

What is Lure Coursing?

Lure coursing is a sport that many dogs enjoy, and it's a great way to provide your dog with plenty of mental & physical exercise.

Lure coursing is the sport of having dogs chase a mechanized lure. Modern lure courses use plastic bags attached to a pulley for dogs to chase. And it's not just for sighthounds anymore, lure coursing trials have been established for dogs of any breed.

Lure coursing is the modern version of chasing a lure based on the ancient sport of live game chasing. Sighthounds were bred for tracking live small game such as hares, pigs, foxes, and in some cases large game such as deer or antelope.

A coursing dog should have the ability to course without showing signs of undue stress or lack of fitness. Coursing tests many aspects of a dog's physical structure and temperament. As a consequence, dogs who participate in lure coursing need to be both sound and fit.

What do I need for Lure Coursing?

- * Collar & Lead for your dog
- * Plenty of water for you and your dog
 - * A comfy chair to watch the fun
- * A crate for your dog is handy but not required
- * Shade for you and your dog if there is none available
 - * Esky for your drinks
- * If you own a sighthound, you will need to purchase a set of coursing coats.

What breeds can Lure?

Any breed or cross thereof can participate in Lure Coursing. From the smallest Chihuahua to Great Danes compete regularly!

What breeds are classed as Sighthounds?

Afghan Hound, Azawakh, Basenji, Borzoi, Greyhound, Ibizan Hound, Irish Wolfhound, Italian Greyhound, Pharoah Hound, Rhodesian Ridgeback, Saluki, Scottish Deerhound, Sloughi, Whippet
(Current Sighthound Breeds recognized by the ANKC)

Frequently asked questions!

- Where is it held? All lure coursing fields used are fully fenced, currently it is being held at DogsQLD Showgrounds, 247 King Avenue, Durack.
- My dog doesn't come back. That is ok, we have people that are great at enticing your dog in to be caught, or helping catch your dog after their run.
- Will my dog chase my cat or livestock if I Lure Course them? No, Successful lure coursing dogs live with a wide variety of other animals, such as cats, livestock, chickens and show no desire to chase or hurt other animals. Plastic bags may not be safe after they start coursing though!
- How do I get involved? Contact us, we will help point you in the right direction!!



New to Lure Coursing?

Basic Rules

- **Upon arrival to Lure Coursing meet, check in with the Race Secretary, present all entire bitches for inspection by the vetting clerk.**
- **Maintain effective control of your dog whilst off the Coursing field.**
- **Watch for your number to be called, 3 calls and you will be marked absent.**
- **Do not crowd the Coursing field gate while waiting for your turn, Lure coursing can cause dogs to be highly strung and competitors should not have to deal with dodging dogs to get to the field.**
- **Wear your number in a prominent spot on your arm or clothing.**
- **The huntsmaster has control of the Lure Coursing Field, obey their direction at all times.**
- **On the field, do not release your dog until the Huntmaster calls Tally Ho, early release will result in a deduction of points.**
- **Attempt to catch your dog at the end of the course as promptly as possible.**
- **Warm your dog up prior to your turn and cool your dog down after it has run.**
- **Please be aware that dogs can overheat in the cooler months. If you have a problem, please let an official know straight away for help.**

Coursing Ability Title (CAT)

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Your dog is being scored on the following points:

Enthusiasm ~ 15points

Follow ~ 15 points

Speed ~ 25 points,

Agility ~ 25 points

Endurance ~ 20 points.

CAT TITLE PROGRESSION

Please note Passes toward a title can only be accrued if the dog runs in both runs at a Single Meet and scores a minimum of 160 points.

JUNIOR COURSER (JC Title)

A dog must be over 12mths and obtain two qualifying certificates. The dog must achieve a minimum of 150 points at each meet.

COURSING ABILITY (CA Title)

A dog must obtain 10 Qualifying certificates under a minimum of 3 judges. The dog must achieve a minimum score of 160. (A minimum of 10 qualifying meets to obtain CA Title)

COURSING ABILITY ADVANCED (CAA Title)

A dog after achieving it's CA Title is eligible to compete for the CAA title, where a further 8 Qualifying Certificates must be achieved under 4 different judges.

COURSING ABILITY EXCELLENT (CAX Title)

A dog after achieving it's CAA Title is eligible to compete for the CAX title, where a further 8 Qualifying Certificates must be achieved under 5 different judges.

FURTHER TITLES (CAX2,CAX3, etc Title)

Once a dog achieves their CAX Title, they are then eligible to apply for a higher title (CAX2, CAX3 etc) for every additional 5 Qualifying Certificates accrued.

