



## Yankee Golden Retriever Club

### Fall Health Clinics

**Sunday November 15, 2015**

Bulger Animal Hospital, 247 Chickering Rd, N. Andover, MA 01845

- **OFA HIPS/ ELBOWS: Dr. Kathy Sneider, DVM**
- **EYE EXAMS: Dr. Ruth Marrion, DVM, DACVO, PhD**
- **HEART EXAMS: Dr. Josh Gidlewski, DVM, DACIM**
- **MICROCHIPS, OPTIGEN 20/20 BLOOD DRAW**

Forms and Info available at [www.yankeegr.org](http://www.yankeegr.org)

ALL BREEDS WELCOME. Bitches in season may attend.  
Preference will be given to Golden Retrievers if the schedule is full.

#### Deadline, Payment & Refunds:

- **DEADLINE FOR APPOINTMENTS: Wednesday, November 11, 2015**  
Appointments must be requested by US Mail. Please allow for US mail delivery time!
- All appointments require advance payment by check or money order.
- Fees will be refunded ONLY if appt is canceled IN WRITING by Nov. 11.
- Confirmation of your appointment time will be e-mailed to you by Friday, 11/13. Driving directions will be included.
- If you plan to register results with OFA, bring AKC registration with you to the clinic, and request *Permanent ID Verification*.
- FMI: Carolyn Zagami, [BirdwingGR@gmail.com](mailto:BirdwingGR@gmail.com) or 978-580-5888

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** Please contact Carolyn at [BirdwingGR@gmail.com](mailto:BirdwingGR@gmail.com)  
or 978-580-5888 if you can help.

## **OFA HIP AND ELBOW CLINIC — Dr. Kathy Sneider, VMD**

- Fees: \$295 without sedation, \$330 with sedation. OFA submission fees are not included.
- A limited number of appointments will be available. Pre-registration strongly suggested. Complete appointment form and you will be contacted to set up an appointment time. Walk-ins will be accepted if time allows.
- Please complete OFA forms prior to Clinic, [www.offa.org/pdf/hdedapp\\_bw.pdf](http://www.offa.org/pdf/hdedapp_bw.pdf)
- Golden Retrievers must be 2 years of age for clearance. Prelims can be done at any age.

## **EYE CLINIC for CATARACT, PU & PROGRESSIVE RETINAL ATROPHY.**

### ***EXAMINATIONS BY Ruth Marrion, DVM, DACVO, PhD***

- Fees: Yankee members \$25 per dog; Non-members and Subscribers - \$30 per dog.
- OFA Forms will be available at the Clinic. OFA submission fees are not included. Senior dogs will be charged an examination fee, but OFA submission is free. Details at [www.offa.com](http://www.offa.com)
- Note: Each examination takes approximately 5 minutes.
- Eye drops to dilate the pupils and aid in examination must be administered 20 minutes prior to the examination.
- Please arrive half an hour prior to your dog's eye appointment, to allow for check-in and eye drops. Late arrivals will be seen as the schedule allows.

#### General Information:

- Golden Retrievers younger than 3 years of age should be checked for hereditary cataracts, PU and PRA every 6 months.
- Golden Retrievers 3 years or older should be checked annually.
- Dogs that produce offspring should continue to have ophthalmology exams on a yearly basis, for their lifetime.
- Certificates of eye clearance are valid for 12 months from date of exam.

## **CARDIAC SCREENING CLINIC.**

### ***Examinations by Cardiologist Dr. Josh Gidlewski, DVM, DACVIM***

- The purpose of this clinic is to identify animals with SAS defects. By auscultation, the Cardiologist will screen for the presence of a murmur typical of SAS. If such a murmur is detected, an echocardiograph study will be offered to further define the absence or presence of the defect. Animals with SAS should not be used in breeding programs. Further, animals with clinically significant defects can be identified for further treatment.
- Preliminary screenings can be done at any age, however a final clearance is usually not given until the dog is at least 15 months old. Any exam done prior to 12 months of age is considered preliminary, and an OFA certification number will not be issued.

