

# FOUR AKC TEMPERAMENT TESTS

FRIDAY 1ST EVENT: # 2026060831

2ND EVENT: # 2026060832

SATURDAY 1ST EVENT: # 2026060833

2ND EVENT: # 2026060834



Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>  
At St Lucie County Fairgrounds  
15601 W Midway Road  
Ft Pierce, FL 34945



## American Kennel Club Temperament Tests – Open to All Breeds

The AKC Temperament Tests (ATT) Test is open to all dogs **at least 12 months of age** that are individually registered with the AKC, recorded in the FSS program, dogs with PAL numbers, or neutered dogs enrolled in the AKC Canine Partners program. Females in season may not participate. Dogs with physical challenges (including amputees) are eligible to enter provided, in the opinion of the judge, they display no signs of physical discomfort and can safely complete the entire course.

**Early Entries Open: Wednesday, April 1, 2026**

**Early Entries Close: Sunday, May 24, 2026** at 11:00:00 pm CST.

**ATT Entries LIMITED to 50 runs per event number.**

Day-of entries will be accepted, if maximum limit is not reached at closing.

**Judges:** Laurel Getchell (#105356) Pass Christian, MS 39571

Lisa Root (#115787) Port St Lucie, FL 34952

**Alternate Judge:** Mary Ann Abbott (#118436) Port St. Lucie, FL 34983

These events will be held outside and run concurrently.

Test Hours: 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM

### **VETERINARIAN ON CALL:**

Veterinary Emergency & Referral Center  
3984 South US Hwy 1, Fort Pierce, FL 34982  
772-466-3441



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### **CERTIFICATION**

*Permission is granted by the American Kennel Club for the holding of this event under American Kennel Club rules and regulations*

**SHEILA H. GOFFE, Executive Secretary**

### **Test Secretary:**

**Celeste Kitchen-Hornbecker**  
1615 SE Memorial Street  
Port St Lucie, FL, 34983  
celestetckc@gmail.com  
240-217-3203

**Trial Chairman:** Janice McGivney-Keiser, 23322 Unicorn Lane, Suite B  
Pass Christian, MS 39571 [trialecretary@blackknights coursing.com](mailto:trialecretary@blackknights coursing.com)

**Event Committee:** Janice McGivney-Keiser, Bill Keiser, Lindsey Smith, Celeste Kitchen-Hornbecker, Maria Barkmeier, et al, (*Subject to change depending on circumstances.*)

### **Jupiter Tequesta Dog Club Officers**

President	Michelle Hugan
Vice President:	Lisa Root
Secretary:	Janice McGivney-Keiser
Treasurer	Gail Steinmetz

### **ENTRY INFORMATION – AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB TEMPERAMENT TEST**

**ENTRY FEES:** Early entries: **\$35/PER DOG/per RUN**, includes AKC \$4.50 recording fee. Make checks payable to Black Knights Coursing. Day-of entries will be taken from **4:00 PM** provided there is space available for either test. **Day-of entry fee will be \$35/per dog/per run. Please note it takes two test passes to earn the title, so the cost is per test. Online entries are available at Blackknights coursing.com. If you enter online, you will be required to sign the agreement on site.**

Pre-entry online confirmations will be sent automatically. Pre-entry snail mail confirmations will be sent by e-mail provided the address is legible. All fees payable to Black Knights Coursing.

Returned Checks do not constitute a valid entry and will be subject to a **\$40 collection fee**. Owners are responsible for errors in making out entry forms and no entry will be refunded in the event of such errors or cancellation of entries after the published closing date. Please type or print clearly & carefully the information on entry forms to eliminate errors. The Trial Secretary is not responsible for illegible (in the opinion of the Trial Sec) entry form information. BKC and/or the Jupiter Tequesta Dog Club may decline entries and may remove any dog on any account of disease, viciousness, or other cause, and no one shall have any claim against the aforementioned group or any official or member thereof. Entry fees will not be refunded in the event a dog is absent, not allowed to compete in the entered test, disqualified, excused by a veterinarian or judge, or barred from competition by action of the Trial Committee. If because of riots, civil disturbance or acts beyond the control of the management it is impossible to open or complete the test(s), no refund will be made. When entry limits are reached, all additional entries received prior to closing will be added to an alternates list in the order entry was received. The alternates list will be used to fill vacancies that occur in the drawn running order, with the first alternate entry replacing the first vacancy in the event entered. A signed consent and release from liability form must accompany each entry. Failure to do so will result in you and your dog being barred from entering the grounds and competing in these trials.