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Stakes available:

- **Junior Courser** ~ All dogs must obtain two qualifying certificate before progressing.
- **Single Stakes** ~ Singles Stakes are for dogs that run on their own after they have qualified as a Junior Courser. Dogs running by themselves are only eligible for a Singles Field Champion title (sFCH), Singles Lure Courser of Merit (sLCM) and Singles Lure Courser Excellent (sLCX) titles. Points are not transferable between Singles Stakes and the Open/Field Champion/Veteran Stakes.
- **Veteran Stakes** ~ Points shall be awarded at breed level for dogs seven (7) years of age or over (excepting Irish Wolfhounds who are five (5) years or older). The maximum points earned at any one meet is ten (10) points. Points are not transferable between Open/Field Champion/Veteran Stakes and the Singles Stakes. If a dog is part-way through their coursing career and becomes a Veteran, all points accrued in Open/Field Champion Stakes can be transferred across when the dog starts to compete in Veteran Stakes. Once enrolled in Veteran Stakes, a dog cannot transfer out.
- **Open Stakes** ~ Points shall be awarded at breed level for exhibits eighteen (18) months of age. The maximum points earned at any one meet is ten (10) points. Points are not transferable between Open/Field Champion/Veteran Stakes and the Singles Stakes.
- **Field Champion Stakes** ~ Sighthounds and eligible breeds who have gained their FCH title may be eligible to compete for the Lure Courser of Merit (LCM) title.

SIGHTHOUND TITLE PROGRESSION

Please note Passes toward a title can only be accrued if the dog runs in both runs at a Single Meet and scores the minimum points required for a qualifying certificate.

JUNIOR COURSER (JC Title)

A dog must be over 12mths and obtain two qualifying certificates.
The dog must achieve a minimum of 150 points at each meet.

SINGLE STAKES

The dog must achieve a minimum of 170 points at each meet.

Eligible dogs will receive: 1 point for competing, plus 3 points for completing the course.

Singles Field Champion (SFCH)

Your dog must have accrued 40 points to be eligible for this title.

Singles Lure Courser Merit (SLCM)

Sighthounds that have gained their SFCH may compete for their SLCM. A additional 32 breed points must be achieved for this title.

Singles Lure Courser Excellent (SLCX)

Sighthounds that have gained their SLCM may compete for their SLCX. A additional 32 breed points must be achieved for this title. For every additional 20 breed points, a higher numbered title will be available. eg (SLCX2, SLCX3 etc)

QUALIFYING COURSE

For a sighthound to graduate to Open or Veteran Stakes, a QC (Qualifying Course) run is undertaken.

The QC is to ensure the Junior Courser runs cleanly (does not interfere with another dog). The QC dog is an experienced dog of the same breed, or of similar running style (each dog's owner must agree for the dogs to run together if the breeds are different). If the dog does not run cleanly, the owner may choose to run their dog in another QC run at subsequent meets (after practicing with more single JC runs), or graduate to the Singles Stakes.

VETERAN STAKES

The dog must achieve a minimum of 170 points at each meet. .

Eligible dogs will receive:

- 1 point for competing, plus
- 3 points for 1st place in breed, plus 1 point for each dog beaten in the breed
- 2 points for 2nd place in breed, plus 1 point for each dog beaten in the breed
- 1 point for 3rd place in breed, plus 1 point for each dog beaten in the breed.

Veteran Field Champion (VFCH)

50 Points are required to be earned by a sighthound to be eligible for the title.

Veteran Lure Courser Merit (VLCM)

30 additional breed points are required for this title.

Veteran Lure Courser Excellence (vLCX)

20 additional breed points are required for this title. For every additional 20 breed points, a higher numbered title will be available. eg (vLCX2, vLCX3 etc)

OPEN STAKES

Points can only be accumulated at a meet where the dog has accrued a minimum total score of 170 per meet.

Note: Championship points towards the Field Champion title can only be accumulated within the Open Stakes.

Eligible dogs will receive:

- 1 point for competing, plus
- 3 points for 1st place in breed, plus 1 point for each dog beaten in the breed
- 2 points for 2nd place in breed, plus 1 point for each dog beaten in the breed
- 1 point for 3rd place in breed, plus 1 point for each dog beaten in the breed.

Field Champion (FCH)

100 Points are required to be earned by a sighthound or eligible breed, to be eligible for the title, as well as obtaining a minimum of one First placing or two Second placings.

FIELD CHAMPION STAKES (LCM)

Sighthounds who have gained their FCH title may be eligible to compete for the Lure Courser of Merit (LCM) title.

Lure Courser of Merit (LCM)

80 additional breed points as well as obtaining a minimum of one First placing or two Second placings is required for this title.

Lure Courser Excellent (LCX)

An additional 50 breed points is required for this title. A higher numbered title will be available for every additional 20 breed points. (LCX2, LCX3 etc).