



Licensed by the American Kennel Club

## **Nutmeg Portuguese Water Dog Club, Inc**

# **AKC All-Breed Fast CAT**

## **Central K9 LLC**

493 Norwich Ave., Colchester, CT 06415

**Sunday, June 28, 2026**

Event Numbers: #2026292804 (test 1) and #2026292805 (test 2)

Event hours: Site opens at 7 AM, First Dog Runs at 8 AM

2 Fast CAT Tests, running concurrently

**UNLIMITED ENTRIES PER EVENT (unlimited online entries; unlimited mail-in entries)**

**Day of Show Entries (\$32 per entry) as Space Allows with Secretary's Permission**

**ENTRIES OPEN ON MAY 6 @ NOON ON WEDNESDAY MAY 6**

**ENTRIES CLOSE at 6:00 PM on Wednesday June 17th**

**For all dogs at least 12 months of age**

**AND individually registered with the AKC**

This includes all AKC registered purebreds, Foundation Stock Service (FSS), Purebred Alternative Listing (PAL) and AKC Canine Partners. Spayed or neutered dogs, or dogs with breed disqualifications, may be entered.



### **CERTIFICATION**

Permission is granted by the American Kennel Club for the holding of this event under American Kennel Club rules and regulations.  
Sheila Goeff, Executive Secretary

**Officers of the Nutmeg Portuguese Water Dog Club, Inc.**

Ginny Cuneo .....*President*  
Melinda Harvey.....*Vice-President*  
Alexandra Lightfoot Vinopal..... *Treasurer*  
Mary Nottingham.....*Secretary*  
Board of Directors: Jane Freeman, Patty Hobin, Jane Harding, Terri Pecora, Libbey Ibey

**Event Committee**

Ginny Cuneo, Patrice Lattrell, Sue Robinson, Jennifer Shook, Melinda Harvey  
and other members of the Nutmeg Portuguese Water Dog Club

**Test Chair**

Ginny Cuneo, 36 Railroad Ave Chester CT 06412 [pennylane@comcast.net](mailto:pennylane@comcast.net), 860-575-2095

**Test Secretary**

Guylaine Doyon, 5 Pepper Bush Way, South Windsor, CT 06074, [bebedoyon@gmail.com](mailto:bebedoyon@gmail.com)

**Lure Operators**

Staff of Central K9

**Inspection Committee**

Members of the NPWDC

**Photographer**

R.N. Rocco Photography  
[rnroccophoto.com](http://rnroccophoto.com)

**Entry fee for each dog/per Test \$27**

**For online entries unlimited, go to: [www.feeltherushtrials.com](http://www.feeltherushtrials.com)**

**For mail-in entries 10 per envelope, see form below and make checks payable to: Portuguese Water  
Dog Club**

**Mail entries to Guylaine Doyon, Event Secretary, 5 Pepper Bush Way, South Windsor, CT 06074  
(860) 214-8311, [bebedoyon@gmail.com](mailto:bebedoyon@gmail.com)**

**A fee of \$27.00 will be assessed for any check(s) returned for insufficient funds**

**Entries Open: Wednesday May 6th at 12PM**

**Entries Close: Wednesday June 17th, at 6PM**

**PLEASE ENTER THE CORRECT TEST NUMBER on ENTRY FORM  
WE ANTICIPATE FULL CAPACITY AND WILL NOT ISSUE "NO SHOW" REFUNDS FOR ANY REASON**

**Overnight entries MUST NOT require a signature**

**Entries received before the specified opening day or that are incomplete  
will not be accepted**

**"THE NUTMEG PORTUGUESE WATER DOG CLUB, AT THEIR DISCRETION, HAS THE RIGHT TO CANCEL ANY  
EVENT WITHOUT NOTICE DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER OR UNSAFE FIELD CONDITIONS WHICH IT DEEMS  
AN ENDANGERMENT TO THE DOGS OR THEIR OWNERS."**

**TRIAL CANCELLATIONS TO BE POSTED TO CENTRAL K9 FACEBOOK & WEBSITE**

THESE TESTS WILL BE HELD ON MOWED GRASS AND WILL UTILIZE AN ELECTRICAL OR GENERATOR POWERED CLOSED LOOP LURE MACHINE. CONTINUOUS WIRE FENCING WILL ENCLOSE THE COURSE AND THE RUN OUT.  
*We will be using a continuous loop lure that will run down the center of the track and will return without obstructing the exit.  
The lure will consist of plastic bags contrasting in color to the immediate field environment.*

**Tests will be held concurrently.**

**We will be using a block schedule running order.**

**After entries close, you will be emailed a confirmation of the time slot.**

**But if you enter online, you can select your time slot for both tests.**

Tests will begin promptly at 8:00 AM with workers' dogs and will continue until all runs are completed.  
Check in 30 minutes prior to your run time.

