

In 2024, DCA Jeana Winterbottom decided to enter the world of performance and pursue a new title in Fast CAT with her Dalmatian, Maddie. She spent the year volunteering, learning the Fast CAT operations, meeting new people and dogs and helping some newbies into the sport. Many asked her, why Fast CAT? To answer this, Jeana reflected on their endearing moment at a trial in Punta Gorda, FL. Maddie and Jeana were returning from the catch pen and an elderly gentleman made his way towards them. He put his hand on Jeana's and said my wife and I sure did enjoy seeing that spotted dog run, thank you for that. Jeana glanced over at his wife, sitting in the car with the enthusiasm of a child on Christmas day, clapping her hands, as the dogs ran by, and her day was made. Their Fast CAT journey continued as did Maddie's "need for speed". Maddie ends almost every run with her signature two barks at the bags and then a u-turn to find Jeana.

Jeana, along with the DCA Coursing Committee, is excited to share that Maddie, CH Woodwynd Dalmatians All in Good Time FDC CAX FCAT16 SCN SIN SBN RATO CGC TKI ATT is the highest-titled Dalmatian in Fast CAT in the United States. In three years with over 300 Dalmatians competing, Maddie achieved this status with 315 runs and a best run time of 7.17 sec/28.53 MPH. For the third consecutive year, at 5 ½ years young, Maddie remains in the Top 25 of fastest Dalmatians.

We are very proud of Team Maddie's accomplishment!