

# Finish Lines



## YANKEE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB

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### Remembering Pagey Elliot

#### Reminiscing: A Gift of Friendship

by Jan Bramhall

Pagey Elliott, a gracious and wonderful lady, passed away on the first day of spring, determined to prove wrong the doctors who told her that cancer would overtake her before the end of winter. When I last spoke with her, only five days earlier, she was in good spirits and said, "Jan, I'm trying not to die." We shared some laughter and then also discussed what was on her mind, an Afghan Hound structure and movement video. She was curious, focused, and vital to the end.

Her memorial service began with an honor guard of 50 Golden Retrievers, clad in tartan bandanas, parading into position to the skirl of bagpipes, and holding vigil outside the church for an hour before the service. She touched so many



people that the number participating had to be limited to only 50. News media and tourists to the town of Concord MA, gathered in amazement to see the beautiful, unprecedented sight.

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#### YGRC Member Meeting & Program

**May 19, 2009 — 7:00 PM**

Acton Congregational Church  
Acton MA

#### MASSFED AND THEIR EFFORTS ON DOG-RELATED LEGISLATION

Find out more about MassFed, how to lobby your legislator, and how to protect your rights as a dog owner/breeder/exhibitor. We should all be aware!

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## YANKEE GRC Membership

The application procedure to become a voting member of **YANKEE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB** is as follows:

1. Prospective members must attend two **YGRC** meetings, or attend one meeting and work at one event, or work at two events, prior to becoming eligible for a full, voting membership. Club meetings are on the fourth Tuesday of odd-number months, earlier in November, usually at the Acton Congregational Church. Copies of the club constitution and bylaws are available at each meeting.

2. A completed membership application, signed by two **YANKEE** members in good standing, and the membership dues for one year must be submitted to the membership chair.

3. Upon completion of the membership requirements, the membership chair will present the application for a vote at the next club meeting. All membership requirements must be completed within one year of application, or the application will expire and must be resubmitted.

Non-members can subscribe to the club newsletter, *Finish Lines*. Complete

the front page of the membership application and send it with the fee of \$30 to the membership chair.

Please note: Article 1 of the **YGRC** bylaws states in part: During the month of November, a dues statement, payable on the first of February of the following year, shall be mailed to each club member. No members may vote who have not paid their dues for the current year. A membership will be considered as lapsed and automatically terminated if a member's dues remain unpaid 90 days after the first day of the fiscal year, *i.e.*, April 1. A \$10 late fee will be applied to any payments made after February 1. Lapsed memberships are ineligible to vote, or receive trophies, or list wins in *Finish Lines*, or list litters with Breeder Referral, *etc.* To re-join the club, the complete procedure described above must be followed.

If you have questions about **YGRC** membership, or if you need an application, please contact the membership chair, Carolyn Zagami,

[ygrcmembership@aol.com](mailto:ygrcmembership@aol.com)

### New Applicants for Membership:

Lisa DiMaggio MA

Exhibitor. INTERESTS: Bench, Agility; Willing to help with events.  
SPONSORS: Larah Luft, Susan Bruno

Karen, Jay, Smantha & Spenser Osper MA

Breeder, exhibitor. INTERESTS: Bench. Willing to help with events and committees. SPONSORS: Jan Bramhall, Carolyn Zagami

### Subscriber/Applicant:

Jay & Georgia Best

Pet owner, breeder. INTERESTS: Obedience, breeding, field/hunt.  
Willing to help with events

### FINISH LINES Publication Schedule

Material Deadline	Issue / Mailing Date
December 15	January 1
February 15	March 1
April 15	May 1
<b>June 15</b>	<b>July 1</b>
August 15	September 1
October 15	November 1

Classified rates for *Finish Lines* are as follows: Business card size \$15, quarter page-\$25, half page \$50. No full page ads. A complimentary copy of the newsletter will be sent to advertisers with quarter page or half page ads. Ad can include a live link from the online version of the newsletter to the advertiser's Web site or e-mail. Ads accepted offering only goods and services. ads for puppies, stud service, *etc.*, will not be accepted. **YANKEE** reserves the right to refuse any advertisement.



## MINUTE BY MINUTE

The **YANKEE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB** Board of Directors met in Acton MA on March 3, 2009. Business and committee reports are summarized below:

**Secretary's report:** Robin Babin is the newest member of the Board of Directors.

**Treasurer's report:** Expenses from the 2008 **YANKEE** agility trial and 2008 GRCA Nat'l are pending. **YGRC** subsidizes a portion of the dinner at the annual meeting; the raffle helps offset these expenses.

**Bench:** Spring match is set for April 11 at Collinswood K9 in Auburn MA. Have judge for 2010. Plan to regularly schedule spring match on a Sunday before the NESGA shows.

**Breeder referral:** 5 litters currently listed with a total of 32 puppies.

**Concessions:** Funds approved to digitize club logo for new items.

**Membership:** **YGRC** By-Laws and Constitution are now available in PDF format; copies will be printed for distribution at the Specialty. New Member forms will be available at **YANKEE** events.

**Newsletter:** March issue contains all the annual reports. Distribution is now primarily by e-mail. Deadline is the 15th of the month prior to publication.

**Programs:** Postcard to be mailed informing members of upcoming events.

**Puppy Kindergarten:** May class of 18 puppies will be divided into 2 groups. There will be no post graduate class.

**Specialty '09:** Paperwork sent to AKC and plans are right on track.

**Clinics:** The eye clinic will be held April 26 at the Bulger Animal Hospital in North Andover MA.

**Next meeting:** April 7, 2009

# YANKEE EVENT REPORTS

## MassFed

MassFed's 5th Annual Lobby Day was held on Wednesday, April 8, 2009, in Nurses Hall at the State House. We had an impressive attendance of legislators and their staff members who joined us for a continental breakfast and some lively chat about dogs and legislation. Rep. Brad Hill played tour guide for the second year as he gave some of our group a personal guided tour of the State House.

We want to thank Sen. Jamie Eldridge for his continuing sponsorship of our event and thank all the legislators and their staff members who took time out of their busy day to attend. We also want to thank the 35 people who came to represent MassFed! These volunteers met with legislators and their aides to convey MassFed's positions on the many dog related bills that have been filed in this legislative session.



Lobby Day in Nurses Hall, State House, Boston, MA - 4/8/09  
Rep. Brad Hill is surrounded by MassFed Lobby Day Participants

To find out more about MassFed, lobbying your legislator, and protecting your rights as a dog owner/breeder/performance person, come to **YGRC's** membership meeting on May 19 for a presentation from MassFed.

— Judith Erlanger

## West Thompson Cleanup Day

The annual West Thompson cleanup day was held on Saturday, April 11, 2009. There were six retriever people in attendance, five of whom are Golden Retriever owners: Mary Sharkey, Marshall & Paula Richards, Patti Sullivan, and Judith Erlanger. We were assigned to cut brush along the shore, particularly branches hanging over the water. Because the WC/JH and the WCX/JH classes were in session that day, there were fewer retriever people available to work, but we hope to have more dog people in attendance next year.

