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## Performance Events Department

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To: **All Clubs Licensed to host Coursing Ability Tests (CAT) and Fast CAT® events**

Subject: **Updates to the Regulations Regarding Dogs with Artificial Coat Coloring**

This communication is to inform your club about a change made to the *Regulations for Coursing Ability Tests (CAT) and Fast CAT®* which is effective immediately.

This new regulation allows dogs with artificial coloring in their coat to participate in CAT and Fast CAT events. Both sports create wonderful enjoyment for exhibitors and their dogs. This change is intended to enhance the fun experienced by exhibitors and host clubs, by allowing them to adopt themes or support a local activity such as “run for the cause”.

The exact wording will appear as follows in the next reprinting of the regulation booklet. Each of the changes are noted in bold and underlined.

### **CAT Regulations:**

#### **Chapter 15, Section 11. Dogs with Coloring** *(new section)*

Dogs with artificial coloring in their coats may participate in Coursing Ability Tests (CAT). The coloring must not cover more than one-third of the dog’s coat. The coloring must not disperse (leave a cloud) when the dog is running. Colored markings on a dog must not be in poor taste and cannot contain profanity or conflict with a sponsor of a trial. It is the responsibility of the Trial Chair to decide if the coloring is acceptable.

### **Fast CAT Regulations:**

#### **Chapter 16, Section 14. Dogs with Coloring** *(new section)*

Dogs with artificial coloring in their coats may participate in Fast CAT. The coloring must not cover more than one-third of the dog’s coat. The coloring must not disperse (leave a cloud) when the dog is running. Colored markings on a dog must not be in poor taste and cannot contain profanity or conflict with a sponsor of a trial. It is the responsibility of the Trial Chair to decide if the coloring is acceptable.

Regulation updates can always be found on the regulation resource webpages for [CAT](#) and [Fast CAT](#). Please send any questions, email address updates or comments to: [lurecoursing@akc.org](mailto:lurecoursing@akc.org)