



# FastCAT events with Golden Retriever Club of the Ozarks

Saturday, September 6, 2025 Trial 1 # 2025722811

Saturday, September 6, 2025 Trial 2 # 2025722812

Sunday, September 7, 2025 Trial 3 # 2025722813

Sunday, September 7, 2025 Trial 4 # 2025722814



**Permission has been granted by the American Kennel Club for the holding of this event  
under American Kennel Club Rules & Regulations.**

**Gina M. DiNardo, Executive Secretary**

**Location: Springfield Family Dog Training**

9248 W. Hedge Tree Lane, Springfield, MO 65802

**Entries will be accepted online only at**

<https://www.eagerdog.com/e/8kjrj8>

**Entries open Monday, June 16, 2025, at 8:00 am.**

**Entries close Friday, August 22, 2025, at 5:00 pm.**

Same day events will be held concurrently.

The fee is \$25 per run. A processing fee will be added to each run for online registration.

This is a pre-entry only event. **No day of entries will be accepted**

All dogs must be at least one year of age to compete in an AKC Fast CAT event.

All dogs entering events will need an AKC number, PAL/ILP or Canine Partner Number.

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**The FastCAT course** is in a completely woven wire-fenced field. The track itself is fenced with 5' woven wire on one side and 5' construction safety fencing secured at the ground on the other side and ends. It is a natural grass surface with a 40 yd runout. A continuous loop lure will be used along with a white plastic strip. NO SQUAWKERS will be allowed. Electronic beam timers will be used.

**Trial Hours:** Grounds will open at 7 am and close 30 minutes after last dog runs. The Exhibitor Briefing will be at 7:50 am each day.

**Inspections and Check-ins** begin at 7:30 am. Early acceptance of dogs of the event committee and volunteers may begin one hour prior to published start times. Early acceptance of other entered dogs may occur based on weather conditions, and for heavy coated breeds and brachycephalic breeds.

**Time blocks** for the trial will be 8:00 am – 9:30 am, 9:30 am – 11:00, 11:00 am to 12:30 and 12:30 pm to end of the event. Please check in by your block's **start** time. You must be checked in by 12:30 pm or you will forfeit your runs for that day. The running order will be first come, first serve within your time block. The option to run earlier is at Huntmaster's discretion. You may run again as quickly as you would like after the first run. Keep in mind, however, many dogs should be rested for 30 minutes between runs. If excessive heat causes the event to start early it will be posted on the GRCO Facebook page. Please plan to arrive earlier if at all possible in this circumstance to get runs in before the heat of the day.

**Releasing & Catching** Please remember that dogs need to be released and caught by 2 different people. Volunteers from GRCO may be available to help with either task, but it is best if you can make these arrangements yourself prior to the event. If you will need help with your dog please let someone know at check-in.

**Inspection:** AKC rules require an inspection prior to each run to evaluate if the dog is injured or in heat. Any dog that cannot be examined by the inspection committee will be excused and a refund will not be issued. No wrappings or blankets can be on the dog when being inspected. The inspection committee has the right to decline a dog if they feel it is too overweight or unfit to compete. If you notice that your dog is limping or showing signs of distress at the event, you should not run them. If a dog shows injury at the event the entry will be refunded.

**Trial Prizes** A light blue flat ribbon will be offered for a passing qualifying run. New Title Rosettes will be available for a dog earning a new title. (Please let us know if an FCAT may be earned, and what level.)

**Collars & Leashes:** All rules governing an AKC event are in effect. No dogs are permitted to have prong collars, choke collars, or electronic collars on the track or on the grounds where the trial is being held. No tags or other objects can be attached to the collar unless they are taped up out of the way. No flexi-leads are allowed to be used anywhere near the run area.

**The Huntmaster** is responsible for field safety and therefore they are in complete charge of all dogs and handlers on the field. In service to this responsibility, they have the authority to stop the lure in any potentially dangerous situation and signal the handler to retrieve the dog on the course. **Listen to the Huntmaster** and follow their instructions promptly and swiftly.

Handlers are advised to warm up their dogs prior to their run and walk them for 5-10 minutes afterwards. Dogs will be brought to the start line on leash and released only upon a verbal signal ("Tally- Ho!") from the Huntmaster.

**Aggressive Dogs** You are responsible for controlling your dog(s). If your dog(s) are not under control, you may be asked to leave the field. Any dog exhibiting aggression towards any person will be asked to leave immediately and a refund will not be issued. In this event, an aggressive dog form may be filled out and submitted to AKC.

**Loose Dogs** There will be a \$5 fee assessed for any loose dog on the field that is not competing. Please respect the areas marked to be kept free of dogs. Please keep a hold of your dogs or put them up somewhere safe between runs. There is a lot of excitement with other dogs barking and the bunny running. As a courtesy to other entrants, a testing dog should have a reliable recall. A penalty of \$5.00 may be assessed for any dog causing an excessive delay of the event if it cannot be recalled or retrieved in a timely manner.

