

Directions to the Site:

From the North or South: Take I-75 Exit #27 to North Huron River Drive (Rockwood). Turn east (towards Lake Erie) and drive to stop sign and blinking light at West Jefferson Avenue. Turn left and drive approximately 100 feet to park entrance on right. Go to Wave Pool area.

Motels (check for current dog policies and restrictions)

Exit 36 off I-75

Red Roof Inn, 21230 Eureka Rd, Taylor MI, 734-374-1150

Exit 37 off I-75

La Quinta Inn, 12888 Reeck Road, Southgate MI, 734-374-3000

Exit 11 off I-75

Econo Lodge Inn, 6500 E Albain Rd, Monroe MI, 734-384-1500

Exit 15 off I-75

Days Inn, 1900 Welcome Way, Monroe MI, 734-289-2330

Exit 29A off I-75N & 29B off I-75S

Baymont, 29101 Commerce Dr, Flat Rock MI 48134,
734-535-1252

Veterinarian

Affiliated Veterinary Emergency Service PC

Open 24/7; please call ahead

15220 Southfield Rd

Allen Park MI 48101

313.389.1700

Please Note

- There is normally a fee to enter the park. Bring your own shade and water.
- **BRING YOUR OWN FOOD AND WATER.** Lunch will NOT be available for purchase on-site. Fast food places are within a few miles.
- **ONLINE ENTRIES** available at <https://www.michigangazehound.com/online-entries>.
A nonrefundable \$2 processing fee per entry, if paypal is used.

PREMIUM LIST

Early Entries close on Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at 6:00 PM
Entries for each test will close when 100 entries are received



**Michigan
Gazehound
Association**

michigangazehound.com

Fast Coursing Ability Tests SIGHTHOUND ONLY

LICENSED BY THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB

Friday, May 10, 2024, Event #2024261008

Friday, May 10, 2024, Event #2024261009

**Lake Erie Metro Park
32481 W Jefferson Ave
Rockwood, MI 48173**

\$20 for each pre-entry

\$30 for day of entry if available

Day of show entries please check in by 4:00 pm.

We will run in time blocks with a running order.

Make checks payable to "MGA" in US funds.

Mail to "Karen Estis, 111 W Park Ave, Flushing MI 48433".

Do NOT send entries "signature required".

SUBMIT SEPARATE ENTRY FORM FOR EACH DOG AND EACH EVENT

Only 100 entries will be accepted before entries close per event

The Event Secretary cannot accept conditional, unsigned, incomplete or unpaid entries; please check your completed entry carefully. Entries by e-mail will not be accepted.

ENTRIES MAY BE ACKNOWLEDGED BY E-MAIL PROVIDED A LEGIBLE E-MAIL ADDRESS IS INCLUDED ON THE ENTRY FORM



**American
Kennel Club®**

CERTIFICATION Permission has been granted by the American Kennel Club for the holding of this event under the American Kennel Club rules and regulations.

GINA M. DINARDO, Executive Secretary

MICHIGAN GAZEHOUD ASSOCIATION

Matt Botzau, President (Vassar, MI); Lianna Frazer, Vice President (Clinton Twp, MI);
Jessica Epstein, Secretary (Leslie, MI); Cathy Kirchmeyer, Treasurer (Milan, MI)

TEST COMMITTEE

Event Chair: Laura LaForest, Monclova OH 43542

Email: lauralaforest@gmail.com Phone: 419-913-7797

Event Secretary: Karen Estis, 111 W Park Ave, Flushing MI 48433

Email: glwrc@comcast.net Phone: 810-513-8093

Lure Operators: Lianna Frazer, Matt Botzau

Additional Members: Jessica Epstein, Michelle Hogan, David Matt

TEST HOURS

11:30 AM – until completion

ROLL CALL & INSPECTION

12:00 PM to 5:30 PM

Roll call is the time when participants are expected to check in. Check-in is followed by inspection for fitness, lameness, or “in season” females. Every dog must be inspected prior to EACH run. Handler will wipe female dogs. Roll call will open 15 minutes before your block is scheduled to run. If you do not check in before the end of your block, we will assume you are absent. There are no refunds for absent dogs. Bitches known to be in season are not to be brought to events and entry fees will be refunded,

AWARDS

A **light blue** ribbon will be awarded to each dog that completes the 100 yard dash. A rosette will be awarded for dogs that have finished a new title.

ELIGIBILITY

Only purebred Afghan Hound, Azawakh, Basenji, Borzoi, Cirneco dell'Etna, Greyhound, Ibizan Hound, Italian Greyhound, Irish Wolfhound, Norrbottenspet, Peruvian Inca Orchid, Pharaoh Hound, Portuguese Podengo, Portuguese Podengo Pequeno, Rhodesian Ridgeback, Saluki, Sloughi, Scottish Deerhound, Thai Ridgeback, and Whippet that are one year of age or older and have been registered with The American Kennel Club or an AKC recognized foreign registry or that have been granted an Indefinite Listing Privilege (ILP) may be entered.

