

ONLINE ENTRY PREFERRED: <https://witallyho.wufoo.com/forms/mascusa-fcat/>

## AKC Fast Coursing Ability Tests

All-Breed and All American (Mixed Breed Dogs)

**November 8-9, 2023**

Test 1: Wednesday, Event # 2023701968

Test 2: Wednesday, Event # 2023701969

Test 3: Thursday, Event # 2023701970

Test 4: Thursday, Event # 2023701971

## Miniature American Shepherd Club of the USA

# MASCUSA



## *2023 National Specialty*

(Licensed by the American Kennel Club)

### EVENT LOCATION

#### Purina Farms

500 William Danforth Way

Gray Summit, MO 63039

**Entries open August 1, 2023**

**Priority will be given to MAS until September 1, 2023.**

**Test Hours:** Visual Inspection begin at 7:45 am.

Runs begin at 8 am and 1 pm until all runs are completed.

Each test limited to 150 entries

Day of event entries accepted as space allows. Tests will run concurrently each day.

**PRE-ENTRIES CLOSE Monday, October 9, 2022, at 5:00 AM** at the Event

Secretary's address or when numerical limits are reached. Late entries will be accepted with a late entry fee of \$5.00 per entry if numerical limits have not been reached by pre-entry closing date.

Entries WILL be accepted for All American Dogs listed in the AKC Canine Partners Program after 9/1/23

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



## ENTRY FEES

Pre-Entry received by closing date ( <b>October 9, 2023</b> )	\$25.00 per dog per test
Late entries & Day of Event (until limit is met)	\$30.00 per dog per test
Junior Handler	\$12.50 per dog per test

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

**ENTRIES OPEN** August 1, 2023 for Miniature American Shepherds only. On September 1, 2023 the events will open to All other breeds, including mixed breed dogs. Entries for non-MAS received before September 1, 2023 will be waitlisted.

**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".

**NOT REGISTERED WITH AKC:** You can register your dog through the AKC Canine Partners program the day of event. Breed will be marked as "All American Dog." Please contact the Event Secretary for more details. Qualified runs during the weekend will be counted toward your title.

**PRE-ENTRIES CLOSE** at the Event Secretary's address Monday, 9:00 pm on October 9, 2023, unless the numerical limit is reached prior to the date. After which time, entries will not be accepted, canceled, altered, or substituted. **Phone, email and fax entries will NOT be accepted.**

### **MAKE ALL CHECKS/MONEY ORDERS PAYABLE TO: MASCUSA**

Canadian exhibitors must make fees payable in U.S. funds. Exhibitors whose checks are returned for NSF will be assessed a \$20.00 service fee. Subsequent returned checks from the same exhibitor may result in their being put on a cash only basis. Entries will not be accepted if received without a signature or entry fees. An official American Kennel Club Entry Form must be used. Telephone entries cannot be accepted. No entry will be accepted which is made subject to conditions. Postdated and returned checks do not constitute a valid entry fee.

### **MAIL FEES AND ENTRIES TO EVENT SECRETARY:**

**Morgan Dart, MAS  
N3694 State Rd 73  
Wautoma, WI 54982  
(262)510-1861  
WITallyHo@gmail.com**

**PLEASE NOTE:** If entry is sent via next day air service (UPS), Airborne Express, Federal Express, Express Mail, etc., please indicate that no signature is necessary upon arrival or entry may not be accepted.

**ONLINE ENTRY:** Entries may also be accepted by filling out the Online Entry Form. Payment can be made directly through the entry form or a check can be mailed after completing the form. The form can be found at: <https://witallyho.wufoo.com/forms/mascusa-fcat/>

**EMAILED ENTRIES:** Emailed entries will not be accepted, please use the link above to enter electronically.

**ENTRY FEES SHALL NOT BE REFUNDED** if a dog is absent, disqualified, excused by veterinarian or judge, or barred from competition by action of the Event Committee. If, because of riots, civil disturbance, or other acts beyond the control of the test-giving Club, it is impossible to open or complete the Test, no refund of entry fees will be made.