— Judith Erlanger

## Strickland Grooming Seminar

"Once upon a time there was a teenage boy who went Best in Show the second day he entered a show ring." That boy, of course, was Erik Strickland, who traveled to Massachusetts to present a grooming seminar the first weekend in April, hosted by **YANKEE**. There were 40 people and 26 Golden Retrievers at Collinswood K9 in Auburn MA for Erik's two-day seminar. Participants (each with a dog to groom) and observers were a well-balanced blend of experience levels, which provided many opportunities for lively discussions! The observers got to walk around and talk to those grooming dogs as well as play "judge" during the handling portion of the seminar. A highlight of the weekend was Erik's discussion of the AKC breed standard. He used his demo dog to illustrate each phrase, at one point putting blue painter's tape on the dog to explain front and rear angulation. We talked about terminology and meaning of the sentences which all of us have read at least a hundred times, probably without full understanding. We came away with a much deeper knowledge of the structure and movement of our dogs, as well as the reasons behind the words of the standard.

We groomed our dogs on Saturday afternoon, with Erik offering first a demonstration of the area to be groomed, and then comments and suggestions as he walked among the rows of grooming tables. At one point, several of us thought we had those feet just perfect, and he walked by with his scissors, snipped a divot on each foot and said, "Now fix that!" It was a great hands-on way to learn!

The seminar would have been impossible without the tireless help of Berna Welch and Sue Campia. Berna organized an amazing raffle, and the baskets were the most beautiful I have ever seen. We were thrilled to make almost \$400 in raffle revenue, which included a small auction of a signed copy of Pagey Elliot's last book. That money, along with a portion of the profits from the seminar, will be donated to the Golden Retriever Foundation's Pagey Elliot scholarship fund.

Berna, ably assisted by Sue, did *all* the behind-the-scenes setup, breakfast and lunch serving, cleanup, vacuuming, trash disposal, table transportation, extra baking, running Erik's store and general "gofer" duties. Thank you so much, Berna and Sue. You are the best! Thanks also to the people who stayed late on Sunday to help clean up. It made a huge difference!

Last but not least, thank you, **YGRC** board (and Donna Cutler in particular!), for letting me do this project. I haven't worked so hard or had so much fun in years!

— Ellen McKenna

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## YANKEE BREEDER REFERRAL

### Breeder Referral Listing & Newsletter Listing Policy

**YANKEE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB** offers Breeder Referral as a service to member breeders, stud dog owners, and prospective puppy owners. Acceptance of a listing does not guarantee placement of puppies, and does not constitute endorsement by the club or any of its members. Neither the club nor its Board of Directors assumes responsibility for the quality, health, soundness, or temperament of any litters listed. **YANKEE** recommends that a fully executed, written purchase agreement setting forth all the terms of purchase be obtained before possession of a puppy is transferred to a purchaser. **YGRC** members may list litters, older puppies, and adult dogs with the Breeder Referral Listing and in *Finish Lines* if the breeder/stud dog owner has been a member of **YGRC** or another GRCA-member club for a minimum of one year, and submits the following:

- Copies of AKC registration certificates, thereby verifying that both the sire and dam were over 2years old at the time of breeding.
- Eye clearances on both the sire and dam, issued by a veterinary ophthalmologist certified by the American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists. Clearances must be current during the time the litter is listed. Eye clearances on dogs under 8years of age are valid only for one year from the date of issue. CERF certificates will be accepted.
- Hip clearances on both the sire and dam. Dogs must have final OFA Certification or PennHip Distraction Indexes below the median done at or after 6months of age, with no radiographic evidence of hip dysplasia.
- Final heart clearances on both the sire and dam, issued by a veterinary cardiologist who is certified by the ACVIM (Cardiology).
- A *Litter Listing Agreement*, completed and signed, for each litter listed.

Send listings and copies of clearances to the **YANKEE** Breeder Referral chair listed in back of this newsletter. Referral listings will run for 10 weeks; please contact the Breeder Referral chair to pull or to extend the listing.

The listing fee is \$30 per calendar year or \$5 per older puppy or adult. Litters listed with the Breeder Referral service are automatically listed in the newsletter. Please note: **YANKEE** members who own stud dogs may list litters sired by their dog when the breeder is not a **YGRC** member, provided the same listing criteria have been met by both sire and dam.

#### LITTER LISTING AGREEMENT

*In consideration for the **YANKEE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB** listing the breeding of \_\_\_\_\_ (sire), to \_\_\_\_\_ (dam) the undersigned agrees to indemnify and defend **YANKEE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB** for and against any and all liabilities, claims, demands, causes of action, damages, and costs asserted against and/or imposed upon **YANKEE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB** which are in any manner connect with the forgoing breeding.*

*Dated \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_*

*Printed name \_\_\_\_\_*

### YANKEE Breeder Referral Representatives

The breeder referral representatives listed below have a current list of **YGRC** members who have puppies or older dogs available:

Connie Harris	781 826-3060	Joan Schiff	508 358-2334
Barb Lukis	413 283-5744	Sherry Washburn	781 235-7137

## Litter Listings

*All sires and dams have hip, heart, and eye clearances.*

*All breeders/stud owners listed are members of **YANKEE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB***

- ❖ Robin Hopes MA  
Expected whelping 5/5  
*Stoneledge Beau Geste Luv Me Tender "Elvis" X Beau Geste Giselle*

**Remember **YANKEE's** all-Goldens puppy Kindergarten!**

Breeders are encouraged to refer their puppy buyers to **YANKEE's** puppy classes — Puppy K and post-graduate — held in a very nice training center, conveniently located off I-495 in Boxborough MA.

For more information on Puppy K, contact Robin Hopes, 978 263-7749, [yankeegrpk@verizon.net](mailto:yankeegrpk@verizon.net)



photo: Alison Desmarais



# GRCA DELEGATE REPORT

The following resolutions, approved by the GRCA's Board of Directors, are for the information of **YANKEE** members and require no action.

- 09-20.** Appointing Barb Rollins as Chairman of the 2009 Nominating Committee, and giving Central Region Alternate, Teri Kocher, full voting privileges.
- 09-21.** Appointing Shelly Kuhn to the Legislative Liaison Committee, as a representative from the Central Region.
- 09-42.** Approving purchase of replacement poles for the GRCA Information booth.
- 09-43.** Recommending a clarification to Article II, Section 4A: Obligations other than dues are considered a debt to the club and must be paid in full prior to resignation.
- 09-44.** Appointing Charles Jones of Red Lodge MT to the CCA Committee.
- 09-45.** Revising the guidelines for the GRCA Excellence in Agility Trophy in accord with the requirement that only one trial be offered at GRCA's Nat'l Specialty.
- 09-46.** Resolving that GRCA donate up to \$100 for an agility trophy at the Nat'l Specialty, starting in 2009.
- 09-47.** Donating \$1,000 to the Rachel Page Elliott Educational Fund of the Golden Retriever Foundation, in memory of Pagey Elliott.
- 09-48.** Appointing Jane Jensen of Bellingham WA to the Legislative Liaison Committee as a representative from the Western Region.
- 09-49.** Appointing James Cohen of Virginia Beach VA as interim Webmaster until the new Board meeting at the 2009 Nat'l Specialty.

