

FastCAT Volunteer Positions

For June 4-8, 2025

CHECK-IN/INSPECTION (under a tent)

- All dogs must be inspected prior to every run!!!
- Inspect each dog for lameness, fitness to participate and females in season.
- All females, even those spayed, must be checked for being in season. Each owner must wipe their dog with a tissue to show that the dog is not in season - no dogs in season may run in FastCAT.
- All dogs must be checkin in. Each owner will be given a sticker with their dog's name, breed and number on it. The owner will take this sticker to the start line.
- Check-in will also handle day of show entries. The Trial Secretary will be available for this purpose.
- Will hand out title ribbons for dogs that achieve titles.

HUNTMASTER (out in the weather)

- Basically in charge of running the entire fastCAT track
- In charge of all dogs and handlers on the course.
- Makes sure that handlers have their dogs set up properly with their front feet no more than 10' behind the start line
- Checks to see if the Lure Operator, timing devices and Timekeeper are ready
- Ask the handler if they are ready, signals the Lure operator to start the lure and gives the verbal "tally-ho" to release the dog
- Dogs shouldn't be released before the tally-ho command is given
- Will notify the handler of any premature start and conduct a rerun when necessary.
- Will instruct the handler to retrieve their dog if the dog is not showing continued progress towards the finish line or is not in pursuit of the lure.

PADDOCK MASTER (out in the weather)

- Ensures that a FastCAT entrant is ready to run and lets them onto the course.
- Announces the Dog's name, number and breed to the table timer.

ENTRY GATE MONITOR (under a tent at times but also out in the weather)

- Manages the line of entrants lined up to enter the course.
- Makes sure that dogs are lined up and ready to run by collecting the labels that entrants are given at check-in.
- Gives the labels to the Paddock Master as entrants are about to enter the course.
- Responsible for monitoring the line for dogs that need extra space or any other needs a dog and handler might have.

TIMER TABLE (under a tent)

- Responsible for making sure the timer is set to "0" before the release of each dog.
- One person on the table reads the dog's time aloud and will write the entrants time on a spreadsheet that will be provided.
- The second person on the table will enter the entrants time into the computer provided.
- Both people will watch to make sure the lure does not stop the timer before the dog crosses the line (this happens infrequently)

RIBBON PERSON (under a tent)

- Will match the dog running with the correct label for the dog.
- Will listen to the timer person reading the dogs time off and will fill out the ribbon label and put it on the qualifying ribbon.
- Will place the ribbon on the board so that entrants can retrieve their own ribbons.
- Will remind participants to keep conversations down to a minimum so the table can complete their work.

RETURN LURE MONITOR (out in the weather)

- Once the dog has finished the course and the handler has the dog on leash, you will remove the lure from the line and hook it onto the return line hook.
- Monitor the Finish area for safety so that only one handler is in the field and make sure no dogs leave the field without a leash on.

FINISH GATE MONITOR (out in the weather)

- Opens the gate to let the catcher on the course.
- Monitor the gate so the dog does not escape the course.
- Opens the gate to let the catcher and their dog off the course.

GOLF CART DRIVER

- Drives the golf cart with entrants from the entry gate to the finish line.
- May be asked to run to get stuff throughout the fairgrounds if needed.

DOG RELEASER (out in the weather)

- Some handlers will not have someone to release their dog while they go to the finish line. This person will hold the dogs and release them for the handlers.
- Must be comfortable with very excited dogs.

FLOATER

- MUST be a thinker and a doer!
- Will make sure coolers are filled with water for workers.
- If we have pools for dogs to cool down in, will monitor for cleanliness and fill if needed.
- Will talk with workers and relieve them if they need a bathroom break etc
- Will monitor garbage and poop cans if they need emptying,
- Might help with lunch set up
- Might step in on any job if there is a need.

WEDNESDAY SET-UP AND SUNDAY TAKE DOWN

- Will help the lure operators set up (take down) the fencing for the course.
- Will help set up (take down) ex-ups and tables to get the event ready or cleaned up!

Thank you in advance for volunteering to help at the PKC FastCAT event!

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