**REFUNDS WILL BE MADE** if, in the opinion of the Inspection Committee, for any entry found to be lame, unfit to compete, a female in season or for any other reason found to be barred from competition according to regulations governing this event. Refunds for bitches in season will be refunded less \$3.50 per run if requests are submitted to the Field Secretary at least 30 minutes prior to the start of judging for the day.

**RUN ORDER:** Upon processing of signed entries and entry fees, a confirmation will be emailed to exhibitors. Run order will be assigned 5 days before the event, the trial secretary will send a run order out to all exhibitors via the email to which entry confirmation has been sent.

#### **RIBBON PRIZES**

A Light Blue Ribbon will be awarded to each dog receiving a qualifying score. Special larger ribbons/rosettes will be awarded for dogs completing advanced titles. ***Please advise the Event Secretary if you expect to earn a title above FCAT so that an award is ready if you are successful.***

**Lure Operator** Lure operation services will be provided by Fast & Fun, LLC, the course will be fenced by Purina Farms. The lure will be a drag lure made of plastic or a squawker (weather and course permitting).

#### **Special Awards:**

Special awards for Miniature American Shepherds:

Fastest Miniature American Shepherd -- Custom Leash

Fastest Miniature American Shepherd -- Junior Handler Team -- Custom Leash

#### **Directions to Show Site**

##### **From St. Louis or Springfield, MO**

Take I-44 to the Gray Summit exit (Highway 100). Go north and follow Hwy 100 until you spot Hwy MM and the Purina Farms sign (approximately 1/2 mile). Turn left onto Hwy. MM. Drive about one mile until you reach the Purina Farms Visitor's Center on your left. Turn left into Purina and pass thru the security checkpoint. Follow the signs to the field.

##### **From Kansas City**

Take I-70 east to the Warrenton exit at Hwy. 47. Go south on Hwy. 47 for approximately 25 miles until you reach Hwy. 100 in Washington. Turn left onto Hwy. 100 and continue to I-44 (approximately 10 miles). Go east on I-44. Follow the directions above from Springfield.

#### **Veterinarian Information**

**SHOW VETERINARIAN (ON CALL)** • 636-239-5445 Washington Veterinary Clinic • Dr.

John Stoltz DVM 5585 E Highway 100, Washington, MO 63090 Monday- Thursday:

8:00AM - 7:00PM • Friday and Saturday: 8:00AM - 1:00PM

**Directions to Washington Veterinary Clinic** Take I-44 to Exit 254 (Highway 100). Go west on Hwy 100 for 8½ miles. At Stop Light (Target on Left) turn right onto Brookview Dr. then immediate right into gravel driveway. Clinic sign on driveway.

**24 HOUR EMERGENCY CLINIC** • 636-227-6100 Veterinary Specialty Services – 1021

Howard George Drive, Manchester, MO 63021 Please Call Ahead

**Directions to Veterinary Specialty Services.** Leaving Purina turn right MM, to right on Manchester/ Hwy 100 - turn left on to Hwy 44 east. Take exit 272 from Hwy 44 to north on Hwy 141, take right on Howard George Dr/S Outer Rd in Manchester, 1021 Howard George Dr, will be on the left. 27 min.

#### **Accommodations That Will Accept Dogs**

***Hotel policies may have changed toward dogs, so please verify current policies.***

**Pinemark**, 866 S Outer Road, St Clair, MO 63077 (I-44, Exit 240) 636-629-1000

Inform the Front Desk – group code “b507759”

No Pet Fee – No limit of pets; Breakfast included; Fenced dog exercise area

**Comfort Inn**, 1320 Thornton St, Pacific, MO 63069 (I-44, Exit 257) 636-257-4600

Limit 4 dogs per room

**Eureka EconoLodge**, 1725 West Fifth St, Eureka, MO 63025 (I-44, Exit 261) 800-553-2666, 636-938-5348

**Eureka Super 8**, 1744 West Fifth St, Eureka, MO 63025 (I-44, Exit 261) 636-938-4368  
**Quality Inn**, 1400 West Osage St, Pacific, MO 63069 (I-44, Exit 257) 636-257-8400  
**Drury Inn**, I-44 and Hwy 141, Valley Park, MO 63088 (I-44, Exit 272) 800-378-7946, 636-861-8300  
**Super 8 St Clair**, 1010 S Outer Road St, St Clair, MO 63077 (I-44, Exit 240) 800-800-8000, 636-629-8080  
 NOTE: Some motels may charge a pet fee or have limits on size.