For more information... <https://www.akc.org/sports/coursing/fast-cat/>

All dogs run at owners' sole risk. The hosting clubs and property owners, their agents, members, representatives, volunteers, etc. assume no responsibility for any loss, damage, or injury sustained by exhibitors and handlers or to any of their dogs or property and further assumes no responsibility for injury to children or spectators before, during, or after this event.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- For these tests, only **SIGHTHOUNDS** are eligible.
- All entries must be one year of age or older on the day of the test.
- Bitches in season and lame dogs will be excused. Entries will be refunded.
- There will be a minimum \$25 returned check charge.
- A \$5.00 fine will be assessed for any loose dog on the field that is not competing in the course in progress.
- A \$5.00 fine will be assessed for any handler not cleaning up after their dog.
- Gas powered, continuous loop equipment will be used.
- Lures consist of white plastic.
- MGA reserves the right to alter course due to field and/or weather conditions on the day of the test.
- Any person may, upon reasonable complaint, be asked to leave the grounds by the Test Committee.
- Children **MUST** be under control of their parents or guardians at all times.
- Only the Lure Operator, Huntmaster, and Handler of the dog running in the course in progress will be permitted near the lure machine.
- At its discretion, MGA may break periodically during the day to accommodate worker breaks.
- Handlers in Fast CAT are not permitted to travel down the 100-yard course during a dog's run or just prior to a dog being released for its run.
- The Finish: It is recommended that an owner or someone familiar with the dog stand at the finish in order to catch the dog once the course has been completed. A handler cannot recall their dog from the start line.

These will be CONCURRENT tests using a BLOCK SCHEDULE

NO RUN ORDER will be mailed out – a time block will be assigned and a run order will be created before the start of the time block. All entries with a valid, legible email address will be sent an entry confirmation with time block. It is the responsibility of each entrant to be ready with a catcher and releaser when their dog is called to the line. Dogs not checked it within 15 minutes of the start of their block time may be moved to a later time block.

COURSE PLANS

The field is located near the wave pool. There is plenty of parking next to the field. Please note that the park is NOT fenced and is public. The test field will NOT be fenced. The course (running lane and start box) will be fenced by temporary step in posts and plastic tape. Run out will be 60 yards, but will not be enclosed by fence. The running lane is grass.

Start and finish light curtain gates will be used for timing. Stopwatches will be used only if necessary, at the discretion of the test committee.

Official Photographer

Jeff LaForest • Makani Hounds Photography

Makanihounds.photos

Makanihounds@gmail.com

419.740.0669

Edited photos are generally posted 2 weeks after the event.

HOW TO ENTER

Complete an official AKC entry form for each dog for each test. Entry forms are located at the end of this premium list. Each dog may only enter once per test. **Enter early, as only 100 entries will be accepted for each test.** Make checks payable to "MGA" in US funds. Please note height of your dog at the withers on your entry form.

You may only enter by mailing all of the forms and fees to the Event Secretary or entering online via the Michigan Gazehound Association website, so that it is received by the closing date and time for entries. If your dog becomes lame, sick, or in season prior to the test, do not bring them to the test. Instead, contact the Event Secretary before the start of the tests to cancel your entry, and your entry fee will be destroyed or otherwise refunded. **Entering early is advised, as each test is limited to 100 entries.**

Entries will not be accepted without fees, signatures, or the "Agreement" found on the Official AKC Entry Form. Follow your veterinarian's recommendations to assure that your dogs are free of parasites and any communicable diseases and have appropriate vaccinations.

No entry fees will be refunded if the event cannot be started or completed by reason of riots, civil disturbances, fire, extreme and/or dangerous weather conditions, an act of God, public emergency, act of a public enemy, strikes or any other cause beyond the control of the Club or its members and representatives.

The Event Secretary must have the completed entry form and payment before a dog may be presented for inspection.

Instructions on how to Enter and Pay ONLINE can be found on the Online Entries Page on the Michigan Gazehound Association website: <https://www.michigan gazehound.com/online-entries>

ROLL CALL & INSPECTION

All dogs must be presented for inspection without tape, bandages, wrapping, or coverings of any kind (e.g., coats and blankets). At least two persons from the Test Committee will inspect each entered dog for lameness, fitness to compete, and female estrus (in season). In their opinion, any entered dog that is found to be lame, unfit to compete, or in season will not be allowed to run. Coursing is an athletic activity that can tax a dog's physical strength. Dogs that are old, have breathing or heart problems, are overweight, or are out of condition may be at greater risk for injury and exhaustion. The entry fee will be refunded for any dog that is not allowed to run by the inspectors. All dogs will be measured, with a wicket, to determine handicap. This measurement is final for this event. Your dog will be inspected and measured before EACH event.

