

COLLARS!

Dogs may run without a collar or wear any type of collar except choker collars, electronic training collars or head collar. Collars should be snug. **Hanging tags pose a safety concern and it is suggested that tags 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. The Hunt-master may refuse to run any dog that arrives at the start line in a collar that is not acceptable. Have questions about your collar? Ask for help!

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. 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 at the secretary table 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. Send your catcher to the finish/catch pen before entering the start line! Dogs relieving themselves on the course will be DISQUALIFIED**
- Volunteer to help. As FAST CAT, unlike CAT, requires both a releaser and a catcher, if you are by yourself offer to help others with this in exchange for help with running your dog. It's a great way to make a new friend!

- HAVE FUN!

Learn more: [Fast CAT – American Kennel Club \(akc.org\)](https://www.akc.org/fast-cat/)

PREMIUM LIST

AKC All-Breed Fast Coursing Ability Test



Greater Pittsburgh Golden Retriever Club

August 21-23, 2026

Friday, August 21—Event #2026155612 #2026155617

Limited to 50 dogs per event

Saturday August 22 EVENT # 2026155614 #2026155613

Sunday August 23 — EVENT #2026155615 #2026155616

Limited to 100 dogs per event

ENTRIES LIMITED - Entries OPEN on July 15, 2026

PRE-ENTRIES ENTRIES CLOSE ON Wednesday, August 12, 2026

EVENT LOCATION

139 Whites Road, Derry, PA 15627



*Permission has been granted by The American Kennel Club for the holding of this event under The American Kennel Club Rules and Regulations.
Gina DiNardo, Executive Secretary*

Entry Fee—Entry Opens: July 15, 2026

\$25.00 per entry per dog per event

Day of Entry Fee: \$30

(Includes \$4.50 AKC recording fee)

Pre-entry will be accepted only online.

NO OTHER METHOD ACCEPTED

NO MAILED PRE-ENTRY ACCEPTED—NO TEXT ENTRY

ENTER HERE: [GPGRC August 2026 Fast CATs](https://form.jotform.com/261543221549152)

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Conditions of Entry

Entries are limited as specified on event number. Two events will run concurrently. Run your dog with a small break between runs if entered twice, and you are free to leave after both runs. The run order will be based on entries received. All refunds are subject to a \$5 administrative fee per entry. **No refunds after August 12, 2026** Dogs will run in the order of entry received, except for dogs of workers, who are volunteering during the event. Worker dogs will run first. Bitches in season and lame dogs will be excused and a refund issued.

Dogs must have an AKC registration number and be at least one year of age on the day of the event. Dogs may only run once per event. FastCAT events are open to all dogs at least 12 months of age that are individually registered with the AKC, recorded in the Foundation Stock Service (FSS) program, individually registered with a foreign or domestic registry organization whose pedigrees are acceptable for AKC registration, dogs granted a Purebred Alternative Listing (PAL) number, dogs with AKC Limited or Conditional Registration, or dogs enrolled in the AKC Canine Partners Program. Dogs with breed disqualifications and monorchid/cryptorchid dogs are eligible to participate.

Course Information

The entire 100 yard course will be run on a natural grass turf field. Length of runout area past the finish line will be 50 yards long. Fencing will be portable plastic snow fencing 36" tall on the course and run out area.

How to calculate my dogs miles per hour and points for AKC Fast CAT titles

FORMULA: $204.545 / \text{RUN TIME} = \text{MPH}$

$\text{MPH} \times \text{HANDICAP} = \text{POINTS (ROUNDED TO NEAREST 0.01)}$

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 less than 18" = Handicap is 1.5.
- Below 12" = Handicap is 2.0.

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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

Coursing is an athletic activity that can tax a dog's physical strength. Dogs that are overweight and/or out of condition may be at greater risk for injury and exhaustion. The Inspection Committee has the authority to disallow a dog's entry into a event and, in such instances, applicable entry fees will be refunded. Dogs will be examined for lameness before running. Bitches in season, lame and unfit dogs will be excused with entry refunded. **Please do not bring bitches in season that are not competing to the event.**

NOTICE TO ALL EXHIBITORS

The Huntmaster is responsible for field safety. Therefore, he/she is in complete charge of all dogs and handlers on the field. He/she has the authority to stop the lure in any potentially dangerous situation and signal handler to retrieve their dog.

Dog(s) and/or person(s) exhibiting conduct detrimental to the AKC will be asked to leave the event site by the Event Committee and may be disciplined by the AKC. Entry fees will not be refunded.

NO ENTRY FEES WILL BE REFUNDED if the event cannot be started or completed by reason 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.

Greater Pittsburgh Golden Retriever Club, its agents, members, representatives, volunteers, et. al, 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 assumes no responsibility for injury to children or spectators before, during or after this event.