- 09-50.** Resolving that GRCA member clubs may now request up to 25 copies of the GRCA coloring book, *Color Me Golden*.

## Hot Topics

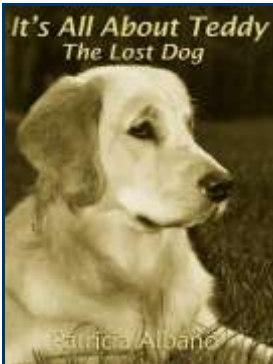
**GRCA JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT AWARD.** Each year, the GRCA honors a well-rounded junior who has participated in a variety of activities with their Golden. Information about the award is at [www.grca.org/pdf/events/junior/juniorachievementaward.pdf](http://www.grca.org/pdf/events/junior/juniorachievementaward.pdf). Nominations are due June 1. Mail to Stephanie Smith, 10031 4th Av, Apt 5M, Brooklyn NY 11209, or e-mail [sjs7212003@yahoo.com](mailto:sjs7212003@yahoo.com).

**NAT'L SPECIALTY MERCHANDISE.** For the first time, you can now order your specialty items, using a credit card, on the GRCA Sales Page ([www.grca.org](http://www.grca.org)). The logo is spectacular, but also "embroidery intensive" so pre-ordering is a must! Only a few embroidered items will be available at the Nat'l Specialty.

► As always, please contact any Board member with your thoughts or opinions on any issues of concern to you. The entire Board can be reached via e-mail at [grca\\_board@yahoogroups.com](mailto:grca_board@yahoogroups.com)

—Roseann Mandell  
YGRC Delegate to the GRCA

### Advertisement



**It's All About Teddy – The Lost Dog** is an emotionally engaging story about an intense search for a family's Golden Retriever, lost in a state unfamiliar to him. The story will take you on a journey as seen through the eyes of the author. It is a story about hope, devotion, and the love of a canine and a human for each other.

Patricia Albano has written an amazing story that takes place along the coast of Rhode Island. Her love and compassion for Golden Retrievers can be felt in her story. Patricia has owned and loved animals for over 30 years and has enjoyed photographing them throughout that time.

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### Public Service Announcement



## YANKEE GOLDEN RETRIEVER RESCUE 21st Annual Benefit Auction Sunday, June 14, 2009

Time: 11:00 AM — 3:00 PM

Place: Riverview, YGRR's Home, Hudson MA

Silent Auction: 11:00 AM — 1:00 PM

Live Auction: 1:30 PM — 3:00 PM

Door prizes. Food vendors available

Pre-Registration: \$10 each

Register at the door: \$15 each

Severe weather date: Sunday, June 21

For information, call 978-568-9700, line 5

To download a pamphlet, see [www.ygrr.org](http://www.ygrr.org)

## Remembering Pagey

### Reminiscing: A Gift of Friendship with Pagey

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Among those honoring Pagey were people who had never even met her, as well as those who had loved her for decades. Her *Featherquest* kennel was well represented in the honor guard, not only by her beloved Tammy, but by several other descendants of Pilot and Casper as well, stretching back through the years and the pedigrees to her earliest dogs.

I am so blessed to have known her for thirty years. I got my first Golden Retriever puppy in 1979. He was a grandson of her import from Mrs. Graham-White's *Synspur* kennels in England. CH *Synspur Irah of Featherquest*. When I took him to her, asking for an evaluation, out came one of the ubiquitous scrapbooks, so I could look at photos of Irah as a pup, others dogs in the line, and overwhelming amounts of information. I commented that my pup, Ajax, was the spitting image of Irah's father, *Synspur Stolford Andriscus*, and thus began my first of countless lessons in Pagey's living room. She told me how she looked at pedigrees, seeing not the name of the dog, but the dog itself. She spoke of line-breeding and out-crossing and breeding type to type, of the importance of breed standards. Yikes! I just had a beautiful new puppy, and she opened the doors, not just to her home, but to a huge new world!

Over the years she told me many stories of her life, her adventures, her dogs, her passions. She always had some project or other going on, and every time anyone visited there was something new to learn about. She might apologetically laugh about the skeletal bones on the dining room table, but then we had to examine them, and see if we could re-assemble the rear legs! She was a teacher par excellence.

"Come over for sherry," she would invite Mark and me, so we did, but we had little idle chitchat. No, she might think we could look at sample slides of canine semen. So out came the microscope and boxes of slides! Or we'd sit on the porch and study the assembled skeleton of a whippet. Or another of the scrapbooks would appear and we would share in her trip to the west, or her mother's herbology work. Or she would just tell us tales of her rich and varied life.

I am astonished to realize how my friendship with one remarkable lady opened so many doors. I met many interesting people in that living room, John Clark, Joan Gill, Daphne and Mervyn Philpott, and "Doggie" Hubbard from Great Britain among them. It was Doggie Hubbard who said that one never knew who might be found in Pagey's living



[above] From Chris O'Connor: "I took the picture which has been in the *AKC Gazette* as well as the *GRC* as it is one of Pagey's favorites, and mine too. And it is on the cover of Pagey's new book. From left to right, my dog Tully (*Beau Geste Bill's Top Of The Morn CDX RN OA AXJ*), Dreamer (*Errigal Dreamcatcher NA NAJ*) and Tammy (*Beau Geste Featherquest Tammy NA*)."

[below] Pagey and friend, June 2005



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Evaluating puppies on the picnic table with Jan Bramhall



Evaluating a litter in February 2009. Photo: Donna Cutler

room. He said that once there was a Connemara pony on the couch having sherry! While that never happened, the ponies were allowed into the laundry at the end of the house on occasion.

It was through Pagey that I met Kathy Liebler and Laurie Doumaux. I was looking for a new puppy, and she referred me to each of them. From Kathy I got my next dog of *Featherquest* lineage, a double great granddaughter of Irah's, a daughter of *Featherquest Phantom Pilot*. The next year I purchased a male puppy from Pagey, a brother to *Featherquest Sir Casper*, out of her import from the Bradburys in England, *Nortonwood Carna*. And thus Mark & I met Ron & Marge Bradbury, whom we visited when we traveled to England a few years later, sharing tea with the old gentlemen dogs of *Nortonwood*, including my favorite, Silvanus. On the same trip we tromped through the hills above the *Westley/Standerwick* kennels with Joan Gill and Daphne Philpott and a few of their dogs. Only 8 years ago, Joan located a lovely puppy of largely Westley lines. We drove with her north to the border of Wales, where she persuaded his breeder to allow me to take him home. These experiences, these friendships, these dogs — all this I owe to Pagey.

She offered her farmland for club events and training parties. Once, in 1989, when we were training, Casper pulled hard and she fell. She was 76 years old then, and I was concerned. I called the next day to check on her and she told me that she felt stiff and sore, so her husband was massaging her back, when they heard a sharp crack. But she didn't go to the doctor, because the vet came to see the mare that morning and he checked her out, too. She had cracked a rib, and he taped her up. "I'll be fine," she said with a laugh.