Simple and ongoing briefings will occur in conjunction with Check In and Inspection.

It is the responsibility of each entrant to be ready when their dog is called to the line. Be sure that the catcher has a leash.

24+ dogs will be scheduled to run each hour.

Once all your runs are completed you **MUST** leave the grounds unless you are working for the Club.

**CHECK IN AND INSPECTION.** Check In will occur on a rolling basis throughout the day. The two Fast CAT Tests will be run CONCURRENTLY, so a dog entered in both Tests will run twice within an hour or so. Exhibitors will be given an approximate start time and should be available for Check-In 30 minutes before run time. Check In is then immediately followed by Inspection for fitness, lameness, or "in season" females. Each female dog will be inspected, and the dog owner will be required to wipe the bitch with tissue to show the bitch is not in season.

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 test and, in such instances, applicable entry fees will be refunded.

At Check In, all dogs will be measured by a wicket to verify handicaps.

Bitches in season, and lame and unfit dogs will be excused with entry refunded. Please do not bring bitches in season to the test.

**ALL DOGS RUN AT OWNER'S SOLE RISK**

**Please bring shade and water for your dog(s)**

## **AWARDS**

A light blue participation ribbon will be awarded to each dog attaining a qualifying run.

New title rosettes will be awarded for BCAT, DCAT, FCAT and FCAT#.

**You must pick up your ribbon(s) during the day of the trial; qualifying ribbons and title ribbons will not be mailed.**

Please notify the trial secretary, via email or include the information with your entry form, if you anticipate earning a new title. We will TRY to have enough rosettes available at the trial.

## **EMERGENCY VET**

Pieper Veterinary Services (24 hour / 7 days a week )  
730 Randolph Rd, Middletown CT **860-347-8387**

## **ACCOMMODATIONS**

PLEASE CHECK WITH EACH HOTEL REGARDING DOGS BEING ALLOWED AND BOOK EARLY.

**Hampton Inn Norwich**, 154 Salem Tpk, Norwich, CT 06360 860-885-1100

**Rosemont Suites**, 181 W Town St, Norwich, CT 06360 860-889-2671

**Hyatt Place Uncasville**, 2049 Norwich-New London Tpk, Montville, CT 06382 860-383-1234

Any exhibitor who allows his/her dogs to be loose and unattended in a room or to do damage to hotel property, and who then does not immediately contact the hotel management to make proper restitution, will be subject to Event Committee action which could result in the loss of AKC privileges. This also applies to cleaning up after your dog at the hotel/motel grounds.

**Directions to Site: Central K9, 493 Norwich ave., Colchester, CT 06415**

From Rt 2 East: Take exit 26, take a right onto Chestnut Hill Rd and end of ramp, go .5 miles and turn left onto Norwich Ave/CT-616. Continue .5 miles and facility will be on the right.

From Rt 2 West: Take exit 26, turn left onto Norwich Ave/Ct-616 and end of exit ramp, go 1 mile and facility will be on the right.

On Site Free Parking: Cars may park on the pavement or grass area next to fencing. No parking in herding arena or close to pools.

Cool Down Station: Water hoses and kiddie pools will be available throughout the day. Dogs are welcome to cool down, as necessary.

**\*\*PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOGS\*\***

**Be respectful of the property and other entrants.**

Not AKC registered???? -Visit the American Kennel Club website and enroll your dog online

<http://www.akc.org/dog-owners/canine-partners/enroll/>

**CAMPING:** Limited space for smaller RV's, no hook-ups, \$15 per night . Contact Central K9 860-337-2760 to reserve a space.

## FAST CAT BASICS

### WHAT IS Fast CAT?

Fast CAT, unlike the CAT, is not pass/fail, but a timed 100-yard dash after a lure past a start line and over a finish line. Break Beam Timers will be used for this event. If the timers become inoperable, we have stop watches as a backup system.