***Please clean up after your dogs, so all dogs will be welcome in the future!***

### Test Schedule

Event	Hours	Entry Close	Inspection	Start of Runs
Wednesday FCAT Test 1	8 am to finish	End of test or at limit	7:45 am to end of test	8:00 am
Wednesday FCAT Test 2	Concurrent	End of test or at limit	Prior to run	Concurrent
Thursday FCAT Test 3	8 am to finish	End of test or at limit	7:45 am to end of test	8:00 am
Thursday FCAT Test 4	Concurrent	End of test or at limit	Prior to run	Concurrent

- All handlers must have dogs inspected prior to EACH trial.
- Dogs are assigned a running order after entries are received. If you are late for your run time, you will be moved to the end of the run order.
- Note that upon receipt of signed entries and entry fees, a confirmation will be emailed to exhibitors.
- Any dog that is not present by the time the test ends will be considered absent.

**Note:** The speed of the Top 20 fastest dogs of each breed will be posted on the American Kennel Club website ([https://www.apps.akc.org/apps/fastcat\\_ranking/](https://www.apps.akc.org/apps/fastcat_ranking/)). Please check the AKC website to see how your dog compares with other dogs in your breed.

AKC Rules, Regulations, Policies and Guidelines are available on the American Kennel Club Web site, [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org)

### MASCUSA Officers

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### SHOW COMMITTEE

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And Officers and Members of the Board of Directors as listed above and any MASCUSA Members present.

#### **COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS**

Catalog .....Erin Skoog  
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Hospitality .....Tina Winston, Louella Pence, Cheryl Nakakura, Patricia Adams, Cindy Weight-Carter  
Genetics Education.....Shawna Cook  
Gala .....Karen Pence & Tina Winston  
Grooming Reservations ..... Tina Winston  
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Souvenir, Logo, Catalog Sales .....Tina Winston & Karen Pence  
Showcase Events.....Karen Pence

**CGC and Trick Dog Testing will be available throughout the week. Signup sheets and additional information will be posted at the Hospitality Table.**

**To enter the Most Versatile miniature American Shepherd Competition**

**<https://forms.gle/cZFc9wkhrcsQ3fvK6>**

**To enterer the Ultimate Miniature American Shepherd Competition**

**<https://forms.gle/iFmCbQSnhs55cGnW9>**

**For Reserved Grooming and Gala Tickets**

**<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2023-mascusa-national-tickets-665442184487?aff=oddtcreator>**

**For more information, please visit:**

**[www.mascusanationals.com](http://www.mascusanationals.com)**

## **Purina Farms Overnight Camping Reservation Request Form**

Thank you for requesting an overnight camping space in one of the Purina Farms designated RV lots. Our RV Engagement Specialist will respond back to your reservation request within 5-7 business days to let you know whether your reservation is confirmed. Reservations are taken on a first-come; first-served basis and are assigned based on length of equipment (rig) and space availability. If confirmed, you will receive an emailed confirmation and instructions on how to pay for your space. Full payment must be received before the space can be confirmed and finalized.

Purina Farms offers 2 different RV lots on property. The Full Service Purina Event Center RV lot offers 30 and 50 amp electric, water and sewer. The Electric Only Main Show Field RV lot offers 30 and 50 amp electric.

Any RVs bigger than 50' must reserve a spot in the full-service Purina Event Center lot. Max size of RV on property is 55'. Tow vehicles are not factored into the length of the spaces as they must be unhooked.

**Spaces are refundable if cancelled more than 3 days out from the arrival date listed on the reservation confirmation. Otherwise, no refunds will be given. Spaces are non-transferable.**

Please note that RV reservations are only accepted for those entered (or those who have dogs/cats entered) in an event that has contracted space, which includes the overnight camping lots.