As I began to breed Golden Retrievers, she helped to evaluate my litters. When she put her hands on a puppy she would tell me the names of bones. I learned canine anatomy, structure, and movement from the expert. She was pleased when I felt confident enough to disagree with her at times! We watched **Dogsteps** together, and she would add her comments as we watched. What a priceless gift!

Seven years ago, we found a home on lovely large piece of land, for the dogs of course, and Pagey offered her kennel facilities for my dogs, to simplify selling our home. For three months the dogs lived at River Road Farm, and I drove back and forth 3 and 4 times a day to care for them.

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In the morning, I would be invited in for tea, in the afternoon, for sherry. We talked and laughed, looked through scrapbooks, went for walks, worked on puzzles, and so much more.

I met her family, heard more of her stories, laughed at her jokes. One of my dogs never made it back home. Tobi, Tammy's mother, had quickly become a favorite. "She doesn't want to be in the kennel," I was told, and she added, "If she comes up to the house she'll never leave." So Tobi joined the household. Pagey said later, "I hope you don't mind, but I tell people I rescued Tobi." I responded that I didn't mind a bit, that I told people she stole her. What a kick she got out of that! From then on, after the dogs were back at our new home, I tried to visit with her weekly, usually for her favored sherry on the rocks. When Tobi was suffering from cancer many years later, the vet came to the house and helped her to the rainbow bridge exactly where, 40 years earlier, *Goldwood Toby* had ended his life, on a rug in front of the highboy in the living room. Pagey brought these patterns of history alive as Tobi was interred among the graves of her ancestors.

There was always an adventure to be had. Pagey decided to try her hand at sculpting a horse from clay. I watched the progression, and was quite impressed, but Pagey knew it wasn't truly good, and recounted the story of sculptor Daniel French evaluating her work, effectively determining that she would not go on to art school. But that venture resulted in a trip to the foundry where the Toby-Trigger trophy was cast, and a visit with the owner. Was there anyone she didn't know?

Pagey was always full of anecdotes and information. Not only was her door at the farm always open, but her heart was always open, too. She was a brilliant and generous woman, who learned as much as she could and selflessly shared her knowledge, herself, and her family with anyone and everyone. Her dogs, her horses, her puzzles, her interest in chess and music and art, her love of life and of people, all kept her vital and ever curious. John Donne said, "Any man's death diminishes me, for I am involved in mankind." The world is diminished by the passing of Pagey, for she was involved in the world. We all have lost a remarkable woman, a great contributor to the world of dogs and especially Golden Retrievers. Because of her generous spirit, we can all say, as I am privileged to do, that we have lost a friend. She will never be forgotten.



Pagey & Tammy running agility at the 1999 National Specialty. From Chris O'Connor: "Pagey would have qualified as she and Tammy made time, but Tammy went through the side slat of the tire instead of going through the tire. Jean McKenzie was the judge and wrote a nice article about what a great run they had."



**W**hen the history of dogs in the twentieth century is written, the name at the head of the first chapter should be Rachel Page Elliott.

— Dr. Quentin La Ham



# Remembering Pagey

## Remembering a Legend

by Jennifer Krawsczyn



[Reprinted, with the author's permission, from the *Everything Golden* online newsletter, [www.everythinggolden.com](http://www.everythinggolden.com)]

Some people are just so legendary that they seem immortal. I thought of Rachel (Pagey) Elliott that way. Not only did she contribute immensely to the knowledge of the dog world overall, and Golden Retrievers in particular, but she was also someone who was a born teacher and seemed to be willing to reach out to everyone in that capacity. In short, she was a great person and will be sadly missed.

This column is not about all the things Pagey did through out her incredible 96 years. There will be a remembrance of her in the GR News and I don't think I could even begin to define all she did. Rather, I'd like to share my personal brief encounters with her and how much they meant to me. While I don't claim that she was a close personal friend, I was touched that she found the time to reach out to me even though she didn't know me, and how this simple act encouraged me and made me eager to continue on with questions I posed.

The first time I ever saw Pagey in person was at the Nat'l Specialty during a seminar. The panel included Pagey, Sylvia, a UK Golden Breeder, and several other people. I remember one panel member mentioned dogs with "long hocks" and Pagey corrected them explaining it was the rear pastern, not the hock, as the hock is a joint. She said it in true teacher fashion but not belittling. That stuck with me and I never refer to long or short rear pasterns as hocks. I do think, though, that the incorrect terminology comes from the often used expression in breed standards of "hocks well let down" which would be the result of the pasterns being relatively short.

I believe that Nat'l Specialty was in 1999. Of course, I had all Pagey's books and videos. Movement and structure are areas I love to study as well as the breed standard so my collection included *Dogsteps* and the breed standard videos for Golden Retrievers — Pagey's and the AKC's.

Several years passed before my next, and most personal, encounter with Pagey occurred. In the fall of 2002, I was actively involved in a discussion on correct Golden movement on the Work Gold e-mail discussion list. The topic surrounded correct movement coming and going and single tracking. Our breed standard states, "As speed increases, feet tend to converge toward center line of balance." One list member stated that coming and going movement had little to do with function, to



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which I commented that I felt it told us much about correct structure and this would, indeed, have an impact on function. Another list member declared that a Golden should never single track and if she were judging, she would penalize a Golden for that movement. We discussed it back and forth, I disagreed, and then a friend of Pagey's e-mailed me privately. She told me she asked Pagey about this and Pagey was impressed with my discussion, it seems, and wanted to talk to me. Her friend gave me her phone number and I called her. What followed is a very cherished memory. Pagey stressed that "in a correctly made Golden" single tracking is certainly not a fault if that dog's build would result in single tracking. I well remember her stressing numerous times about "in a correctly made Golden" as she wanted to be sure I understood how significant that was. Our discussion went on and we agreed that some Golden Retrievers will not completely converge to a center line, and that is equally correct if the movement is correct for that dog's particular build. Obviously, if a dog is single tracking but doing so only because it is turning the hocks in an incorrect manner (thus not correctly made), single tracking for that dog would not be correct.

Then our discussion merged into many aspects of Golden structure and movement. I sensed that Pagey liked that I asked questions and didn't accept everything said as fact. It was a delightful and memorable conversation and certainly one I will always cherish.

I don't recall for certain if we spoke several times or not. I seem to think she asked that I call her again later, and I seem to recall I did, but that memory is not as clear. I do know we talked about the videos and books I had purchased, including her own. She talked about her new video, "Canine Cineradiography" that was being printed then and wanted to send me a complimentary copy from the pre-printed copies they gave her. I said I would more than gladly pay for it once they were in print, which I did, and ended up with two copies. One was sent by her personally with a hand written note. It was on a Golden note card with the date and stated, "Sept. 30, 2002, Dear Jennifer, Another video for your collection — keep up the good work! Pagey". I keep it with the video she sent. I will always treasure it.

The weekend after Thanksgiving is deer hunting season here in Ohio. Every year my home becomes the "hunting camp" of a great group of my husband, Dave's, friends. Most are veterinarians and their friends. Sunday evening before opening day, we have deer tenderloin cooked on the grill and many people come to enjoy this. Then on Monday evening, we have the annual prime rib dinner, which is typically a much smaller group of people, but still a small crowd.

