



## Press Release

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### TOP DOGS CROWNED AT AKC FAST CAT INVITATIONAL

**Orlando, FL** – The 2020 AKC Fast CAT Invitational took place December 9-11, 2020 in Orlando, FL in conjunction with the AKC National Championship Presented by Royal Canin. The fastest dogs from each breed, based on rankings from AKC Fast Coursing Ability Tests (Fast CAT), were invited to participate in the inaugural AKC Fast CAT Invitational for the designation of Fastest Dog USA or Speed of the Breeds Champion. All dogs ran three times, with the cumulative speed determining the fastest dogs.

The *AKC Fastest Dogs USA* will air December 13<sup>th</sup> at 6pm EST | 3pm PST on ESPN2 and the ESPN app.

#### **The winners:**

The fastest dogs in the country were named Fastest Dog USA and Speed of the Breeds Champion, which brought together 117 dogs from across the country.

**Fastest Dog USA:** Wailin' Phelan The Bearded Lass CAX FCAT3, an All-American Dog known as "Phelan," owned by Krista Shreet and Ted Koch of Crownsville, MD.

**Speed of the Breeds Champion:** Safranne's Make Mine M"Ag"Nificent MX MXJ T2B BCAT, a Poodle known as "Elliot," owned by Deborah Burnett of Gray Court, SC.

***[MEDIA NOTE: For photos, please contact [communications@akc.org](mailto:communications@akc.org)]***

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affiliated organizations, the AKC advocates for the purebred dog as a family companion, advances canine health and well-being, works to protect the rights of all dog owners and promotes responsible dog ownership. More than 22,000 competitions for AKC-registered purebred and mixed breed dogs are held under AKC rules and regulations each year including conformation, agility, obedience, rally, tracking, herding, lure coursing, coonhound events, hunt tests, field and earthdog tests.

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