**The Purina Farms RV lots are only open to vehicles specifically designed with overnight sleeping accommodations including motorhomes, fifth wheels and travel trailers.**

Quiet time in the RV area is from 11:00PM to 6:00AM.

**If you have an RV rental, you must ensure that the RV is dropped off and picked up in accordance with your reservation dates and times. Plan accordingly with the supplier.**

Contact us at [rvparking@purina.nestle.com](mailto:rvparking@purina.nestle.com) or (866) 979-2488 with any questions about overnight camping in the Purina Farms RV lots.

In case of emergency while on-site at Purina Farms, please call Site Security at 314-982-2222 or 911 and then Site Security depending on the nature of the emergency. For non-emergencies, contact Site Security at 636-221-1428. A blue light call box is located near the South doors of the Purina Event Center if needed.

Any false or inaccurate information provided when booking a reservation will result in the reservation being null and void with no refunds given.

**Please see overall overnight camping guidelines - <https://www.purina.com/purina-farms-overnight-camping-guidelines>**

See the Purina Farms map featuring the locations of the 2 RV lots on property - <https://www.purina.com/purina-farms-property-map-rv>

See the Full-Service Purina Event Center RV Lot - <https://www.purina.com/sites/g/files/auxxlc196/files/2021-02/Purina-RV.PDF>

See the Electric-only Main Show Field RV Lot - <https://www.purina.com/sites/g/files/auxxlc196/files/2017-09/Overflow%20RV%20Lot.pdf>

View general guest rules - <https://www.purina.com/purina-farms-guest-rules>

**The first night of your overnight camping reservations for the Miniature American Shepherd Club of the USA must start no earlier than November 3, 2023 and must end by 10a.m. on November 12, 2023. RV reservations on the nights of November 3, 4 and 5 will be in the Electric Only Main Show Field RV Lot and guests can then move to the Full Service Event Center RV Lot on November 6 after 10am. Please email\*\* this request form to [rvparking@purina.nestle.com](mailto:rvparking@purina.nestle.com) All requests must be RECEIVED by October 20, 2023 in order to be considered.**

**Water is not available in the Full Service Purina Event Center RV lot during this event**, subsequently the reduced nightly charge is \$35/night in the Full Service Purina Event Center Lot\* and \$25 in the Electric Only Main Show Field RV Lot. Full payment by credit card must be received before the space can be confirmed and finalized.

- Check-in time is 3p.m. on the arrival date shown on your reservation confirmation • Check-out time is 6p.m. if you depart November 11, 2023
- Check-out time is 10a.m. if you depart November 12, 2023

\* Water is not available in the Full-Service Purina Event Center RV lot from approximately November 1 through April 14. Due to this, the nightly fee in this lot will be reduced by \$5.

\*\*Emailed requests are preferred. If mailing, send the request to "Purina Event Center, ATTN: RV engagement specialist, 300 Checkerboard Loop, Gray Summit, MO 63039"

Contact us at [rvparking@purina.nestle.com](mailto:rvparking@purina.nestle.com) or (866) 979-2488 with any questions about overnight camping in the Purina Farms RV lots.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Event Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

**Miniature American Shepherd Club** (or list here if other) \_\_\_\_\_ Type of Vehicle  
(motorhome, travel trailer, fifth wheel) \_\_\_\_\_ Length of  
Vehicle/Equipment (unhooked) \_\_\_\_\_ RV License Plate #  
and State \_\_\_\_\_ Rental or  
Owned \_\_\_\_\_ If rented, name of  
the supplier (*Rental units must be picked up/dropped in accordance with reservation dates*)

Requested date of arrival \_\_\_\_\_ (can arrive starting at 3p.m. on this day)

Requested date of departure \_\_\_\_\_

# of nights requested \_\_\_\_\_

**Lot requested (please put an X next to your preference below)**

Full Service Event Center RV Lot \_\_\_\_\_ Electric Only Main Show Field RV Lot \_\_\_\_\_

## 2023 MASCUSA National Official Photographers

Please note: MASCUSA is not responsible for any photographer who is not listed below as being under contract with MASCUSA.

