

Chintimini Kennel Club Lure Coursing Practices: Schedules, Locations and Procedures

Practice Schedule (last updated 4 September 2023)

Day of the Week	Date	Time	Location	Status
Monday	11 Sept.	5:30	Eugene OR	

Practice dates may change due to field conditions etc. We try to send out an email no later than the Friday before practice. Check website often for possible changes or contact Nick and Sue Pisas at scpisias@gmail.com

Are you new to practices?

If you have not been to a practice before we will need to have you sign a “Hold Harmless” form to protect the landowners who allow us to use their property for these practices. The forms will be available at the field or you can go online to:

<https://form.jotform.com/82107206984155>

Directions to Practice Sites

NEWEST PRACTICE LOCATION:

EUGENE FIELD

90134 Shore Lane, Eugene OR; Birch Bark Farm

From I5. Take exit 195 onto OR-569, the Randy Pape Beltline towards Eugene. In 5.8 miles take exit 7A, turning right onto Prairie Rd. In 0.3 miles turn left onto Irving Rd. In 5.1 miles turn left onto Barker Rd. In 0.3 miles turn left onto Shore Ln. Field will be on your right.

From Corvallis. Take 99W South towards Monroe/Junction City. In 17 miles turn right on S Fifth St. Monroe and continue on Territorial Rd. Continue 8.7 miles turning left onto OR-36. In 0.3 miles turn right onto Applegate Trail. In 2.6 miles turn left onto Territorial Hwy and in 2.5 miles turn left onto Kruger Park Rd. In 0.3 miles turn left onto Clear Lake Rd and in 2.6 miles turn right onto Shore Ln. In 0.5 miles, field will be on right.

CORVALLIS/PHILOMATH FIELD

782 S 13th St. PHILOMATH OR 97370, CORNER OF 13TH AND CHAPEL RD.
SOUTH OF THE PHILOMATH FROLIC RODEO GROUNDS.

From I5. Take exit 228 and travel west on Highway 34. 10 miles from the freeway take the Highway 34/US 20 bypass towards the Oregon Coast. Continue on Highway 34/US 20

towards Philomath. In Philomath turn left on 13th. In 0.49 miles, the gate is on the right just before Chapel Dr. If you reach Chapel Dr. you went too far. Parking will be on the field.

COTTAGE GROVE FIELD

Direction to the Billup's Ranch 71273 London Rd COTTAGE GROVE Oregon

Traveling South on I-5

Exit Cottage Grove, 6th Avenue Exit 172.

Turn left and go over freeway. Follow 6th Avenue down the hill and veer toward the left. Sixth Avenue has now become London Road. Follow London Road to mile marker 13. The mile markers are small signs on the side of the road. Right after mile marker 13, you cross a bridge. About 1/4 mile past the bridge, there are 3 mail boxes on the right side of the road. Directly opposite the mail boxes, is a dirt road. Turn left onto that dirt road. Follow the dirt road about 1/4 mile to the Y intersection. Take the left part of the Y. Immediately after the Y, is a driveway on the left, do not take that. Follow the road straight until you come to a stop sign and the Whippet Watch sign. Go straight into the front yard.

If you are here for a lure trial or practice, turn left immediately after the stop sign and follow the gravel road down to the field. The pasture gate will be open, and we will be running right next to the barn. Parking is right next to the barn, or next to the horse pens depending on the number of people who show up. If it is wet, please park on the gravel drive, as the ground in horse pasture can get very soft.

Traveling North on I-5

Take the first Cottage Grove Exit south of town, Exit 170.

You will follow the road left over the freeway, and drive parallel to the freeway for about 2 miles. At Latham, turn right. There is a Weyerhaeuser lumber mill on the north corner, turn before the lumber mill. Follow Latham back under the freeway until it dead ends at 6th Avenue. Turn right onto 6th/London Road. Follow London Road to mile marker 13. The mile markers are small signs on the side of the road. Right after mile marker 13, you cross a bridge. About 1/4 mile past the bridge, there are 3 mail boxes on the right side of the road. Directly opposite the mail boxes, is a dirt road. Turn left onto that dirt road. Follow the dirt road about 1/4 mile to the Y intersection. Take the left part of the Y. Immediately after the Y, is a driveway on the left, do not take that. Follow the road straight until you come to a stop sign and the Whippet Watch sign. Go straight into the front yard.