During the dinner festivities one of the above two nights, I got a phone call. It was Pagey! I was both thrilled and frustrated, knowing the time I could talk to this extraordinary lady would be cut short by my hostess duties. Pagey wanted to talk to me about the video and my thoughts on it. And I wanted to talk much longer, but sadly had to get back to my guests. One of the worst parts was that none of my guests could understand what a legendary person had just called me. I wanted someone to know! I was thrilled that she called back two months later.



[above] Pagey's jigsaw puzzle which sold for \$27,000 to benefit the Golden Retriever Foundation — breaking the Guinness World Record.

[below] Joy Viola delivering the official news from the Guinness London Office.



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## Remembering Pagey

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The next time I saw Pagey was at the Top 20 GRF Gala. It was 2005 in Gettysburg and she was being honored with the Rachel Page Elliott Fund of the Golden Retriever Foundation. I spoke to her briefly and she remembered me, but there were so very many people around her, our visit was very brief. This was also the event where her hand cut wooden Golden puzzle was auctioned off with the price it brought making a new record in the Guinness Book or World Records. Pagey commented that the price was more than her husband and she had paid for their entire farm.

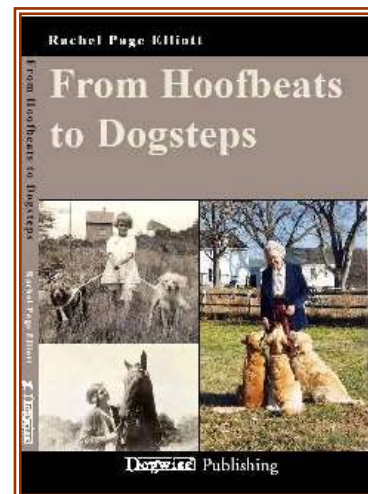
The last time I saw her was at the 2008 GRCA Nat'l in Rhode Island. This was the same place I had first seen her in person in 1999. Pagey was in the GRCA tent signing bookplates for her newest book, *From Hoofbeats To Dogsteps*. Of course, I stood in line for my autographed book. Sadly, I don't think she remembered me although there was a small indication she may have. Perhaps she did later... who knows. But the discussions we had, even if not in person, really touched me. What a great person she was to take the time to reach out to someone like me and encourage me like she did. After she signed books, they took her for a "victory lap" around the Golden conformation ring. Judging was halted and Pagey was driven around the ring, waving to us all. Of course, she received a standing ovation.

Pagey was more than just a legend in the Golden community. Pagey made tremendous strides in the understanding of dog movement and structure for all breeds, and even debunked some long held incorrect beliefs concerning proper angulation of the front assembly in dogs.

I encourage you to buy *all* her books and videos if you haven't already. You won't be disappointed. Again, the contributions she made for all of us to better understand dogs, how they move, and how they are built will live on forever. Her memoirs, *From Hoofbeats to Dogsteps*, is also fascinating and educational. You can clearly see how this selfless woman moved through her life, always questioning, always learning, and always sharing her knowledge quite openly with others.

Pagey may be gone, but she lives on forever in all she has given the dog world. I am so honored and blessed that she took the time to teach me and encourage me as she did. There aren't enough people in the world like her, and I hope that in some small way, I can learn to be a bit more like her in my life. What an inspiration and what a role model she was for us all.

Good-bye, Pagey. And thank-you so much for all you have done for so many of us. You will be sorely missed and never forgotten.





# Remembering Pagey

## A Pagey Memory

by Glenn Simonson

I am very fortunate to have had Pagey Elliott as a dear friend for nearly twenty years. We first met on Labor Day 1989 under somewhat auspicious circumstances. Debi & I had decided that it was time for a new puppy and the plan was to get one when our friends, Karl & Ruth Lindquist, felt their youngest daughter was old enough to have a puppy. We knew of the Elliotts, *Featherquest* Kennel, and River Road Farm from Gertrude Fischer's book on Golden Retrievers so on that Monday morning, we, the Lindquists and two of their kids' friends piled into their mini van and made the trek from Hingham to Carlisle. After a little exploring we stumbled upon River Road and followed it to the sign for the farm. Pagey answered the door along with two of her dogs who were licking meatloaf mix from her hands. When I asked, "Mrs. Elliott, do you have any puppies?" she answered in her own inimitable way, "Well, no, I do not, but please do come in." So the nine of us joined Pagey, Mark, and Alberta in their living room for a wonderful visit.

Little did I know that day was the beginning of one of the most unique, incredible relationships I have ever had. And, as it turns out, Casper had recently sired two litters from which came the Lindquists' wonderful Hannah and "The Little One" — our great Molly — *Featherquest Goldstar Molly* MH WCX. Molly was the first *Featherquest* Master Hunter, of whom Pagey was very proud.

Over the years we maintained close contact with the Elliotts, visiting the farm often and always on Labor Day weekend in observance of our first meeting. Pagey was my mentor, confidant, close friend and, to some degree, a mother figure. The last time I saw her at the 2008 GRCA Nat'l in September, she was quick to give me the benefit of her wisdom in the form of some very personal, well-heeded advice. She frequently wrote us beautiful letters, but none more poignant than the one she sent me after Debi passed away. In that letter, Pagey said she was heartbroken and felt as though she had lost a member of her family. I now know how she felt because, once again with the passing of my once in a lifetime friend, Pagey, I am heartbroken and feel as though I have lost a member of my family.



*Featherquest Sir Casper* (6/6/1987–9/29/2001)  
Casper was a very special dog in Pagey's life.



*Goldwater Toby UD*, c. 1944, one of Pagey's foundation stock. He was the first Golden Retriever to earn a UD and is mentioned at length in her memoir.



Pagey was a singularity in the universe. If there is a God and if there is a Heaven, Pagey is helping to pick out a puppy for the archangels, and explaining to Sir Dudley — and to Euclid, Albert Einstein, and Isaac Newton — why there is no such thing as a 45° layback.

— Geoff Stern

## Remembering Pagey



About a year ago, Pagey wrote a letter to the editor of **Canine Chronicle** magazine to correct some misinformation about the proper layback in dogs, and in doing so, wrote a very lucid summary of her seminal work on canine structure and gait:

"The articles that have appeared in recent months in several dog magazines on the 45° layback angle of a dog's scapula with a 90° angle at the shoulder joint have concerned me. It is important to understand structure as it relates to gait and movement; however, it is equally significant to acknowledge the reality acquired with new information that refutes old beliefs that are structurally impossible. Unfortunately the theory of McDowell Lyon and others accompanied by misleading diagrams that many of us accepted until the findings of new research came to light.

