## **ENTRIES OPEN: WEDNESDAY JUNE 12, 2019 6:00 AM ENTRIES CLOSE: THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 2019 6:00 PM**

or when entry limit is reached.

Online Entries: http://sotc.coffeecup.com/FastCAT/

Entries accepted on a first-received basis

Entries received prior to opening date will be returned to sender.

Entries after event has filled will be placed on a Wait List/Stand-by list and will run if time is available.

#### PREMIUM LIST

# SYRACUSE OBEDIENCE TRAINING CLUB, INC.



(American Kennel Club Licensed)

## 6 AKC ALL BREED Fast CAT Events

This Event is Accepting Entries for All AKC-Recognized Breeds including All-American Dogs / Mixed Breeds

# Two Events Each Day Running CONCURRENTLY

Friday, August 23, 2019 Event # 2019257026 & # 2019257027 Entries Limited to 40 Dogs per Event - Starts at 1pm

Saturday, August 24, 2019 Event # 2019257028 & # 2019257029 Entries Limited to 80 Dogs per Event - Starts at 9am

**Sunday, August 25, 2019** Event # 2019257030 & # 2019257031 Entry Limited to 80 Dogs per Event - Starts at 9am

### PARK LOCATION

## Maxwell Park

6560 Badgley Road, East Syracuse, NY 13057



#### AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB CERTIFICATION

Permission is granted by the American Kennel Club for the holding of this event under American Kennel Club rules and regulations. Gina DiNardo, Secretary

SOTC Web Site: http://www.sotc.info

# TRIAL CHAIRMAN & EVENT SECRETARY

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#### **EVENT COMMITTEE**

Terri Botsford, Sue Eaton, Anne Colgan, Jenni Veator & Kelly Mueller

#### **WORKER COORDINATOR**

Sue Eaton, <a href="mailto:svinch@msn.com">svinch@msn.com</a> Home Phone: 315-677-5196

#### **Entry Information**

Online Entry form: <a href="https://sotc.coffeecup.com/FastCAT/">https://sotc.coffeecup.com/FastCAT/</a>

Mail In Entry form can use: http://images.akc.org/pdf/LureCoursing Entry.pdf

Entries are \$25 per dog per event which includes the \$3.50 AKC Event Fee. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: SOTC (Syracuse Obedience Training Club, Inc.) ENTRIES RECEIVED WITHOUT FEES, including online entries via PayPal, will not be accepted.

#### **ELIGIBILITY: DOGS ELIGIBLE TO ENTER**

This trial is open to all dogs twelve (12) months of age or older that are registered with the American Kennel Club or that have AKC Limited Registration, Purebred Alternative Listing/ Indefinite Listing Privileges (PAL/ILP) or an AKC Canine Partners listing number, or approved Foundation Stock Service (FSS) breeds. Mixed breed dogs that have been listed with AKC Canine Partners may participate provided their listing number has been recorded on the entry form.

Bitches in season, aggressive dogs, dogs that are blind or suffering from any deformity, injury, or illness which may affect their physical or mental performance, are not eligible to participate.

#### For information about local Motels click here and local Restaurants click here.

#### **House Keeping Items**

Beam Timers will be used; the course will be a continuous loop lure; the FAST CAT track and run-out will be fully fenced; and the length of the run-out area will be a minimum of 30 yards.

When held concurrently, a dog entered in both events in the same day, would be allowed to complete both runs in succession (back to back) without having to wait for one event to finish before the next can begin.

Since we will be running concurrently, a Flexible roll call/run schedule will be used. The entry form will ask your approximate hour that you wish to run your dog and we will do whatever we can to schedule you with in that hour. But please understand that 1) this is the first time we've tried something like this and 2) If everyone wants to run in the same hour, it will be impossible to schedule, and we'll have to spread the time out. A few days before the event we will post the running order and send emails to everyone with a link to the running order.

#### **PRIZES & AWARDS**

- Blue Qualifying Ribbons will be awarded to all dogs receiving qualifying scores.
- Placement Rosettes will be given for first through third place in each jump height for each event.
- ❖ Title Rosettes will be given for new titles. (Please indicate on the entry form what title your dog has the potential of earning at this event.)
- Qualifying and Title Ribbons can be picked up shortly after your dog has raced.
- Placement will be awarded with-in an hour after the last dog races each day or you can pick them up the next morning before racing begins.
- Dogs must qualify to be eligible for all prizes. Unclaimed prizes will not be mailed.

ANYONE CAUGHT NOT PICKING UP AFTER HIS/HER DOG WILL BE EXCUSED FROM THE REMAINDER OF THE TRIAL WITH NO REFUND. IT IS IMPORTANT TO SOTC, THAT ALL FACILITIES BE LEFT IN PRISTINE CONDITION SO THAT FUTURE EVENTS MAY BE HELD HERE.

