the hole" positions. Dogs that are not present "in the hole" will be moved down and the next available dog will be inserted into the running order to keep things moving. The missing dog will be inserted into the running order as convenient when they arrive. If you miss your assigned run time, you will not be required to wait until all the dogs have run. You can run, within reason, sometime after you arrive and when you can be inserted into the run order without delaying those that were available on time.

**Timer/Ribbon Tables:** The Timer/Ribbon Tent will be positioned outside the exit gate and near the finishline. The Timer Person will monitor the runs and timer activation to watch for and react to errors involving improper timer triggers such as bag times or any flying debris such as bugs, or leaves, etc. Ribbons should be available to pick-up by the time you exit the course and walk to the Timer/Ribbon Tent. Please be patient if they are delayed and minimize any communication or talk in the area so they can focus on the job at hand. This job requires focus.

**Safety:** Safety is of the utmost importance. It is the responsibility of the event committee to ensure the safety of the course, equipment and conduct of those involved with the event. It is recommended that the event committee run a test dog prior to the start of the event to ensure that the equipment functions properly, and all personnel understand their jobs. Prior to moving the lure to position it for the start, the lure operator shall announce "hold your dogs" in order to caution owners.

**Huntmaster:** By AKC rule, The Huntmaster has control of the course. The Huntmaster is in charge of all dogs and handlers on the field. They shall ensure handlers understand safe release and retrieval procedures, the lure is properly positioned, the lure operator, timers and starting line signal person are ready and shall signal the lure operator to start the lure and then give the verbal signal "Tally Ho" for the handler to release the dog. **DO NOT** release your dog before or hold your dog after the "Tally Ho" is given!

**The Start:** The club must provide a 10 foot start box that is clearly marked. The dogs toes must be on or over the back line and not close enough to the start line to set off the timer prematurely. It is recommended an owner or someone familiar with the dog be at the start to release the dog. The Club will attempt to provide assistance at the beginning of the course to release dogs considered to be “safe” **as a courtesy**, if the owner requests it **and if volunteers are available and willing to release a particular dog**. **Please exit the course as soon as your dog is secured and leashed at the other end.**

**Field Conditions:** The ideal field is reasonably flat, level and mowed. The ideal running area is approximately 153 yards long x 6 yards wide, with a plastic mesh type barrier fencing and flexible support posts. The course is measured to be exactly 100 yards long with start and finish line timers (electronic or manual) and an appropriate AKC prescribed run-out area. Handlers may not walk the course during or before their dog is released for the actual test.

**The Finish:** The club must provide enough room for a safe run-out area. The Club will attempt to use a minimum of 50 yards, if onsite conditions at the time of the tests safely allow it. It is recommended an owner or someone familiar with the dog be at the finish to catch the dog once the course is completed. The Club will attempt to provide assistance at the end of the course to collect dogs considered to be “safe” **as a courtesy**, if the owner requests it **and if volunteers are available and willing to release a particular dog**. Please exit the course as soon as your dog is secured and leashed.

## COURSE AND EQUIPMENT

**Timing Devices:** The Club will use electronic timers. The time to complete the course is recorded to the nearest 1/100<sup>th</sup> of a second. The time starts when any part of the dog crosses the start line. The time stops when any part of the dog crosses the finish line. Stop watches will be used as a backup if the electronic timers don't function. In the event of manual timing, a starter's flag will signal the start when the dog's nose crosses the starting line and the time will be recorded by two timekeepers positioned near the finish line, each operating individually. The time will be the mathematical average of the two manually recorded times.

**Lure Equipment:** The Club proudly uses Swift Paws Pro Alpha equipment on a continuous loop system. The lure will consist of white plastic bags and/or squawker. The lure will be propelled by an electric motor attached to a continuous loop setup. Safety is the number one consideration in running this event and all equipment has been selected for this primary purpose.

**Operation of the Lure:** The Lure Operator's job is to 1) ensure a safe run by operating the lure correctly, and 2) to get the best score for your dog. If your dog is new to the sport, tell the Huntmaster so they can notify the LO. That may mean operating the lure differently, to get the dog's attention, as opposed to an experienced dog that needs little to no encouragement. If your dog is particularly fast for its breed, simply advise the Huntmaster about your dog's typical time or speed. They will tell the LO via radio, who may adjust the running of the lure to accommodate this. Simply saying “fast dog” has no relative meaning as a fast Beagle runs very differently from a fast Whippet. Actual times or speed are much more helpful.