### HOW DOES MY DOG RUN Fast CAT?

Be sure to “warm up” your dog prior to your run. It is equally important to give your dog a “cool down” walk after the run. This will add to the health and well-being of your dog.

Each dog runs one at a time. The dog is held at the start line by the releaser on a course that is completely fenced. Upon word/signal from the Huntsperson, the coursing lure is activated prompting the dog to follow by chasing it to the finish line and into a catch pen. A catcher (often the primary owner) is waiting in the catch pen with a leash to restrain the dog at the end of the run. Once the dog is restrained, they leave the area immediately. Because 20-24 dogs need to run each hour, releasers and catchers must be prompt in getting to their respective locations on time.

**ACCORDING TO AKC RULES:** Handlers are not permitted 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, etc. or toys including the waving of objects to lure the dog to the finish line are allowed. You **MAY CHEER** and use the dog's name.

**COLLARS:** Dogs may run without a collar or wear any type of collar except choker collars, electronic training collars, or head collars. Collars should be snug. Hanging tags pose a safety concern and should be secured to the collar with tape or by another means. 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.

### HOW DOES MY DOG EARN AN AKC TITLE FOR Fast CAT?

The time of the dog's run is converted to miles per hour (MPH) and then multiplied by a handicap based on the dog's height at the withers to award points.

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

- 18" or greater = Handicap is 1.0
- 12" up to less than 18" = Handicap is 1.5.
- Under 12" = Handicap is 2.0

FORMULA:  $\text{MPH} \times \text{HANDICAP} = \text{POINTS}$

Titles are earned by accumulating points. The following titles will be awarded: BCAT = 150 points; DCAT = 500 points; FCAT = 1,000 points; and FCAT followed by a number (e.g. FCAT2) for every additional 500 points. These suffix titles will appear on a dog's pedigree, with a higher-level title superseding a lower-level title.

The AKC Fast CAT website features the Top 20 fastest dogs by breed for each year. Dogs must complete at least 3 qualifying runs in each calendar year to qualify for **the Top 20**. The standings will be updated as event results are processed at [https://www.apps.akc.org/apps/fastcat\\_ranking](https://www.apps.akc.org/apps/fastcat_ranking).

## **NOTICES**

All dogs entered must be 12 months of age or older on the day of the test.

Dogs should be warmed up before and cooled down after running. Have plenty of water for your dogs.

**ALL DOGS RUN AT OWNER'S SOLE RISK.**

Dogs must be on lead or crated unless running. You are responsible for controlling your dog(s). You must bring your own crates and water dishes.

There will be a \$5 fine assessed for any loose dog not taking part in the course in progress, for anyone caught not picking up after their dog, or for leaving garbage on the grounds.

The Inspection Committee will excuse bitches in season and lame dogs, and the Club will refund entry fees.

This is a rain-or-shine outdoor event. Please plan accordingly. Please bring your own shade, chairs and water.

On site toilets (port-o-potties) are available.

**NO ONE** will be allowed on the field without the express permission of the event chairperson, except the appointed event committee. No one may use the pools or areas not designated for these Fastscat trials.

All AKC rules regarding sportsmanship and conduct apply. Anyone exhibiting unsportsmanlike behavior will be excused from the field and may be subject to further disciplinary action.

Any person, upon reasonable complaint, may be asked to leave the grounds by the event committee and may be disciplined by the AKC. Children must be always under control of their parent(s) or guardian(s).

Nutmeg Portuguese Water Dog Club, Inc and its members, Central K9 LLC and Feel The Rush Trials are not to be held responsible for any accidents at these tests. The event committee reserves the right to bar known aggressive dogs from the event site.

Nutmeg Portuguese Water Dog Club, Inc, its agents, members, representatives, volunteers, etc., assume no liability or responsibility for any loss, damage, injury, or sickness sustained by exhibitors, handlers, or any of their dogs or property. and further assumes no responsibility for injury to children or spectators before, during, or after this event.

Nutmeg Portuguese Water Dog Club, Inc, at their discretion, has the right to cancel any event without notice due to inclement weather or unsafe field conditions that it deems an endangerment to the dogs or their owners. No entry fee will be refunded.

**Food:** No food will be available on the grounds. Please bring your own food and beverages or visit one of the several food establishments nearby. No smoking or alcohol is allowed on the premises.