**Veterinarian On Call:** VETERINARY EMERGENCY CLINIC OF SW MO, 400 S Glenstone Ave Springfield, MO 65802, 417-890-1600:

**Fire/ Ambulance/Police** Greene County Sheriff - 911, Mercy Hospital –1235 E Cherokee St. Springfield, MO 65804, (417) 820-2000, Cox Hospital 3801 S. National, Springfield, 65807

**Event Site** Owners/handlers must clean up after their dogs and themselves. No exceptions. Trash containers will be available. These are rain-or-shine outdoor events. Please plan accordingly. Bring your own shade, chairs, water and food for you and your dog(s). There will be water and a restroom available onsite. There is an air-conditioned indoor space available for cool down but space for extended crating indoors is limited. Weather is always a factor with outdoor dog sports. **Please check the GRCO Facebook page** prior to coming out to get cancellation notifications when weather might be a factor or other important event information that comes up unexpectedly such as excessive heat causing the event to start early. Please plan to arrive earlier than your chosen time block if it is posted the event has started early if possible. If the event is canceled, it will be at the discretion of the club whether entries will be refunded.

**Concessions** Bottled water will be available but there will be no food concessions.

**Photographer** The event photographer is Above Par Photography (AboveParPhotography.net)

**Conduct** GRCO is a new club, and new to hosting FCAT events. Your patience is appreciated. **Be nice to the volunteers!** GRCO members, representatives, and volunteers and Springfield Family Dog Training assume no liability or responsibility for any loss, damage or injury sustained by exhibitors, handlers, or to any of their dogs or property and further assume no responsibility for injury to children or spectators before, during, or after this event. Uncontrolled children or persons exhibiting conduct detrimental to the AKC/GCRO or any dog(s)/other person(s) will be asked to leave the trial site by the Field Committee. A bench committee may be called, and the person may be disciplined by the AKC, including a fine and/or suspension. Entry fees will not be refunded.

**REFUNDS** Refunds will not be issued if a dog is pulled, or entries are canceled after the closing date or during the event. Refunds will only be issued for lame or in season dogs/bitches. No entry fees will be refunded if the event cannot be started or completed because of riots, civil disturbances, fire, extreme and/or dangerous weather conditions, an act of God, public emergency, act of a public enemy, strikes or any other cause beyond the control of the club.

**Leashes/Crates** All dogs must be held on a leash or confined to a crate except when competing. Dogs must be on a leash while being exercised. Dogs must be removed from the test grounds immediately following the end of the test. Please be respectful.

**Dogs in Vehicles:** The Club reserves the right to remove any dog that appears, in the opinion of any member of the Event Committees, to be in distress in a parked vehicle or in a crate.

**Directions:** From I-44 take exit 67 (Highway N, T exit) to south on SSR N, turn right (west) on Hedge Tree Lane. Springfield Family Dog Training is the only property on the south (left) side of the road.

Some nearby hotels that accept dogs:

AmericInn by Wyndham  
(4.7 mi or 8 minutes)  
\$15 pet fee per night covers  
all dogs  
950 N. Austin Lane  
Republic, MO 65738  
417-233-1092

Red Roof Inn  
(15 mi or 17 minutes)  
1 dog free, 2<sup>nd</sup> dog \$15/night  
3125 N. Kentwood  
Springfield, MO 65803  
417-833-1500

La Quinta  
(10 mi or 12 minutes)  
\$25 fee covers 2 pets for the  
entire stay  
2445 N. Airport Plaza,  
Springfield, MO 65802  
417-708-6553

**FAST CAT** is a timed straight 100 yard dash for dogs. Dogs are held at the start line and the coursing lure is activated prompting the dog to follow and chasing it to the finish line and into the catch pen area. The course is completely fenced and dogs run individually. Dogs are timed when they complete the 100 yard dash. The time is converted to Miles Per Hour (MPH)

Formula:  $204.545 / \text{run time} = \text{MPH}$   
 $\text{MPH} \times \text{HANDICAP} = \text{POINTS}$  (ROUNDED TO THE NEAREST 0.01)  
Based on the dog's size at the withers, a handicap is applied and points are earned.

- 18" or greater = Handicap is 1.0
  - 12" up to 18" = Handicap is 1.5
  - Below 12" = Handicap is 2.0
- $\text{MPH} \times \text{HANDICAP} = \text{POINTS}$

Titles are earned at specific point levels and the highest suffix may appear after the dog's name:

BCAT = 150 POINTS

DCAT = 500 POINTS FCAT = 1,000 POINTS

FCAT - EACH ADDITIONAL 500 POINTS

According to AKC Rules: Handlers are NOT ALLOWED 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. NO Mechanical devices including whistles, horns, bull horns or toys including waving of objects to lure the dog to the finish line. You MAY CHEER and use the dog's name ONLY.