### All Performance Events



**Aaron Gold Photo**  
**Performance Event Photographer**  
<https://AaronGoldPhoto.pixieset.com>  
[AaronGoldPhoto@gmail.com](mailto:AaronGoldPhoto@gmail.com)  
**618.954.9292**

### FREELANCE PHOTOGRAPHY

by any other person(s) or company for commercial purposes or distribution of any kind is strictly prohibited, except with the express permission of the official Photographers and the Show Chair. Written request must be received by the Show Chair prior to October 4, 2023, NO EXCEPTIONS. Photography using iPhones, Android phones, tablets, iPads or other handheld devices only for strictly personal, non-commercial purposes, is permitted.

The invitation card has a dark teal background with gold text and decorative elements. At the top, there is a gold silhouette of a dog and a puppy walking. The main text reads 'YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO THE 2023 MASCUSA NATIONAL SPECIALTY SHOWCASE'. Below this, a list of 'TICKETS INCLUDE:' is provided. To the right, there are two gold dog silhouettes flanking a circular logo for the 'NORTH AMERICAN SHEPHERD CLUB OF THE USA, INC.' which features a dog's head and an American flag. Below the dog silhouettes, there is a note about formal clothing and a mention of a Tuesday Agility showcase. At the bottom right, there is a section for 'TO PURCHASE TICKETS:' with a URL and a phone number. The card is framed by gold decorative corner pieces and a border.

## YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO THE 2023 MASCUSA NATIONAL SPECIALTY SHOWCASE

### TICKETS INCLUDE:

Dinner  
People's Choice Award Ballot  
Step and Repeat Photos  
Live Auctions  
Rally and Obedience Showcase  
Top 20 Showcase  
Top 10 Owner Handled Showcase  
Junior Awards  
MASCUSA Awards Presentation



*Guests are asked to wear formal clothing or follow the 1920s theme.*

*Please also consider attending the Tuesday Agility showcase!*

### TO PURCHASE TICKETS:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2023-mascusa-national-tickets-665442184487>



# 2023 MASCUSA NATIONAL SCHEDULE

## SATURDAY NOV 4

9:00 AM Herding Herding Complex  
*Judges: Carrie Sparks, CO and Roy Sage, OR*

## SUNDAY NOV 5

9:00 AM Herding Herding Complex  
*Judges Roy Sage, OR and Debbie George, MO*

10:00 AM Farm Dog Service Center

## MONDAY NOV 6

9:00 AM Agility -- 2023701927 Event Center  
*Judge Christine Bishop, FL*

8:00 AM Scent Work Trials (2 trials) Various Locations

5:00 PM Grooming Opens -- Overnight dogs must have crate tags

6:00 PM Seminar -- All things genetics Location TBD

## TUESDAY NOV 7

8:00 AM agility -- MAS Only Event Center  
*Judge Christine Bishop, FL*

8:00 AM ATT Testing Event Center

3:00 PM Conformation Event Center

*Judge -- Vicky Sandage DVM*

*following agility trial* Agility Showcase

## WEDNESDAY NOV 8

8:00 AM Fast Cat Working Dog Field

8:00 AM UpDog Event Center

9:00 AM Obedience (1 trial) Event Center

Rally (1 trial) Event Center

*Judge Fred Buroff, IL*

3:30 PM Judging for Top 20/Top 10 OH Event Center

6:00 PM Showcase Night/Auction Founders Room  
*Tickets Required*

## THURSDAY NOV 9

8:00 AM Fast Cat Working Dog Field

9:00 AM Obedience and Rally (1 trial of each) Event Center

*Judge James Comunale, MO*

3:00 PM Conformation Show

*Judge Fred Bassett, OK*

## FRIDAY NOV 10

9:00 AM Sweeps and Special Classes Event Center  
*Judges Robin Hug & Jan Siegler*

12:00 PM Judges Education Seminar Founders Room

1 hour after completion Membership Meeting Location TBD

## SATURDAY NOV 11

9:00 AM National Conformation Event Center  
*Judge Sulie Greendale-Paveza*

CGC and Trick Dog Testing will be available on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday

## Miniature American Shepherd Club of the USA

**Leashes:** Retractable leads are not permitted on the test site. Exercise your dog(s) only in posted areas and clean up after them. Exhibitors must always exercise control over their children while on the event grounds. No private gasoline or diesel generators are permitted inside of any building or within 100 feet of any tent or the test run.