Roll call will open 15 minutes before your block is scheduled to run. If you do not check in before the end of your assigned block, we will assume you are absent. Any dog that fails to present for inspection prior to the close of roll call and inspection for that time block will be marked absent. No refund will be given for an absent dog.

PADDOCK

It is the intention of the test committee to begin running courses as soon as roll call and inspection begin. When you are ready to run your dog, bring them to the paddock, the assembly area for dogs that have passed inspection and are prepared to run. Dogs may run wearing a

close fitting buckle collar. Choke collars and collars with dangling decoration will not be allowed. Hanging collar tags may be permitted if they are secured tight to the collar, such as by tape. Slip leads can be used if the owner desires.

The Paddock Master determines the order in which dogs run. After passing inspection, you must check in with the Paddock Master to ensure that your dog has been placed in the running order. In general, the Paddock Master will identify the next available dog based on the order in which they checked in to the paddock. In particular, preference may be given to a dog that is running its first test of the day over a dog that is running its second test of the day. If a dog is not present when it is called to run its test, the dog's name will be moved to the end of the running order. After roll call and inspection closes, any entered dog that has not yet tested and is not present within 5 minutes of completion of the last course will be marked absent and no refund will be given.

RUNNING THE COURSE

Each dog runs by itself and only one time in each testing event. They chase lures made of plastic strips that, by string and pulleys, follow a course in a field. Exhibitors must provide two handlers, one to release the dog in the start area and one to retrieve the dog in the finish area.

The Huntmaster is responsible for field safety and, therefore, is in complete charge of the dog and handlers on the field. In service to this responsibility, the Huntmaster has the authority to stop the lure at any potentially dangerous situation and signal the handlers to retrieve their dog. The handlers should retrieve their dog promptly at the end of the course. Listen to the Huntmaster and follow their instructions promptly and swiftly.

Handlers are not permitted to run with a dog, whether inside or outside of the course, and must remain either at the start or finish area of the course, except, if necessary, to retrieve their dog. Also, handlers must refrain from using devices as enticements while a dog is running the course. **You may not enter the start area with your dog until your catch handler is in the finish area.**

The FastCAT is a timed test. Light curtain timing equipment will be used at both the start and finish lines of the course. MGA reserves the right to use stopwatches in the event that the timing equipment malfunctions.

For the safety of the dog and as a courtesy to other exhibitors, your dog should have a reliable recall. A penalty of \$5.00 may be assessed for any dog causing an excessive delay of the event, because it cannot be recalled or retrieved from the field. Dogs that delay the event because they cannot be recalled may be refused entry at future events.

AKC TITLES

The dog's time is converted to mile per hour by formula and adjusted by a height handicap to determine a point score. Three titles will be awarded for dogs as they accumulate points in Fast Coursing Ability Test events. These are suffix titles that will appear on a dog's pedigree with a higher-level title superseding a lower-level title.

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

$\text{MPH} \times \text{HANDICAP} = \text{POINTS (ROUNDED TO NEAREST 0.01)}$

Based on the dog's size at the withers, a handicap is applied and points are earned:

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

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Titles are earned at specific point levels and the highest suffix may appear after the dog's name:
BCAT = 150 points DCAT = 500 points FCAT = 1,000 points FCAT# = Each additional 500 points

American Kennel Club Lure Coursing Entry Form

Club: Michigan Gazehound Association	Pre entry - \$20 per test. <input type="checkbox"/> Fri. May 10, 2024 Test #1	Day of test entry - \$30 per test. <input type="checkbox"/> Fri. May 10, 2024 Test #2
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Event: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FCAT	Breed: Sighthounds Only	Dog's Height: <input type="checkbox"/> Under 12" <input type="checkbox"/> 12" to under 18" <input type="checkbox"/> 18" and over
Date of Birth:	Sex:	AKC Registration #:

Call Name:	I enclose entry fees in the amount of \$:
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Full (Registered) Name of Dog:

Actual Owner(s):

Owner's Address:

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip code:** _____

Name of Owner's Agent/Handler (if any) at Trial:

AKC Rules, Regulations, Policies and Guidelines are available on the American Kennel Club website: www.akc.org

AGREEMENT

I certify that I am the actual owner of the 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 event, and any additional rules and regulations appearing in the premium list of this event and entry form and any decision made in accord with them. I (we) agree that the club holding this event has the right to refuse this entry for cause which the club shall deem sufficient. I (we) certify and represent that the dog entered is not a hazard to persons or other dogs. 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.

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 person. 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).

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Signature of owner or his/her agent duly authorized to make this entry:

Telephone: _____ **Email:** _____

Block Preference (please indicate a 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice – I will do my best.

	Friday			
<input type="checkbox"/> This is my 1 st FastCAT	<input type="checkbox"/> 12:00-1:00	<input type="checkbox"/> 3:00-4:00		
<input type="checkbox"/> I may need help with catch/release	<input type="checkbox"/> 1:00-2:00	<input type="checkbox"/> 4:00-5:30		
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