

# YGRC Fall Health Clinics: Sunday, November 16, 2014

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

- OFA Hips and Elbows
- Eye Screening exams
- Heart / Cardiac SAS Screening exams
- Snap 4Dx Testing
- Microchips
- Titers for Distemper, Parvovirus, Adenovirus
- Optigen 20/20
- Blood draw for canine health research

Preference will be given to Golden Retrievers, however, all breeds are welcome.

Bitches in season may attend.

DEADLINE FOR APPOINTMENTS: Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Appointment requests by US Mail only. Please allow for mail delivery time!

Mail to: Carolyn Zagami, YGRC Fall Clinic, 406 Williams St., Marlboro, MA 01752

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** Please contact Carolyn at BirdwingGR@gmail.com if you can help.

**Payment & Refunds:** All appointments require advance payment by check or money order. Fees will be refunded if appt is canceled IN WRITING by Nov. 12. Contact Carolyn at BirdwingGR@gmail.com.

**Confirmation of your appointment time will be e-mailed to you by Friday, 11/14.** Driving directions will be included. See appointment form for further information.

REMEMBER: If you plan to register results with OFA, bring registration info with you to the clinic, and REQUEST PERMANENT ID VERIFICATION.

Dogs attending multiple clinics will be scheduled for permanent ID first.

**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.

#### **General Guidelines:**

- All dogs must be brought into the office on lead.
- Bitches in season are welcome; however please come into the clinic without her when you arrive, so we can arrange a safe entry and exit.
- Please allow ample time for parking and completion of forms! Late arrivals will be seen as the schedule allows
- Please be prepared to pick up after yourself and your dog. YGRC wishes to remain welcome at all venues!

MANY THANKS to the staff of Bulger Veterinary Hospital for donating the use of their Hospital to the Club so that we can hold this clinic.

PLEASE BE VERY RESPECTFUL OF THE DOCTORS, THE HOSPITAL AND GROUNDS. PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOGS! YANKEE GRC VALUES ITS GOOD REPUTATION!



#### NEW!

## OFA HIP AND ELBOW CLINIC: Kathy Sneider, VMD

Fees: \$295 without sedation, \$330 with sedation. OFA submission fees are not included.

Pre-registration strongly suggested. Walk-ins will be accepted if time allows. Call Dr. Sneider for appointments: 508-830-9943

Please complete OFA forms prior to Clinic: <a href="http://www.offa.org/pdf/hdedapp\_bw.pdf">http://www.offa.org/pdf/hdedapp\_bw.pdf</a>

# FALL EYE CLINIC for CATARACT & PROGRESSIVE RETINAL ATROPHY EXAMINATIONS BY: Ruth Marrion, DVM, DACVO, PhD

#### Exam fees:

- Yankee members \$30 per dog
- Non-members and Subscribers \$35 per dog.

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.

#### **OFA**

- 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

#### **General Information:**

- Eye drops to dilate the pupils and aid in examination must be administered 20 minutes prior to the examination. Each examination takes approximately 5 minutes
- Golden Retrievers younger than 3 years of age should be checked for hereditary cataracts, PRA and PU every 6 months.
- Golden Retrievers 3 years or older should be checked annually.
- Dogs that produce offspring should continue to have ophthalmology examinations on a yearly basis for their lifetime.
- Certificates of eye clearance are valid for only 12 months from date of exam

#### MORRIS ANIMAL FOUNDATION GOLDEN RETRIEVER LIFEETIME STUDY

If you have a Golden Retriever under 2 years old, with a 3 generation pedigree, your dog can be a hero! INFORMATION WILL BE AVAILABLE ON-SITE .

Please speak with Dr. Mike Lappin or Carolyn Zagami to learn more.

# **Cardiac Screening Clinic**

## Examinations by Cardiologist Trey Schutrumpf, DVM, DACMIM

**Background Information:** The purpose of this clinic is to identify animals with SAS defects. Through 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. Furthermore, those animals with clinically significant defects can be identified for further treatment.

#### Exam fees:

- \$45.00 per dog for members of Yankee Golden Retriever Club
- \$50.00 per dog for non-members and subscribers.

#### General Information:

- 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 \$170 is charged for an echo, payable by cash or check. Credit cards are not accepted.

#### AKC & OFA:

- OFA submission forms will be available at the Clinic, or may be downloaded and completed ahead of time. http://www.offa.org/pdf/cardapp\_bw.pdf
- 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.
- It should be noted that the AKC *does* require the dog to be permanently identified, by tattoo or microchip, in order to include OFA info in their database. *Please request PID verification at the time f exam if you plan to register the dog's results with AKC!*
- 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.

## **NEW!** Titer Testing: Distemper – Parvovirus - Adenovirus

- Performed by Michael A. Lappin, DVM
- Fee: \$65 per dog. Results will be available by phone or email after the clinic

#### **Microchip Clinic**

- Clinic rate \$35 (compare at \$50). Includes Pre-registered AKC/CAR Microchip
- Administered by Owner is responsible for submitting AKC/CAR registration forms.
- Proof of ownership/registration will be required prior to insertion of chip.

#### SNAP 4Dx Clinic: Tests for Heartworm and Tick-borne Diseases

- Clinic Rate \$35.
- Results available on-site.

### **DNA blood draw for Canine Health Research**

- Free for Golden Retrievers, \$20 fee for all others
- Samples submitted to: BROAD INSTITUTE and OFA/CHIC DNA BANK

## **OPTIGEN 20/20 CANINE GENETIC TESTING CLINIC**

- 20 samples submitted = 20% discount. Tell your friends!
- Available tests listed on optigen's website. Please complete pre-registration forms online prior to Clinic at <a href="https://www.optigen.com">www.optigen.com</a>
- A \$20 fee per blood draw is requested, and will be donated to the Morris Animal Foundation Golden Retriever Lifetime Study.

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# **Appointment Request Form**

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Deadline for appointments is Wednesday, November 12, 2014. Please allow ample time for US Mail delivery! Late receipts will be returned unopened.

- Appointment requests must be accompanied by payment in full.
- Please write checks payable to Yankee Golden Retriever Club or YGRC.
- Returned checks are subject to a \$35 bank service charge.
- Refunds given only if appointment is canceled in writing by 11/12/14.

Appointments and directions will be sent via e-mail, fax or phone by November 14th. Please wait until Saturday, November 15th before contacting us about appointments.