

GCA 2026 Central Regional Specialty Triple Crown

Submit separate entries: one for the Triple Crown Conformation Fun Match, one or two for the Friday AKC Fast CAT, and one for AKC Lure Coursing. The Triple Crown Conformation Match is a separate entry from the Central Specialty and the Gateway Hound Show Designated Specialty. Owners and agents are responsible for entering their dogs in each event. Spayed, neutered, and PAL-registered greyhounds are welcome to participate in the Triple Crown.

1. Conformation

Your greyhound must participate in the GCA Triple Crown Conformation Fun Match, held after breed judging for the GCA Designated Specialty at the Gateway Hound Show. Spayed, neutered, and PAL-registered greyhounds may participate. This match requires a separate entry from the GCA Central Specialty show and will be judged by Tiffany Marzluf.

Enter using this link: <https://forms.gle/tTbnyYzfrtyCLTGx5>

The Triple Crown Conformation fee is \$20. Pay via PayPal to greyhoundclubofamerica@gmail.com and include a note that the payment is for Triple Crown Conformation, along with the entered dog's name.

2. Fast CAT

Your greyhound must participate in the AKC Fast CAT trial at Purina Farms on Friday, September 11. The trial is hosted by the Ibizan Hound Club of the United States and run by the Iowa Coursing Association. Purina Farms recently lengthened the Fast CAT course to allow a 100-yard runout, improving safety for participating dogs. Dogs may complete one or two runs, but only the fastest run will count toward the Fast CAT ranking.

A link to the entry form will be provided when available.

3. Lure Coursing

Your greyhound must participate in the AKC lure coursing trial held with the GCA Central Specialty. Complete the standard entry in the AKC Lure Coursing Premium and submit it by the closing date. On the Triple Crown Entry Form, indicate the stake in which your greyhound is entered. Dogs may enter any stake: Open, Special, Veteran, or Single. The lure coursing trial is currently planned for Saturday, September 12, on the Herding Field at Purina Farms, with AKC Judge Jan Swayze judging. Isen Farm in Sorento, Illinois, will serve as the backup location.

A link to the entry form will be provided when available.

Scoring

Greyhounds will be ranked in each competition area, and the cumulative ranking will determine the GCA Triple Crown winner.

The judge will determine the conformation ranking using the AKC Greyhound Standard. Note: This is not an AKC-sanctioned show, so no champion or grand champion points will be awarded.

The Fast CAT score will be calculated by converting time in seconds to MPH using the standard AKC formula: $MPH = 204.545 \div \text{time}$. Dogs may complete one or two runs, but only the fastest run will count toward the Fast CAT ranking.

The lure coursing score will be the total of the preliminary and final runs from each stake. Regardless of total score, the Best of Breed winner will receive the highest ranking. Ties within a stake will be resolved by stake placement. Dogs tied across different stakes will receive the same ranking.

The overall Triple Crown winner will be determined by rankings across the three events. Ties will be resolved first by Conformation ranking, then by Lure Coursing ranking, and finally by Fast CAT ranking if needed.

Prizes:

Triple Crown Best of Breed: Rosette and pottery

High Double Lure Coursing + Conformation: pottery

High Double Fast CAT + Conformation: pottery

High Double Fast CAT + Lure Coursing: pottery

A dog may not receive both Triple Crown Best of Breed and a High Double Award, and no dog may receive more than one High Double Award. After Triple Crown Best of Breed is awarded, each High Double Award will go to the next highest-ranked eligible dog in this order: Lure Coursing + Conformation, Fast CAT + Conformation, then Fast CAT + Lure Coursing. Ties will be resolved by Conformation ranking, followed by Lure Coursing and then Fast CAT if needed.