Flex leads are not to be used in highly trafficked areas

Any damages done by an uncontrolled dog will be the financial responsibility of the dog owner and must be paid within three weeks of the event to Central K9 unless other arrangements have been made.

State law requires a proof of rabies vaccination. Please carry proof of rabies vaccination if asked to present it by NPWDC or Central K9

Severe discipline, physical punishment and/or abuse in any form will not be tolerated. Any handler/owner demonstrating severe punishment will be asked to leave the grounds and their entry will not be refunded

WAIVER FOR FAST CAT EVENTS  
HOST: NUTMEG PORTUGUESE WATER DOG CLUB, INC.  
SITE: CENTRAL K9 LLC  
DATE OF EVENT: JUNE 28, 2026

AKC Rules, Regulations, Policies and Guidelines are available on the American Kennel Club website: [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org)  
AGREEMENT I CERTIFY that I am the actual owner of this dog, or that I am the duly authorized agent of the actual owner whose name I have entered above. In consideration of the 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 trial, and by any additional rules and regulations appearing in the premium list for this trial, and entry form. I (we) certify and represent that the dog entered is not a hazard to persons or other dogs. The entry is submitted for acceptance on the foregoing representation and Agreement. I (we) agree that the club holding this event has the right to refuse this entry for cause which the club shall deem sufficient. 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 prize money, ribbons, or trophies, I (we) agree to hold the AKC, the event giving club, their members, directors, governors, officers, agents superintendents or event secretary and the owner 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 there from, 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 persons. 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 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.

IN ADDITION, IF NECESSARY, I (WE) agree to abide by these rules related to Covid-19: (1) to have a face covering available while at the test site; (2) to remain at least 6 feet apart from people, dogs, and equipment when possible; (3) to wash hands as needed; (4) to not let my dog(s) come into direct physical contact with other dogs and people; (5) to not borrow any equipment or treats from others; (6) to pick up immediately after the dog and place the feces in the proper waste receptacle.

Central K9 and the Nutmeg Portuguese Water Dog Club retain the right to post revised or additional rules as the situation requires on the day of the Fast CAT Tests.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

By signing above, I acknowledge that the Nutmeg Portuguese Water Dog Club, Inc, Central K9 LLC and Feel The Rush Trials are not liable parties.



**AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB FAST CAT ENTRY FORM**  
**ENTRIES RECEIVED EARLY/ INCOMPLETE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

Please select one or more trials to enter

**Entry fee is \$27 per dog, per event**

**Day of show entries \$32**

**Entry Fees: 1/\$27 2/\$54**

Sunday, June 28, 2026 Run #1 (2026292804) [ ]

Sunday, June 28, 2026 Run #2 (2026292805) [ ]

**ENTRY FEES ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_ MAKE CHECKS TO: Nutmeg Portuguese Water Dog Club**

**Mail Entries to: [Guylaine Doyon, 5 Pepper Bush Way, South Windsor, CT 06074](#)**

**IMPORTANT: FILL OUT ALL BOXES**

Date(s) entering:		Club holding the event: <b>NUTMEG PORTUGUESE WATER DOG CLUB</b>	
LOCATION: <b>Central K9 LLC</b> <b>493 Norwich Ave, Colchester, CT</b>		Event type: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fast CAT Trial	DOG HEIGHT at withers Check one <input type="checkbox"/> under 12" <input type="checkbox"/> 12" – under 18" <input type="checkbox"/> 18" & above
Class: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAST CAT			
Breed:		Sex:	Date of Birth:
<input type="checkbox"/> AKC No. <input type="checkbox"/> PAL/ILP No <input type="checkbox"/> Canine Partner		AKC Reg No:	
Full Name of Dog:		Call Name:	
Sire:		Name of Releaser:	
Dam:		Name of Catcher:	
Actual Owner(s):			
Owner's Address:			
City:	State:	Zip:	

### AGREEMENT

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I give my permission for photos of participants and their dogs taken at this event may be used by Central K9 and Nutmeg Portuguese Water Dog Club to be used on their websites and other web applications.

**The waiver with a signature must be provided along with this form (and signature) in order for an entry to be considered valid and complete.**

E-mail Address:

Telephone:

By signing above, I acknowledge that the Nutmeg Portuguese Water Dog Club is not a liable party.