"Thirty five years ago, at the time that the first edition of my book **Dogsteps** was published, I too had accepted, without question, Lyon's theory about shoulder structure and wondered, quite frankly, why we never found it. Curiosity led me to Harvard University's Museum of Comparative Zoology where special equipment, newly designed by Dr. Forest Jenkins, made possible the simultaneous x-raying and fluorescoping of dogs as they moved at varying speeds on a treadmill. In collaboration with Dr. Edgar Tucker, my research on gait, structure and movement continued. Called cineradiography, or moving x-rays, this procedure revealed the action of bones and muscles as dogs moved at varying speeds on the treadmill making it possible to see the dog from the inside out. The study made it clear as to why a 45° layback of the scapula and 90° angle of the shoulder joint was an anatomical impossibility in normal canine structure.

"I am reminded of one of my favorite quotations: 'Information understood is knowledge. Knowledge understood is wisdom.' With scientific advancement and technology, new information became available to me and sharing this updated knowledge with canine friends was paramount. In the beginning, I did not have all the answers but the process of discovery has made me wiser.

"I hope that your readers will learn that we are never to old to learn and will help me spread the word. At 95, I am still studying."



## Reflections from Pagey Elliott's Family: Pagey's Last Ride

Friday afternoon, just before we left the yard for the drive toward the pastures, we were sitting on the porch overlooking the fields. Out of nowhere a cyclone of leaves, a hundred feet high and wide, appeared spinning wildly out of control. Coming from the ponds, the whirlwind hesitated on the back lawn, zipped toward Casper's burial site near the old well, and sharply veered across the lily paddock scattering the horses in all directions. The leaf cyclone continued into the agility field, skittered around the stored obstacles, and then vanished. Elvis was leaving the building. It was an astounding experience which, had it not happened right before my eyes and the eyes of five family members, I would not have believed.

Still in awe of the wind happening, we opened the gates and took mother for her last ride through the pastures. With brother, David, at the wheel, her faithful companion of 56 years, Alberta, riding shotgun, Tammy barking in the back, and the family members following on foot, the old Volvo lead the hearse in my mother's favorite direction. Down between the ponds, below the paddocks where eight ponies and both cats watched, the procession moved slowly toward the back fields.

The red-tailed hawk flew overhead as we wound our way up to the Circular Field on the Concord River. The hearse stopped at the edge of the field

overlooking the sparkling river. In a family prayer with mother beside us, we celebrated the beauty of her golden life and this sacred farm that my mother and father adored and guarded with their lives. In the snow on the south side of the field, Sarah and I had tracked two big hearts so her spirit would see them as she started on her journey.

Our mother did not die of old age; the cancer she fought so hard to overcome in the last of her 96 years, finally stopped her. She was always young at heart and died on the 60th anniversary of her own mother's passing, on the first day of spring in 1948.

Mother's passing has not yet set in for most of us; postponed by the arrival of family, friends, flowers, food and generous remembrances. We are so grateful to all of her friends who have supported her all of these years. It is truly overwhelming.

This has been a week of great courage, heartbreak, and inspiration being with mother, who, after showing us how to live a remarkable life, also showed us how to leave one.

Thank you for your prayers for Pagey.

Ruth Elliott Holmes  
on behalf of the Elliott Family





## Reflections from Pagey Elliott's Family: Moving On

**R**iver Road Farm is not the same as it was before the first day of spring this year, when our mother made the decision that after 96 glorious years that she had enough family and friends to carry on her legacy so that she could move on to greener pastures.

The outpouring of love from around the world to honor our mother has been simply overwhelming. From the flowers and fan letters to the calls and casseroles, all of you — near and far, known and unknown — have been so kind in thought and action, that we do not know where to begin to thank you.

The members of the **YANKEE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB** were such an important part of our mother's life. She cherished the long hours of conversations with you about your favorite Goldens and delighted in learning of their progress in and out the show ring, in agility, obedience or in the field. She never met a dog she did not like.

Many of you became the dog daughters and sons that her three children never did, and might actually have spent more time with her than we did, helping her with books and videos. There were never enough hours in the day for her to see all the dogs, read all the books, or write all the articles that she would have liked. It is amazing she managed to cut as many puzzles as she did, and finish writing ***From Hoofbeats to Dogsteps***. She was looking forward to starting agility again next week.

We, Pagey's family, wish to thank all of you personally for being part of the extraordinary



honor guard that you created for mother's memorial service. Who could forget the bagpiper and those 50 glorious Goldens? Proudly sporting her tartan bandana Tammy loved being there with Chris O'Connor, right in front of the church.

So long as memories last, everyone will remember that beautiful spring day which brought so many people together to celebrate Pagey's golden life. She was the luckiest lady in the world to

have had so many friends with whom to share her love of life, dogs, horses, puzzles, flowers, handwriting and all of the interests that kept her forever young at heart. She did not die of old age thanks to so many of you cheering her on.

Please accept our love and appreciation for being a part of our lives through our mother, Pagey Elliott. The best way to remember her is to continue working with the dogs you love, making them and yourselves just a little better every day. Reach out and help each other. Share. Listen carefully. We think there are Goldens barking in heaven right now just to encourage you and, not surprisingly, our mother is leading the parade. You should all take a victory lap since you were all champions to her.

Remember in every acorn is the potential for a glorious oak.

Sincerely,

Ruth Elliott Holmes, Bloomfield Hills MI

Mark David Elliott, Jr, Bozeman MT

Elizabeth Page Platais, now at River Road Farm



90th celebration



Driving Miss Pagey

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## Bench

### New Champion:

CH Highlight's CoCo Chanel (Patrice Loves). CoCo won WB/BOW for 3 pts on 3/15/09 at *Delaware County KC* to finish.

CH Greatbrook's Scarlet Begonias (Lee Daudelin) won WB & BOW to finish her CH at the *Salina KC* in Kansas on 4/3, judge Michelle Billings.

### Wins:

Thistledown Phirst Nite Phantasy (Donna M. Cutler). Phoebe won WB from the Bred By Exhibitor class, 4 pts, *Hudson Valley GRC* 3/22/09, judge Roland Hachtel.

Woodriver Thistledown Sneakin Sally Thru the Alley (D. Cutler). Sally won 1st place in Amateur Owner Handler at the *Connecticut River Valley GRC* specialty.

Kristil Sunday Cartoon At Sunnyglen (Theresa Stremiau & Dylan Braveman). WB/BOS, 2 pts, *Great Barrington KC*, 4/5/09.

Beau Geste Geranium Kiss (Jan Bramhall): 3rd, Open Bitch, *Trap Falls KC*, judge Anthony DiNardo; 3rd, Open Bitch, *Troy KC*, judge Gale Young; 3rd, Open Bitch, *Great Barrington KC*, judge James Noe.

Beau Geste Joyful and Triumphant (Jan Bramhall and Nancy Kschinka): 1st, Novice Dog, *Hudson Valley GRC*, judge Jennifer Johnson

Beau Geste Anegada Davida (J. Bramhall): 2nd, Novice bitch, *Hudson Valley GRC*, judge Hatch Hatchell.

## Obedience

### New Companion Dog:

Christie's Count Me In CD (Sue Sommer). "Carly finished her CD on 2/28 at the *Labrador Retriever Club* trial. Her first two legs were at the *American Bullmastiff* trials on 1/23 and 2/20, and she got a bumper leg at the *Charles River DTC* trial on 3/14. Her best leg was her second, with a 197, good for High in Trial!"

