Breed First - CH + Coursing Ability Test D {500 points} {DCAT}



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AKC finally gave us a sport that answers the question, how fast can my dog run? The sport of FAST CAT or Fast Coursing Ability Test is a timed 100-yard dash where dogs run one at a time, chasing a lure. It's over before you know it, and it's nothing short of awe-inspiring to watch your dog run at top speed, ears back, eyes focused and legs strong.

Rye has been running Fast CAT since March 2020 and already has his BCAT and a regular lure coursing title. So he is no stranger to the game. I tapped into Rye's toy and chase drive at a young age, he knows when it's time to chase the plastic bag around or down a course and he loves it! Rye is not the fastest dog, or even the fastest saint, but with an average speed of 19.76 miles per hour he still has a blast running down the course.

On the weekend that Rye earned his DCAT title he was playing double duty. Rye was at the Nor Cal Cluster for a 4 day conformation and performance show when, he also had a Fast CAT trial 30 miles north that same weekend. He was a busy boy!

On Sunday May 9, 2021 Rye woke up bright and early and headed to his Fast CAT trial in Sacramento, California with his co-owner Brian. It was a nice cool morning, the sand was in perfect condition, and Rye ran two clean runs, earning himself the DCAT title! Right after grabbing his ribbons, Rye and Brian drove off to Lodi, California to compete for Best of Breed in the NorCal Cluster. It was only Brian's 2nd time handling Rye and he earned a wonderful Award of Merit under breeder judge Terry Temple!

After earning his DCAT, an Award of Merit, Rye and I went back into to ring and won Best Brace in Specialty Show! It was an absolutely amazing day that I will not forget anytime soon!

Rye was the first Saint Bernard with a Championship to earn the title of DCAT, it was his 16th AKC title and 17th title total.

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