Message to FCAT Exhibitors – October 2026

Thank you for entering the Tri-County Agility Club's Fast CAT! We can't wait to see you and your speed demons at Purina Farms. Here's everything you need to know:

Location: We will be at the Working Dog Field (down the hill from the Event Center). Ask the security gate attendant if unsure where to go.

> Purina Farms Event Center – Working Dog Field
> 300 Checkerboard Loop
> Gray Summit, MO 63039

Photos: Aaron Gold Photo will be on-site all days of our event – shooting from both ends. Find your dog mid-flight afterward at aarongoldphoto.pixieset.com.

Awards: Rosettes and a Purina gift for all new title earners (BCAT, DCAT, FCAT) will be available. We do have a special FCAT gift *while supplies last*. **Please be prepared to show proof of FCAT being earned at our event and note that the special gift will be limited to 1 per family.** Proof includes a printout or pulling up the AKC FCAT results for your dog and bringing any ribbons with times/points that have not yet been recorded by AKC. ***No proof needed or limit on dogs for ribbons and Purina gifts available for any title earned at our event.*** Please feel free to direct questions to the *Event Chair* (not the Event Secretary as she will be busy entering your runs). If you earn an **FCAT** at our event, please see Jamie, Event Chair, for the special prize. Qualifying ribbons, new title rosettes and Purina gift will be available at the Secretary/Ribbon tent.

Tips & Reminders

- **Parking:** There is plenty of off-street parking near the course. If this area is full, please park in the parking area just above the course. **Absolutely no parking on the grass (Purina's rule, not ours!).** If you need to leave your car running for the AC, you should park along the drive or another parking lot. **No engines may be left running in the small Fast CAT parking lot for our event.**

- Exhibitors are expected to keep the grounds neat and clean. Anyone witnessed not picking up after their dogs will be excused from the test with no refunds. Purina offers free poop bags and trash cans are available to dispose of bagged waste.

- **Check-In:** The first thing you need to do is to check in and have your dog inspected where you will receive a sticker with your dog's name on it. **This will need to be with the person releasing the dog.** You will receive a sticker each time you get inspected.
    - **As soon as you complete your first run, you can get your dog inspected for their second run, so you are ready when you are called. Dogs must be inspected before each run per AKC rules.**

- **Please bring someone with you to help release or catch your dog**. If you don't have someone with you, we will have a committee member available to help release. You can also buddy up with other participants who may need someone to release their dog. **Please do not wait for the last minute to let us know you need a releaser as you need time to get down the field to catch.** Please keep in mind that it is not the club's responsibility to have releasers available to release your dog, it is a courtesy.

- **Catchers:** Please walk outside the flagged course area – away from the course to not distract other dogs running. You can pick up your qualifying ribbon at the Secretary tent with your dog on the way back from your run. NEW TO OUR EVENT: We are working to have a golf cart to shuttle you down to the catch area!

- **Queue:** Dogs will be put in a queue with one dog on deck and 4 others ready to move up under the white pavilion. There will be chairs with numbers on them that we will have you stand by and move up as necessary. Once you are in this line, your catcher must be at the other end to ensure they are ready when your turn comes up. If your catcher is not ready, we will move onto the next dog that is ready and put you

back in line when your catcher is ready.

Please do not congregate under the pavilion unless your name has been called by our Paddock Master – there is a lot of energy and excitement there that we like the dogs to have space. We've asked Purina to provide another tent for additional shade off the side of the pavilion to provide additional shade/cover.

- **Leashes & Collars:** You will need **2 leashes** - one at the start on your dog, and the other for the end of the run to catch your dog. It is recommended that dogs run in flat collars (*or naked – dogs, not you!*). Dogs MAY NOT run the course in a harness OR any type of collar that has a "choke" component (including martingales) - you CAN bring them to the line in these. Per AKC rules, choke collars, e-collars and prong collars are not allowed. This includes hidden prong collars.

- **No bribery mid-run:** toys/treats/noisemakers wait until your dog crosses the finish. Cheering is always fair game. If your releaser or catcher crosses the timers, that's an NQ.

- **After the run:** Leash up and clear the course quickly — the lure can't reset until the field's empty. Let your dog run its course past you (don't try to stop the chase!); we've got backup bunnies.

- **Ribbons:** Your qualifying ribbons will be ready at our secretary's tent as you head back from the catch area. New title ribbons and Purina prizes will be located there as well.

- **Weather:** It's St. Louis, so … who knows! We'll have a tent for shade or rain cover. FCAT runs rain or shine; if lightning shows up, our lure master pauses runs until it's safe.

We want fast, safe, fun runs for everyone — flag down any committee member if you need us.

Tally-ho!
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