Errigal Smooth Sailing, CD RN NA NAJ OAP OJP WC CGC (Donna Kelliher). "Rio finished his CD and RN at the *Providence KC* obedience trial on 4/12 with placements in both classes. Not bad for two complete obedience novices. Now, on to Open!"

SHR Ambertrail's Northern Lights CD SH WCX CGC



(Diane & Steve Brunelle). From Diane, "Maggie earned her CGC certificate in March and her CD title in April at *Casco Bay* with a 2nd place. It was a long time coming but well worth

the wait. She also had her first live flush 4/19 in Upland and did a great job. Couldn't be prouder of this versatile, talented over achiever!"

### New Obedience Trial Champion and Versatile Companion Champion:

CH OTCH CT MACH VCCH

Mirasol's Femme Fatale UDX OM1 NJP OF WC VCX OD OBHF

Can CDX (Alison & Ray Desmarais). Alison & Nikita finished their OTCH and VCCH in Rhode Island on 4/11 with 1st place in Utility B with a score of 199½, 2nd place in Open B and a UDX leg, High in Trial and High Combined.

**Nikita is the first dog of any breed to earn the CH, OTCH, MACH and CT titles.**

On the way to her OTCH, Nikita earned eight HITs including a perfect 200 score in Utility B at the *New England DTC* trial! And a day after finishing her OTCH and achieving the VCCH, Nikita finished her UDX, too!

**New Companion Dog Excellent:** Shawnfield Dealer's Choice CDX (Dolores Doyle). Player completed the requirements for his AKC CDX at the *Greater Boston LRC* trial on 2/28.



### Legs:

SHR UUD Can OTCH Shawnfield Kaper's

DreamKeeper UD RAE JH OA AXJ AXP MJP NFP CCA WCX Can UD WC (Marcia Peirce).

Drew earned two UDX legs and two HC with four placements at the *Weston DTC* UKC trials in March.

SHR Firemark We Have Ignition JH CGC (Brunelle).

Diane writes, "Houston earned his CGC in March and his first CD leg at *Casco Bay* with a 1st place, beating out his sister Maggie by ½ point and only 2 points off HIT... not bad for a first showing! We're thinking we may keep him."



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### Agility

**New Master Agility Champion:** MACH3 Pine Run's Photo Finish CD JH XF WCX ADHF (Karen Hocker). Nikon earned his MACH3 on 3/1, at the *Delaware County KC* trial.



**New Agility Excellent Jumper:** Pine Run's Capture the Moment AX AXJ NF (K. Hocker). Snapshot earned the AXJ on 2/28 at the *Delaware County KC* trial.

**New Open Agility and Open Agility Jumper:** Landslide's Reflection CD RAE OAP OJP CCA TDI (Leslie Lichtenstein). Issy won both her standard and jumpers classes to finish her OAP & OJP titles at the *Scottish Terrier* trial on 4/25.

**YANKEE** wants to celebrate the accomplishments of all members' dogs. The criteria for listing wins in *Finish Lines* include achieving any of the following:

- Titles or certificates
- Points or legs towards a title
- Reserve wins
- Match wins
- Junior wins or placements
- Specialty placements

This list isn't meant to exclude sharing **news about other accomplishments**. We want to hear about all of your dogs' activities and achievements. You're not bragging: you're celebrating the versatile capabilities of our beloved breed. Send news to: [yankeefinishlines@verizon.net](mailto:yankeefinishlines@verizon.net).

### Member News: Happy Birthdays!

**12th** ❖ From Susan Crum: Scout — UCD Drew Woods Scout Kendra CD RAE CGC TDI ASCA-CD — officially turned 12 on March 5! It's unbelievable how fast time flies! Scout is happily retired, but still enjoys doing cookie go-outs or a glove or dumbbell retrieve, and can even keep up in an aerobic heeling class! Still as spry as ever, she credits her longevity to good genes, a healthy diet, and daily 2½ to 3 mile walks with youngsters a quarter of her age! Scout celebrated her birthday with a juicy ribeye steak and looks forward to more.



**10th** ❖ From Susan Lynch: "This photo is my 8 year old nephew Kyle and Luxa enjoying some time at Lake Winnepesaukee this past summer — she never did get a lick!" Luxa — Beau Geste Simply Marveluxa CDX JH WCX — turned 10 years old in April.



**16th!** ❖ From Karen Frink: "On April 25 we celebrated a very special 16th birthday, our Miss Felon! She continues to amaze us with her abilities to move and her awareness of what's happening around her. She doesn't want to be left out of anything. I must admit, she does manage to keep the boys in line. She's been quite comical about this stuffed soccer ball she got for her birthday. It is *hers* and *no one* else is going to have it! I caught her sleeping with it under her paws earlier today." Felon is UCDX Breakwater Lotto Larceny, UD OA OAJ NAP NJP.

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## Event Reports, *cont'd from page 3*

### YGRC Spring Eye Clinic

The **YGRC** Spring Eye Clinic was held on April 26, 2009, at Bulger Animal Hospital in North Andover MA. Despite "going green" — all paperwork was done online — we had a moderate turnout of 35 dogs, mostly Golden Retrievers. Dr. Ruth Marrison did an excellent job.

Thanks to Lee Daudelin and Patty Stevens (from Bulger) as helpers extraordinaire to make

sure eye drops were dispensed and paperwork completed. Patty noted how well behaved all the dogs were and provided fresh bowls of water for the dogs.

Ed Carlson, Bulger's hospital manager, was a pleasure to work with as well. The folks at Bulger won't mind hosting another **YANKEE** event.

— Susan Crum

## Member News, *cont'd from page 16*

❖ From Marcia Peirce: Taking a break from agility here are Drew and Tess, with some friends at a recent nursing home visit.



❖ From Diane Brunelle: "Hugest brag of all: granddaughter Katazina — my son's first baby — arrived April 3 and is just gorgeous! My new little bird girl/junior handler is home and doing really well. I could not be prouder! Plus I love her name!"



### HELP WANTED Calling all stewards!

**We** need some volunteers to steward in **obedience** and **rally** at the **YANKEE** specialty on Friday, May 29, in Wrentham.

**Stewarding** is a great way to support the sport, support the club, and support the breed.

For those of you just getting started in obedience and rally, you'll have the best seat in the house for learning ring procedure, handling techniques, judging, and scoring.

You'll still get to see the rest of the show, and of course you'll get a sumptuous lunch at the famous Kibble Kafé!

If you can help out, please contact **Mike Lappin**.

### "On the Internet, Nobody Knows You're a Dog"

**YANKEE** has a members-only e-mail list on Yahoogroups — **YGRCNews** — for announcements of upcoming events, recruiting helpers, and sharing other news and information with club members.

It's a low-volume list — announcements only, no chat — so it won't clog up your mailbox.

To join the list, simply go to <http://pets.groups.yahoo.com/group/YGRCNews> and click on the Join This Group button. It's very easy to manage your subscription online.

Please make sure you've signed on! We want to get all club members online so we can reduce costs for printing and mailing announcements — and spread the word faster about club activities and important news.