# AKC Code of Sportsmanship

*PREFACE: The sport of purebred dog competitive events dates prior to 1884, the year of AKC's birth. Shared values of those involved in the sport include principles of sportsmanship. They are practiced in all sectors of our sport: conformation, performance and companion. Many believe that these principles of sportsmanship are the prime reason why our sport has thrived for over one hundred years. With the belief that it is useful to periodically articulate the fundamentals of our sport, this code is presented.*

- Sportsmen respect the history, traditions and integrity of the sport of purebred dogs.
- Sportsmen commit themselves to values of fair play, honesty, courtesy, and vigorous competition, as well as winning and losing with grace.
- Sportsmen refuse to compromise their commitment and obligation to the sport of purebred dogs by injecting personal advantage or consideration into their decisions or behavior.
- The sportsman judge judges only on the merits of the dogs and considers no other factors.
- The sportsman judge or exhibitor accepts constructive criticism.
- The sportsman exhibitor declines to enter or exhibit under a judge where it might reasonably appear that the judge's placements could be based on something other than the merits of the dogs.
- The sportsman exhibitor refuses to compromise the impartiality of a judge.
- The sportsman respects the AKC bylaws, rules, regulations and policies governing the sport of purebred dogs.
- Sportsmen find that vigorous competition and civility are not inconsistent and are able to appreciate the merit of their competition and the effort of competitors.
- Sportsmen welcome, encourage and support newcomers to the sport.
- Sportsmen will deal fairly with all those who trade with them.
- Sportsmen are willing to share honest and open appraisals of both the strengths and weaknesses of their breeding stock.
- Sportsmen spurn any opportunity to take personal advantage of positions offered or bestowed upon them.
- Sportsmen always consider as paramount the welfare of their dog.
- Sportsmen refuse to embarrass the sport, the American Kennel Club, or themselves while taking part in the sport.

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**AKC REQUIRES that all participants read and agree to the below information. This is included in the online registration process as well.**

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**By entering this event electronically you attest that you have read and agree with this entire Premium, including the following agreement:**

website: [www.AKC.org](http://www.AKC.org)

## **AGREEMENT**

I certify that I am the actual owner of the dog, or that I am the duly authorized agent of the actual owner whose name I have entered above. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, I (we) agree to abide by the rules and regulations of The American Kennel Club in effect at the time of this event, and any additional rules and regulation appearing in the premium list of this event and entry form and any decision made in accord with them. I (we) agree that the club holding this event has the right to refuse this entry for cause which the club shall deem sufficient. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry and of the holding of this event and of the opportunity to have the dog judged and to win prizes, ribbons, or trophies, I (we) agree to hold the AKC, the event-giving club, their members, directors, governors, officers, agents, superintendents or event secretary and the owner and/or lessor of the premises and any provider of services that are necessary to hold this event and any employees or volunteers of the aforementioned parties, and any AKC approved judge, judging at this event, harmless from any claim for loss or injury which may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person or thing by the act of this dog while in or about the event premises or grounds or near any entrance thereto, and I (we) personally assume all responsibility and liability for any such claim; and I (we) further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim for loss, injury or damage to this dog. Additionally, I (we) hereby assume the sole responsibility for and agree to indemnify, defend and save the aforementioned parties harmless from any and all loss and expense (including legal fees) by reason of the liability imposed by law upon any of the aforementioned parties for damage because of bodily injuries, including death at any time resulting therefrom, sustained by any person or persons, including myself (ourselves), or on account of damage to property, arising out of or in consequence of my (our) participation in this event, however such, injuries, death or property damage may be caused, and whether or not the same may have been caused or may be alleged to have been caused by the negligence of the aforementioned parties or any of their employees, agents, or any other persons. **I (WE) AGREE THAT ANY CAUSE OF ACTION, CONTROVERSY OR CLAIM ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO THE ENTRY, EXHIBITION OR ATTENDANCE AT THE EVENT BETWEEN THE AKC AND THE EVENT-GIVING CLUB (UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED IN THIS PREMIUM LIST) AND MYSELF (OURSELVES) OR AS TO THE CONSTRUCTION, INTERPRETATION AND EFFECT OF THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE SETTLED BY ARBITRATION PURSUANT TO THE APPLICABLE RULES OF THE AMERICAN ARBITRATION ASSOCIATION. HOWEVER, PRIOR TO ARBITRATION ALL APPLICABLE AKC BYLAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES MUST FIRST BE FOLLOWED AS SET FORTH IN THE AKC CHARTER AND BYLAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS, PUBLISHED POLICIES AND GUIDELINES.**