**Assumption of Risk:** By entering this event, exhibitors certify that they have read and understand and agree to the Agreement that is a part of the entry form. The Club assumes no responsibility for any loss, damage or injury sustained by exhibitors. Neither the Event Committee nor the Club will be responsible for the loss or damage to any dog on the ground, whether, as a result of an accident, or any other cause. It is clearly understood that every dog entered in the event is in the care, custody and control of its owner or handler during the entire time the dog is on the premises. Exhibitors, owners, and agents assume all responsibility for dogs and equipment on the site. (See Agreement on entry form.)

**Errors on Entries:** Owners are responsible for the accuracy of the information required on the entry forms.

**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.

**Conduct:** It is expressly understood that all owners/agents/handlers are solely responsible for the behavior of their dogs and/or children. Any person(s) whose dog and/or children create unnecessary disturbance or repeatedly engage in unsafe or disruptive behavior may, at the discretion of the Event Committee, be asked to leave the test site. In such case no refund of any fees/monies paid will be made. All Owners/agents/exhibitors and other persons attending these events hereby waive any claim against the Club or its agents, or any losses, damages, or injuries affecting self, dog, children, or personal property.

**Leashes/Crates:** All dogs must be held on a leash or confined to a crate except when competing. Dogs must be on a leash when being exercised. Crating is not permitted within 10 feet of the ring gates. 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.

**Cleanup:** Please keep the grounds clean by picking up after yourself and your dog. Dispose of "poop" bags in the provided trash containers. Please keep your crating area, the test site, grounds, and fair grounds clean so we may continue to be welcomed at these facilities.

**Warm-ups and training** should be conducted in a sportsman-like manner to your dog, other dogs, and competitors.

**Inspections:** Please line up by the cones. Move up accordingly. Female dogs: Handler will pull either a Napkin/Kleenex from dispenser provided, swipe dog in front of inspector and show results to the inspector. Handler should throw tissue away in the garbage can provided. Gait will then be checked by inspector for all dogs.

**Walking the course:** Walking the course ahead of a competition run will be permitted only at the discretion of the Huntmaster. The decision will be based upon the number of dogs entered into the test and availability in the run order.

**Vaccinations:** Exhibitors should follow their veterinarians' recommendation to assure their dogs are free of internal and external parasites, communicable diseases, and have appropriate vaccinations.

**COVID PROCEDURES:** Suggested Best Practices for Fast CAT, as recommended by the AKC, will be followed. The Event Committee reserves the right to make changes to Covid procedures up until the day of the trials. Any changes to these practices will be communicated with the run order.

## Basic Information About AKC Fast Cat

- 1) 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.
- 2) Dogs run singularly.

### How are Fast CAT Points and Titles Awarded?

- 1) The dog's time to complete the 100-yard dash is converted into miles per hour (MPH).
- 2) 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.
  - a) 18 inches or greater = handicap of 1.0
  - b) 12 inches to less than 18 inches = handicap of 1.5
  - c) Below 12 inches = handicap of 2.0
- 3) Points = MPH multiplied by the dog's handicap
- 4) Fast CAT titles are suffix titles earned at designated milestones.

BCAT = 150 points	DCAT = 500 points	FCAT = 1,000 points
FCAT2 = 1,500 points	FCAT# = every additional 500 points	
- 5) The top 20 fastest dogs by breed are published on the AKC website. ([https://www.apps.akc.org/apps/fastcat\\_ranking/](https://www.apps.akc.org/apps/fastcat_ranking/))

### Course and Equipment

- 1) **Safety:** Safety is of 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.
- 2) **The Finish:** The Clubs must provide enough room for a safe run-out area and will attempt to use a minimum of 30 yards. 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 Clubs will attempt to provide assistance at the end of the course to collect the dogs if the owner requests it.
- 3) **Timing Devices:** The Clubs will use electronic timers. The time to complete the 100-yard dash is recorded to the nearest 1/100th of a second. The time starts when any part of the dog breaks the electronic beam at 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.
- 4) **Lure Equipment:** The Club uses a drag line system.
- 5) **Lure:** A white plastic bag or a squawker may be used for the lure.
- 6) The **Huntmaster** has control of the course. 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.