#### **Directions**

#### From SOTC

From Deere Road, take NY 298 East go around the circle, take 2<sup>nd</sup> exit to stay on 298, Go about 1.9 miles and take a left on Schuyler Road, go about 1 mile and take left onto Badgley Road Go .2 miles and Maxwell Park will be on your right. Drive all the way to the back.

#### From 481 North

Take exit 8 for Northern Blvd
Take right on Northern Blvd
1/2 mile take left on to E Taft Rod
Go just over a mile, take right on Schuyler Road
.3 miles, take left onto Badgley Road
Maxwell Park will be .2 miles on your left
Drive all the way to the back.

#### From 481 South

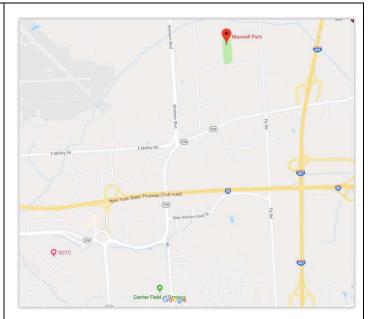
Take exit 7, then make a right on 298 going West
Take a right on Fly Road/298
Take a left on Schuyler Road
Go about .3 miles, take left onto Badgley Road
go about 1 miles and Maxwell Park will be on your
right.

Drive all the way to the back.

#### From 81

Take 481

Then follow the directions above from either 481 North or 481 South



#### From the Thruway/90 coming from the East

Take exit 34A to 481 North

Take exit 7, then make a right on 298 going West Take a right on Fly Road/298

Take a left on Schuyler Road

Go about 1 miles and Maxwell Park will be on your right.

Drive all the way to the back.

#### From the Thruway/90 coming from the West

Take Exit 35 to NY 298

Go around the circle to the 4<sup>th</sup> exit to 298 Go about 1.9 miles and take a left on Schuyler Road, go about 1 miles and Maxwell Park will be on your right.

Drive all the way to the back.

#### Some pointers for the owners/handlers:

- Fitness is fundamental. Dogs can become very stimulated by the sight of a moving lure and an unfit dog may push itself too hard for its overall conditioning level. Bring your dog trim, well-hydrated, with nails of acceptable length to the FAST CAT starting line. Owners of dogs which can have difficulty in extremely hot or cold conditions should use good judgment and not endanger their dogs by running in conditions for which it is not well suited according to its age, coat type, or breed type.
- Understand the rules. If you are unclear on any point, ask during the handler's meeting at the start of the event.
- Be prompt to the line. If exhibitors at a 60-dog event each take an extra minute to get to the line, the event runs an hour longer.
- Make sure that your dog has relieved itself prior to running.
- Though we will try to have SOTC Volunteers to help, please feel free to Volunteer to help. As FAST CAT, unlike CAT, requires both a releaser and a catcher, and we will have volunteers to help. But if you are by yourself or you have a dog that will need special assistance (very large dogs or those that get very excited waiting), offer to help others with this in exchange for help with running your dog. It's a great way to make a new friend!

#### AKC Rule, 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.

#### Safety

Lure coursing events are fun for dog and owner alike, but as a prey-driven activity which demands athletic exertion, there is always a concern for the safety of the dog. All decisions made concerning the running of a FAST CAT event should be based on what is safe for the dogs, participants, and spectators in accordance with AKC rules.

Dogs may run without a collar or wear any type of collar except choker collars, electronic training collars, prong collars or head collar. Collars should be snug. Hanging tags pose a safety concern and tags must be secured to the collar with tape. Dogs may run muzzled if desired. Clips or rubber bands may be used to keep long hair from falling across the dog's field of vision. Head halters, such as the Gentle Leader or Halti, may be used on the grounds but must not be worn while running the course.

Handlers are not permitted to run with a dog during an official run 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 its official run.

EXHIBITORS should follow their veterinarians' recommendations to assure their dogs are free of internal and external parasites and any communicable diseases and have appropriate vaccinations. New York State law requires that dogs aged four months and older be vaccinated against rabies.

VETERINARY SERVICE (On call)
Animal Emergency Center at VMC
5841 Bridge St # 200, East Syracuse, NY 13057
(315) 446-7933
www.vmccny.com

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE AKC FAST CAT RULE BOOK

#### **SECTION 5. EARNING POINTS.**

A. The dog's time to complete the 100-yard dash is converted into MPHs. Please see formula elsewhere in this Premium (Section 18 below) or on AKC.org.