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PRACTICE ETIQUETTE

PLEASE READ

Lure coursing is a fun activity for dogs and their handlers. Chintimini Kennel Club strives to make all of our dog events dog and handler friendly. But we must remember that in lure coursing, we are trying to turn on our dog's prey drive and that does require some understanding that the dog's behavior may be different than what we see at other dog activities. Here are some things that we ask while at our practice and other lure coursing events:

- All dogs should be on a strong lead with preferably well fitting buckle collar or martingale type collar or harness so the dog cannot slip out or back out of its collar or harness. **NO FLEXI-LEADS PLEASE.** We have seen many flexi-leads fail when a dog jets out after the lure.
- The only dog off lead is the dog running.
- Lure coursing is not a place to socialize your dog with other dogs. Again, we are asking them to follow their prey drive instincts and they can get very excited.
- Please pick up after your dogs. We are on private property and we need to take care of the owner's land.
- Please be respectful of others. We often have new people and we were all beginners at one time. If you think someone might need some extra help, please let us know if you are not sure how to step in.
- **How we would like to handle dog aggressive dogs at practice?** Please let us know if your dog might have some issues or you have concerns about the safety of your dog. During practices we do not routinely ask that dogs not running be put into crates or cars. We especially encourage new dogs to watch other dogs run to help increase their interest in the lure. Thus, there will often be many dogs on leads at the practice field. When a dog aggressive dog is running we will ask that people watching with their dogs to put their dogs in a crate or car. We want everyone and their dogs to have fun but we also want to be sure that all are comfortable.

GOALS and Practice Procedures

1 Goals of Practices

- Having the dogs learn to be keen for the lure.
- Straight runs help dogs to learn to follow.
- Zig-zag runs are used to give dogs practice in changing "leads" with quick left and right turns.
- Giving handlers experience releasing dogs.

2 Learning to be Keen?

- For successful lure coursing, a dog must want the lure more than anything else on the field.
- This is contradictory to obedience. An obedient dog wants to be near its owner, a course will require the dog being hundreds (100s) of yards away from the handler.
- Plastic bags are cheap. Let the dog play (shred) the bag. The catcher then puts the dog on lead. If you don't have a catcher don't call the dog back until after it leaves the bag, making sure that all body parts are out of the string including teeth and toes.

3 Steps of a Practice

1. Get dog's name added to the running order used by lure operator.
2. When your turn comes up, wait for previous dog to be put on leash.
3. Pick up lure and take dog and lure to starting position.
4. When ready to release your dog "signal" lure operator (by voice or by hand).
5. When dog has finished and is no longer "on the lure" then call your dog.
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4 Safety during Practices

- Please no flexi-leads. Dogs can get very excited and can break the flexi plus flexi-leads can clothesline (wrap around) other dogs and people.
- Moving lure string can cause severe burns and cuts. Please walk around the lure machine and string even if it's not moving.
- Dogs can get tangled in the string, especially after some "gymnastics" catching the lure. Thus the importance of a catcher. If no catcher then be absolutely sure no body part of the dog is in the string before calling.

5 Lure Operator's Final Comments - Safety!

- Lure coursing is a forced exercise. For the dogs, the lure is the most important thing in the world.
- Always watch your dog, especially if it loses the lure.
- A moving string can cause severe cuts.
- After each run, check your dog for injuries (pulled muscles, string cuts etc.).
- Don't run a dog that is not fit. In a trial a dog could make 4 to 5 runs of the course. Conditioning and proper weight is important. (CAT) Coursing Ability Test dogs run only once per event.
- A good event is when dogs and owners leave the field happy, safe, tired and ready for the next event.

6 Why Do Only Run Straights Courses at Practices?

- Dogs soon learn to anticipate turns on a full course.
- At a lure coursing trial this is called “cheating”.
- Cheating lowers the dog’s score from the judges.
- We address “cheating” in two ways:
 - § At our Corvallis practices, field conditions dictate that the dogs must precisely follow the lure.
 - § In Junction City we use a reversing continuous loop machine that allows us to reverse the lure as soon as the dog shows signs of not following.
- Finally, the dogs have fun chasing the bags. A keen dog will follow the bag anywhere. They don’t need to run a complex course to have fun.