The Ibizan Hound Club of the United States will be hosting an

AKC'S COURSING ABILITY ® (CAT) TEST

The Coursing Ability Test (CAT) is for any dog of any breed, including mixed-breeds, as long as it is at least 1 year old and individually registered or listed with AKC.

AKC Coursing Ability Tests do not require dogs to run as far as dogs in lure coursing trials.

They also do not have to execute extreme turns, with no turn being more acute than 90 degrees.

Dogs under 12-inches at the withers have a course of approximately 300 yards. Dogs more than 12 inches at the withers race approximately 600 yards. The 600-yard course must be completed within 2 minutes and the 300-yard course within 1½ minutes.

For those of you who plan to give the test a try with your dog, The following are good tips:

- Make sure that your dog is physically healthy and in good shape to run a course. If you are not sure, make an appointment with a veterinarian to get an opinion.
- For the test, bring lots of fresh water, a strong, soft leash.
- Handlers should wear comfortable shoes and be physically able to hold and release their dogs, as well as catch them.
- Teach your dog the command "come." "If you don't have control
 over the dog when it is just laying around the house and not fully
 aroused, you will have a heck of a time trying to catch them when
 they are super excited about the lure and running loose."

Dates: Thursday, September 11, 2014 and

Saturday, September 13, 2014

Location: Purina Farms ... Herding Field

Time: Afternoon (following the Specialty L.C. Trial) **Cost:** \$20 per dog if registered by August 29, 2014

\$25 per dog after Aug. 29th

For More Information go to:

http://www.ihcus.org/specialty/2014-national-specialty