A \$5 fine will be assessed for any loose dog on the field not competing, or an exhibitor that is caught not cleaning up after their dog.

THE AKC FAST CAT INVITATIONAL—PLEASE READ

“The Top 20 Fastest Dogs By Breed ranking reflects the average of each dog's ***three fastest runs.***” - AKC FAST CAT INVITATIONAL PREMIUM

We do NOT have control over the weather and day of racing turf conditions. The Winter Farm track is measured in accordance with AKC rules and procedures and every effort is made to give your dog the best possible lay of the land on event day. Only the 3 fastest times recorded for your dog are used per year to determine AKC Invitational status. ***No refunds will be given if you are unhappy with your dogs officially recorded time.*** Refunds will only be issued for bitches in season and lame dogs.

Greater Pittsburgh Golden Retriever Club

Marcy Kronz, Pittsburgh, PA - President
Melissa Jarvis, Wexford, PA - Vice President
Cindy Pawlowski, Greensburg, PA - Secretary
Danielle Reilly, Irwin, PA - Treasurer

Event Committee:

Field Chairman: David Stouffer

117 Maltese Lane, Greensburg, PA 15601

Event Secretary: Alyshia Funk

1062 Fox Ridge Rd. , New Salem, PA 15468 (412)977-8376

e: mail: drivetrainGSD@outlook.com

Trial Committee: Karen Winter, Matt Krinock, Kathy Fertel, Cindy Pawlowski, Mellissa Voll-Stouffer

Huntmasters

Karen Winter/ Mellissa Voll Stouffer

Lure Operator (Continuous Loop)

Matt Krinock / Dave Stouffer

Photographer

Megan Johnson Photography LLC
meganjohnsonphotographyllc.com

Timer Operator (FarmTek Polaris)

Eric Winter / Dawn Logan / Rachel Thayer
Should a timer fault occur, you will be offered a re-run or refund. **No other options.**

**GPGRC will offer light food & beverages
by donation at their club table.**

EVENT HOURS

Grounds will be available at 4:00PM on Friday, August 21 ; 7:30AM on Saturday August 22 and Sunday August 24. .It is the responsibility of each entrant to make an effort to be ready when their dog is called to the line.

ROLL CALL OPENS

Friday at : 4 :00 PM Saturday/Sunday at 8:00AM

Upon arrival each entrant should check in at Secretary desk and be ready to present their dog for Roll Call inspection. Verify your run order number, and be prepared to run when called. A rolling roll call will be used for all events. Roll call, run your dog, cool out your dog, roll call and run again for your second event. **YOU MUST ROLL CALL YOUR DOG AFTER THE FIRST RUN.**

RIBBONS AND ROSETTES

The host club will offer a light blue flat ribbon for a passing qualifying run. Advanced title rosettes will be awarded to dogs earning an advanced title at these events.

EVENT SITE DIRECTIONS

From Rt 22 New Alexandria: South on Route 981 to LEFT Keystone Park Road.
3.3 Miles to Whites Road on the RIGHT. Road is marked NO OUTLET. Parking
area will be marked.

EMERGENCY VETERINARIANS

AVETS

2674 Monroeville BLVD
Monroeville, PA 15146
412-373-4200

RV INFORMATION

NO ONSITE RV OVERNIGHT PARKING

RV Sites are available at Keystone State Park and can be arranged by visiting: [Campground Details - KEYSTONE STATE PARK, PA - Pennsylvania State Parks \(reserveamerica.com\)](#)

Keystone Park is 1/2 mile from the coursing field. Park is located on Keystone Park Road.

NOTICE TO ALL EXHIBITORS

All exhibitors are responsible for cleaning up after their dogs and themselves while on the property. Any abuse of the grounds will be brought to the attention of the Event Committee.

A portable toilet will be available at the field.

Dogs should be warmed up before and cooled down after running.

ALL DOGS RUN AT OWNER'S SOLE RISK

ALL DOGS MUST BE LEASHED ON EVENT PROPERTY. No electronic or prong collars permitted on event grounds.

ALL AKC RULES REGARDING SPORTSMANSHIP AND CONDUCT APPLY

This is a RAIN or SHINE outdoor event. Please plan accordingly. PLEASE BRING SHADE AND WATER FOR YOUR DOG!

An electronic timing system will be used. (FarmTek)

Lure machine is a continuous loop, plastic strip machine. (Bobinator)

Bitches in season and lame dogs will be EXCUSED.

The event grounds are not completely fenced. The FAST CAT Course will be fenced with plastic snow fencing. Including a the run out area.

NO SMOKING AND NO ALCOHOL PERMITTED ON PREMISES