### General

1. All entries must be one year of age or older on the day of the test or trial.
2. Dogs not present by the end of the test will be scratched.
3. 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.
4. Dogs will be inspected before each Event.
5. Run order will be based on order set by the field committee. We will separate the running of multiple dogs handled by a single handler. If a dog is late for their run time they will run at the end of the running order.
6. Dogs may wear any collar except a choker collar, a collar with prongs or an electronic training collar. 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 hair. The owner assumes responsibility for the safety of the dog with regard to the dog's collar and paraphernalia on the dog.
7. Drag line system will be used. Lure is a white plastic bag or a squawker.
8. The field committee reserves the right to bar known aggressive dogs from the event site.
9. 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.
10. No one will be allowed on the field without the express permission of the Event Chairperson, except the appointed field committee.
11. Anybody exhibiting unsportsmanlike behavior will be excused from the field and may be subject to further disciplinary action.
12. Control of dogs will be strictly enforced. Dogs must remain on leash at all times, except when running.
13. Clean up and carry out all trash. Please pick up after your dog and put in receptacles provided at site.

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Club: <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Miniature American Shepherd Club of the USA</b></p>		Event: _____ Test 1 Wednesday, November 8, 2022 Event #2023701968 _____ Test 2 Wednesday, November 8, 2022 Event #2023701969 _____ Test 3 Thursday, November 9, 2022 Event #2023701970 _____ Test 4 Thursday, November 9, 2022 Event #2023701971	
Location: Purina Farms 500 William Danforth Way Gray Summit, MO 63039		Event type: <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Fast CAT TEST</b></p>	
Breed:		Breeder: <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Not required</b></p>	Entry fees enclosed: \$ _____ \$25.00 / \$30.00
Call Name:		AKC No. <input type="checkbox"/> PAL/ILP No. <input type="checkbox"/> Foreign & List Country: _____ AKC No: _____	
Dog's Height at Withers: Under 12" <input type="checkbox"/> 12" up to and less than 18" <input type="checkbox"/> 18" and above <input type="checkbox"/>		Sex: _____	Date of Birth: _____
Name and Birthdate of Jr. Handler (if any): _____		Jr Handler #: _____	
Full Name of Dog: _____			
Actual Owner(s): _____			
Owner's Address: _____			
Name of Owner's Agent/Handler (if any) at Trial: _____		Entered in other MAS Specialty Events <input type="checkbox"/>	
Preferred Running Time: <b>PLEASE NOTE:</b> This does not guarantee your runs will happen in these slots. Run order is assigned based upon the order in which entries are received. <b>Please refer to the final emailed running order to see what time slot your dog is assigned to.</b>			
_____ 8 am – 10 am		_____ 10 am – 12 pm	
_____ 1 pm – 3 pm		_____ 3 pm – 5 pm	
AKC Rules, Regulations, Policies and Guidelines are available on the American Kennel Club website: <a href="http://www.akc.org">www.akc.org</a> <b>AGREEMENT</b> 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 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 regulations 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. I (we) certify and represent that the dog entered is not a hazard to persons or other dogs. 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 events 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 person. I (we) agree that the determination of whether the injury is serious shall be made by the event veterinarian and is binding on me (us). <b>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.</b>			
Signature of owner or agent duly authorized to make this entry: _____			
Tel: _____		Email: _____	
By signing above, I acknowledge that Miniature American Shepherd Club of the USA are not a liable party.			

**MAKE ALL CHECKS/MONEY ORDERS PAYABLE TO: MASCUSA**

**MAIL FEES AND ENTRIES TO:** Trial Secretary: Morgan Dart, MAS, N3694 State Rd 73 Wautoma, WI 54982

**Payment must be received before the closing date or a \$5/run late fee will be assessed.**

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