

# AKC Titling & Sport — Handler Checklist

Titles that actually matter (and how to earn them).

Titles are public, judged proof your training holds up. They're also the gateway to more advanced sport, working evaluations, and breeding decisions.

## Use cases & applications

### CGC / CGCA / CGCU

*For: Pet owners, therapy prospects*

Foundation manners verified by an AKC evaluator. CGCU adds urban environments — buses, elevators, crowds.

### AKC Trick Dog (Novice → Elite)

*For: Pet owners, content creators*

Builds engagement, teaches handler mechanics, and is the friendliest on-ramp to sport.

### FastCAT

*For: High-drive dogs*

100-yard timed coursing. Fastest way to title a drivey dog who already loves to chase.

### ATT (AKC Temperament Test)

*For: Working prospects, breeders*

Standardized temperament eval. Essential pre-purchase data on a breeding dog.

### IGP foundations (BH, IGP 1)

*For: Sport handlers*

Tracking, obedience, protection. The most respected working test in the world.

## Handler how-tos

### Prep for trial day

- 1 Visit the trial venue twice in the two weeks prior — train sits/downs in that exact space.
- 2 Practice the exact judging pattern with someone playing judge.
- 3 Pack two of everything: leashes, collars, treats, water bowls.
- 4 Arrive 90 min early. Walk the dog. Watch one ring run before you enter.
- 5 Brief the steward on any handling quirks (e.g. 'dog is reactive to umbrellas').

Field checklist (check as completed):

- ☐ Visit the trial venue twice in the two weeks prior — train sits/downs in that exact space.
- ☐ Practice the exact judging pattern with someone playing judge.
- ☐ Pack two of everything: leashes, collars, treats, water bowls.
- ☐ Arrive 90 min early. Walk the dog. Watch one ring run before you enter.
- ☐ Brief the steward on any handling quirks (e.g. 'dog is reactive to umbrellas').

## Safety notes

Read before every session. These are non-negotiable.

- ! Confirm AKC registration / PAL number before entering any trial.
- ! Bring updated vaccination records — many venues check at check-in.
- ! Do not crate stack in direct sun — bring shade, fans, and water.
- ! Pull from the trial if the dog shows stress signs; titles are not worth a setback.

Delta K9 Academy · North Hollywood, CA · (818) 555-K9K9 · [deltak9.frenchydigital.com](http://deltak9.frenchydigital.com)  
This checklist is a working reference. It does not replace hands-on coaching from a qualified trainer.