**QUALIFYING RIBBONS:** Each dog that passes an American Kennel Club Temperament Test will receive a royal blue ribbon provided by Black Knights Coursing.

Dogs that pass AKC Temperament Tests under two different judges are eligible for a AKC Temperament Test Title and a red, white, and blue rosette. Please go to the AKC Title Portal at <https://www.apps.akc.org/title-application-portal/> An application form for the title is included in the premium list for the convenience of exhibitors. Owners will need to complete the application form and send it and the appropriate fee to the American Kennel Club.

### **DIRECTIONS TO SHOW SITE:**

- From West: Take State Road 70 east (Okeechobee Rd), turn right onto Peacock Rd. If you pass under the pedestrian overpass, you have gone too far. Turn left into SLC Fairgrounds rear entrance.
- From I-95: Take exit #129, State Road 70 (Okeechobee Rd), go west 6.5 miles. Turn left on Peacock Rd. just past the pedestrian overpass. Turn left into SLC Fairgrounds rear entrance.
- From FL Turnpike: Take Exit #152, State Road 70 (Okeechobee Rd), go west 6 miles. Turn left on Peacock Rd. just past the pedestrian overpass. Turn left into SLC Fairgrounds rear entrance.

**PLEASE NOTE: Clean up after yourselves and your dogs.**

**EXHIBITOR INFORMATION: Handler Meeting – 4:00 PM**

**Check in will begin at 03:45 PM.**

Tests will begin at **4:15 PM** and will be run concurrently.

- ✦ Dogs must wear a secure, well-fitting, flat collar during the test evaluation and be held on a proper fixed-length leash at all times while on the site unless confined in a crate, kennel, or vehicle. The leash shall be four to six feet in length. No prong or electronic collars, head halters, harnesses, or flexi-leads are permitted during the test.
- ✦ You are responsible for picking up after your dogs and disposing of waste in the proper receptacles. A failure to do so could result in you and your dog being dismissed from the trial grounds and be barred from competing.
- ✦ Under no circumstances will dogs be allowed to disturb the resting herding stock nor to interfere outside the testing area with another dog's performance in the test areas. The Judge may request the removal of any dog from the immediate test area at any time, if she determines the presence of the dog presents a risk to livestock, other dogs or persons on site.
- ✦ Bitches in season may compete at the end of the day.
- ✦ No dog may be entered in two classes on the same course with the same judge at any test.
- ✦ Dogs must be ready for judging. Neither the Club nor the Course Director will be responsible or obligated to furnish any services for notifying exhibitors of judging times. This is a first come first serve order..
- ✦ The groups sponsoring these events, the course director, their agents, officers, club members and committee members shall assume NO RESPONSIBILITY for injury to you, children, or dogs. YOU ENTER AT YOUR OWN RISK.
- ✦ All dogs must have current vaccinations. Please bring a copy of rabies certificate with you.
- ✦ Children must be accompanied by and kept under the direct supervision of an adult at all times.
- ✦ Please follow parking directions and obey all rules.
- ✦ Bring your own chair and shade and water for your dogs. Dress appropriately for the weather.

**AKC Rules, Regulations, Policies and Guidelines are available on the American Kennel Club website: [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org)**

**For complete information on the American Kennel Club Temperament Test, including scoresheets, videos, and regulations, go to <https://www.akc.org/akctemptest/>**

**AGREEMENT (MUST be included with entry form)**

I, (we) acknowledge that the “rules Applying to Registration and Dog Shows” and the “rules for Herding Tests & Trials” have been made available to me (us) and that 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 prizes, 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 and/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. I (we) will pay for any injuries or the replacement value in this event of serious injury to the livestock caused by my (our) dog. I (we) agree that the determination of whether the injury is serious shall be made by the event veterinarian and is binding on me (us). 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 therefrom, 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 THE EVENT-GIVING CLUB (UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED IN ITS PREMIUM LIST) 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.

**Printed Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature Date** \_\_\_\_\_