B. 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" or greater = handicap is 1.0.
- 12" up to less than 18" = handicap is 1.5.
- Below 12" = handicap is 2.0. C. Points = mph multiplied by the dog's handicap

SECTION 6. TITLES. Titles are earned by accumulating points. The following titles will be awarded:

- BCAT = 150 Points;
- DCAT = 500 points;
- FCAT = 1,000 points; and
- FCAT followed by a number (e.g. FCAT2) for every additional 500 points.

These suffix titles will appear on a dog's pedigree, with a higher-level title superseding a lower level title.

SECTION 7. TOP 20 DOGS BY BREED BY YEAR. 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.

SECTION 11. HUNTMASTER. Because Fast CAT is a timed event, there is no judge. The huntmaster has control of the course. The Huntmaster's responsibilities are detailed in the Lure Coursing Regulations, Chapter 3, Section 5. In summary, the huntmaster is in charge of all dogs and handlers on the field, shall ensure handlers understand safe release and retrieval procedures, shall ensure the lure is properly positioned, shall ensure the lure operator, timers and starting line signal person are ready, shall signal the lure operator to start the lure and shall give the verbal signal "tallyho" to release the dog.

SECTION 12. INSPECTION COMMITTEE. An inspection committee consisting of at least two persons who shall inspect each entry for lameness, fitness to compete and females in season. 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. If necessary, the inspection committee is responsible for measuring dogs to determine their height at the withers.

SECTION 13. COLLARS/PARAPHERNALIA. Dogs may wear any type of collar except choker collars, a collar with prongs or an electronic training collar. The collar should be snug to minimize the chances of catching on something during the run. Tags hanging from the collar must be taped up. Owners may have their dog wear a muzzle if they desire. 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. S

SECTION 14. HANDLERS. Handlers are not permitted to run with a dog during an official run 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 its official run.

SECTION 17. POSTING OF RESULTS. Fast CAT event results will be posted on the AKC website and displayed in the Fast CAT – Top 20 Rankings.

SECTION 18. 100 YARD DASH TIME CONVERTED TO MILES PER HOUR. A dog's 100-yard dash time must be converted into MPH using the formula below, rounded to the nearest hundredth of a mile: Example: The dog's time is 8.14 seconds. 204.545 / 8.14 = 25.13 MPH Once the calculation is determined using the above formula, only then can rounding to the nearest hundredth take place.

#### MISC DETAILS

Owners or handlers entering dogs in the Trial do so at their own risk and thereby agree to assume responsibility for any damage caused by them, or by their dogs. They also agree to abide by the Rules of the American Kennel Club and these Regulations.

- All dogs must be on leash at all times except while racing. Dogs must be ready for racing, and owners or their
  agents are responsible for the presence of their dogs at the Paddock/Starting area when required. Huntmaster
  need not wait for any dog.
- Entry fees will not be refunded in the event that a dog is absent, disqualified, excused or barred from competition by action of the Trial Committee. Entry fees will not be refunded if the trial cannot open or be completed by reason of riots, civil disturbances, fire, an act of God, public emergency, act of a public enemy, or any other cause beyond the control of the organizing committee.
- REFUNDS: Requests for any refund must include the following required documentation:
  - o A copy of Veterinarian's note/certificate.
  - o A copy of the final confirmation of the dog for which a refund is requested.
  - Requests prior to the start of the trial can be scanned and sent via email to the trial secretary or via snail mail. Once the trial starts, documentation must be presented to the scoring table before the first run of the first day the dog is entered.
  - BIS: Any bitches in season with a Veterinary certificate, will be awarded a refund, less \$5.00 processing fee per day. Please notify secretary prior to the start of the trial.
  - o INJURED DOGS can get a 50% refund of entry fees. Required documentation must be supplied prior to the start of the trial.
  - SICK DOGS can get a 50% refund of entry fees. Any dog diagnosed, prior to the first day of the trial with kennel cough, K9 influenza or any other contagious disease and any other dog domiciled at the same residence, even if they are not yet affected, will receive a 50% refund if requested. Required documentation must be supplied prior to the start of the trial.
- No entry should be sent which requires a delivery signature. Entries received prior to the opening date will be returned to sender.
- Exhibitors are responsible for any errors in making out their entry forms. No entry fees shall be refunded in event of such errors or cancellations of entries after the trial closes.
- Acknowledgement of entries will be made as soon as possible by the secretary if you include an email address or stamped self-addressed envelope.
- Online entries are acknowledged immediately. If you do not receive an acknowledged email within an hour after submitting entry, check to make sure your PayPal payment went through and check your spam folder. After trying those things, contact the Trial Secretary.

#### **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.