#### General Information:

- Fees: \$40.00 per dog for members of Yankee Golden Retriever Club, \$45.00 per dog for non-members and subscribers.
- Each examination will take approximately 5 minutes.
- If an echocardiogram is indicated, the Cardiologist will attempt to do the study immediately following the initial exam. An additional fee of \$210 is charged for an echo, payable by cash to vet. Checks and credit cards are not accepted.
- OFA submission forms will be available at the Clinic, or may be downloaded and completed ahead of time. [www.offa.org/pdf/cardapp\\_bw.pdf](http://www.offa.org/pdf/cardapp_bw.pdf)

PLEASE NOTE: OFA does not require permanent identification to issue a certification. However, all assigned OFA numbers will indicate whether the dog was permanently identified at the time of examination, by use of -PI and -NOPI. AKC does require the dog to be permanently identified, by tattoo or microchip, in order to include OFA info in their database. *Please request Permanent ID verification by the vet or tech, at the time of exam, if you plan to register the dog's results with AKC!*

## OPTIGEN 20/20 CANINE GENETIC TESTING CLINIC

- 20 samples submitted = 20% discount. Tell your friends!
- ALL BREEDS WELCOME
- Fee: \$10 per blood draw
- You must pre-register at [www.optigen.com](http://www.optigen.com)
- Available tests listed on optigen's website
- Optigen forms must be brought to the clinic
- Dogs must have verified permanent id.
- A clinic discount code will be provided by optigen. However, it is not valid until 2 weeks prior to the clinic, and must be used to register online.
- Please plan to pre-register online after 11/1/2015.

## MICROCHIP CLINIC

- Clinic rate \$35 (compare at >\$50). Includes Pre-registered AKC Reunite ISO Microchip. Owner is responsible for submitting AKC Reunite registration forms
- Proof of ownership required prior to insertion of chip.
- Dogs requiring permanent ID will be microchipped prior to exam.
- We will have a limited number of microchips available at the clinic. Please plan accordingly.

**Our sincere thanks to Bulger Veterinary Hospital for the use of their facility.  
PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE AND CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOG!**

### **A note about appointment times:**

When requesting a preferred appointment time, please remember that staying exactly on time is sometimes difficult. Every attempt will be made to take you as close as possible to your scheduled appointment time. Dogs attending multiple clinics might not have consecutive appointments.

Late arrivals will be seen if and when the schedule allows.

## YGRC Fall Clinic 2015 Appointment Request Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Text enabled Y\_\_ N\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Notify by: E-mail \_\_\_\_ Text \_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_

Preferred time: AM / PM \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Dog	Eye	Heart	Chip	Optigen	Hips/Elbows	Breed

	YGRC Members:	Non-Members & Subscribers:
Eye Exam:	X \$25 = _____	X \$30 = _____
Heart Exam:	X \$40 = _____	X \$45 = _____
Echo:	\$210 cash to vet*	\$210 cash to vet*
Microchip:	X \$35 = _____	X \$35 = _____
Optigen draw:	x \$10 = _____	x \$10 = _____
Hips/Elbows:	payment to vet*	payment to vet*
	Total: _____	Total: _____

\* Echocardiogram, Hip/Elbow exam to be paid separately at clinic.

-----detach and keep below for your reference-----

**Mail form along with your check payable to *Yankee Golden Retriever Club* to:**

**Carolyn Zagami, YGRC Fall Clinic, 406 Williams St., Marlboro, MA 01752**

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- Appointment requests must be accompanied by payment in full.
- Please write checks to Yankee Golden Retriever Club or YGRC.
- Returned checks are subject to a bank service charge.
- Refunds given only if appointment is canceled **in writing** by 11/11/15.

Appointment times will be confirmed via e-mail, text or phone by Friday, November 13th.  
Please wait until Saturday, November 14th before contacting us about appointments.