If you need help signing on, contact Carolyn Zagami at [ygrcmembershp@aol.com](mailto:ygrcmembershp@aol.com).

May 2009 Calendar of Canine Events						
Monday	Tues	Wed	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				<b>1</b> Staten Island Companion DTC, AG, Staten Island NY Syracuse OTC, AG, Syracuse NY Colonial Retriever Field Trial Club, FT, Halifax MA	<b>2</b> Talcott Mtn Agility Club, AG, Westfield MA Syracuse OTC, AG, Syracuse NY Staten Island Companion DTC, AG, Staten Island NY American Bullmastiff Assn, O/R, Franklin MA York Co KC of ME, AB/O/R, Acton ME Colonial Rtrvr Field Trial Club, FT, Halifax MA	<b>3</b> Talcott Mtn Agility Club, AG, Westfield MA Syracuse OTC, AG, Syracuse NY Staten Island Companion DTC, AG, Staten Island NY American Bullmastiff Assn, O/R, Franklin MA York Co KC of ME, AB/O/R, Acton ME Tracking Club of MA, TX, Gardner MA Colonial Retriever Field Trial Club, FT, Halifax MA
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Port Chester OTC, AG, Yorktown Heights NY	<b>8</b> Port Chester OTC, AG, Yorktown Heights NY St. Hubert KC AB/O/R, N. Stonington CT Westchester Rtrvr Club, FT, Newburgh NY Holyoke Kennel Club, O/R, Westfield MA	<b>9</b> Providence Co KC, AG, Wrentham MA Port Chester OTC, AG, Yorktown Heights NY St. Hubert KC AB/O/R, N. Stonington CT Westchester Rtrvr Club, FT, Newburgh NY	<b>10</b> Middlesex County KC, AG, Wrentham MA Nutmeg PWD Club, AG, Yorktown Heights NY Windham Co KC, AB/O/R, Woodstock CT Westchester Rtrvr Club, FT, Newburgh NY Burlington OTC, TR/TX, South Hero VT
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Dog Obed Trng Club of Rochester, AG, Macedon NY Ladies Kennel Assn of America AB/O/R, Oyster Bay NY	<b>16</b> Labrador Rtrvr Club of Greater Boston, AG, Wrentham MA Dog Obed Trng Club of Rochester, AG, Macedon NY Ladies Kennel Assn of America AB/O/R, Oyster Bay NY Wyoming Valley KC AB/O, Alexander NY Vacationland Dog Club, AB/O/R, Scarborough ME Albany Obed Club, O/R, Glenmont NY	<b>17</b> Colonial Shetland Sheepdog Club AG, Wrentham MA Dog Obed Trng Club of Rochester, AG, Macedon NY Vacationland Dog Club, AB/O/R, Scarborough ME Ladies Kennel Assn of America AB/O/R, Oyster Bay NY Long Island KC, AB/O/R, Bethpage NY Wyoming Valley KC AB/O, Alexander NY Albany Obed Club, O/R, Glenmont NY
<b>18</b> Wyoming Valley KC AB, Alexander NY	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Central NY Retriever Club, FT, Baldwinsville, NY	<b>23</b> LEAP Agility Club, AG, Granby MA Central NY Retriever Club, FT, Baldwinsville, NY	<b>24</b> LEAP Agility Club, AG, Granby MA Tracking Club of MA, VST, Worcester MA Central NY Retriever Club, FT, Baldwinsville, NY
<b>25</b> LEAP Agility Club, AG, Granby MA	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> YANKEE GRC, S/O/R, Wrentham MA Maine Rtrvr Trial Club, FT, Burnham ME	<b>30</b> Norwegian Elkhound Minutemen Assn, AG, Chelmsford MA Ladies DC, AB/O/R, Wrentham MA St. Lawrence Valley DC, AB/O/R, Clayton NY Maine Rtrvr Trial Club, FT, Burnham ME	<b>31</b> Norwegian Elkhound Minutemen Assn, AG, Chelmsford MA Framingham District KC, AB/O/R, Wrentham MA St. Lawrence Valley DC, AB/O/R, Clayton NY Maine Rtrvr Trial Club, FT, Burnham ME Dog Obed Trng Club of Rochester NY, VST, Genesee NY

AB — All-breed show    AG — Agility trial    LB — Limited breed show    FT — Field trial    HT — Hunt test  
 S — Specialty show    O — Obedience trial    R — Rally trial    TR — Tracking test    TX — Tracking Test Excellent  
 DTC — Dog Trng Club    GRC — Golden Ret. Club    KC — Kennel Club    OTC — Obed Trng Club

## June 2009 Calendar of Canine Events

Monday	Tues	Wed	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Southern Berkshire GRC AG, Westfield MA Western Lakes Trng Club of Buffalo, AG, E. Amherst NY Taconic Hills KC, AB/O/R, Yorktown Heights NY Long Island Retriever Field Trial Club, HT, Monorville NY	<b>6</b> Southern Berkshire GRC AG, Westfield MA Western Lakes Trng Club of Buffalo, AG, E. Amherst NY Greenwich KC, AB/O/R, Norwalk CT Syracuse OTC, O/R, Syracuse NY South County KC, O, Exeter RI Hudson Valley Tracking Club, VST, New Paltz NY Long Island Retriever Field Trial Club, HT, Monorville NY	<b>7</b> Southern Berkshire GRC AG, Westfield MA Western Lakes Trng Club of Buffalo, AG, E. Amherst NY Longshore-Southport KC, AB/O, Yorktown Heights NY Syracuse OTC, O/R, Brewerton NY South County Kennel Club, O, Exeter RI Taconic Hills KC, O/R, Yorktown Heights NY Long Island Retriever Field Trial Club, HT, Monorville NY
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### Mark your calendars!

When	What	Where	Whom
May 9	<b>YGRC</b> Flyer Day	West Thompson CT	<b>YANKEE</b> Field Committee
May 29	<b>YGRC</b> Specialty show, Obedience & Rally trials	Wrentham MA	Melanie Porter & Rachelle Porter Mike Lappin (obedience & rally)
July 11-12	<b>YGRC</b> Agility Trials	Derry NH	<b>YANKEE</b> Agility Committee
August 8	<b>YGRC</b> VST Test	Durham NH	Henry Rines
August 15-16	<b>YGRC</b> Hunting Retriever Test	West Thompson CT	<b>YANKEE</b> Field Committee
Sept 13	<b>YGRC</b> TD/TDX Test	Durham NH	Ray Desmarais
Sept 19-20	<b>YGRC</b> Tracking Excellent Seminar	Hardwick MA	Kathy Goodman
Sept 26	<b>YGRC</b> Fall WC/WCX Test	West Thompson CT	<b>YANKEE</b> Field Committee
Oct/Nov	<b>YGRC</b> Fall match	TBD	<b>YANKEE</b> Bench Committee
Nov	<b>YGRC</b> Heart and Eye Clinics	TBD	
Dec	<b>YGRC</b> Agility Trials	Derry NH	<b>YANKEE</b> Agility Committee

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