



When it comes to canine illnesses we should all do our best to work together to avoid the spread of any canine illness by taking steps to help mitigate the risk.

You Can Help Mitigate the Risk by

- Keep your dog up to date on vaccines including but not limited to Bordetella, Parainfluenza, and Canine Influenza, and avoid direct contact with other dogs.
- If your dog has been exposed to a dog with an upper respiratory illness, but is showing no symptoms, it is recommended you quarantine your dog for a minimum of 14 days. Do not take it to any areas where other dogs will be.
- If your dog has been exposed to a dog with an upper respiratory illness, and is showing symptoms, it is recommended you quarantine your dog for a minimum of 30 days after all symptoms have passed. Do not take your dog to any areas where other dogs will be.
- Absolutely DO NOT take your dog to any events if it is showing any signs of respiratory illness such as coughing, sneezing, wheezing, any nasal discharge, lack of energy, or difficulty breathing.
- Any dog brought to event grounds displaying signs of illness will be required to leave the grounds.
- Avoid sharing water and food bowls among dogs. Dog bowls should be washed regularly.
- Regularly wash or sanitize your hands, especially after handling dogs.
- Pick up after your dog, each entrant will receive a roll of baggies in their souvenir bag. Extra baggies will be on hand at various locations on the field, please request if you need.
- If in doubt, speak to your veterinarian.

During the AKC Fast CAT Invitational

- Handlers will be provided their own new, pre-packaged lure for each run. No lure will be used more than one time. After a run is complete, the lure will be discarded and placed in a designated receptacle.
- Hand sanitizer will be stationed in many locations throughout the field.
- There will be no kiddie pools or shared water bowls. A misting station will be provided to cool dogs down if needed.
- No member of the inspection committee will physically touch a dog. Individual tissues will be provided for bitches.
- The inspection committee will remain particularly vigilant for signs of the virus.

For any questions, please contact us at akcfastcatinvitational@akc.org or 919-816-3340.