



**EYE SCREENING CLINIC for CATARACTS, GOLDEN RETRIEVER UVEITIS &
PROGRESSIVE RETINAL ATROPHY
and
HEART CLINIC FOR AUSCULTATION OF THE HEART, AND
ECHOCARDIOGRAPHY IF INDICATED**

SUNDAY, June 5, 2011

8:30 AM - 1:00 PM and 1:30- 4:30 PM

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EXAMINATIONS BY:

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THANKS to Dr. Krista Vernaleken, Bulger Animal Hospital's Medical Director, for donating the use of their clinic.

PLEASE BE VERY RESPECTFUL OF THE BULGER ANIMAL HOSPITAL FACILITY, AND GROUNDS. PLEASE PARK TO THE RIGHT OF AND IN FRONT OF THE BUILDING, LEAVING PARKING NEAR THE EMERGENCY ENTRANCE LOCATED ON THE LEFT OF THE BUILDING FOR **EMERGENCY PATIENTS.**

PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOG! THERE IS NO EXCUSE IN THIS ERA OF EVER-SHRINKING VENUES AND EVER-INCREASING RULES AGAINST DOGS.

Goldens younger than 3 years of age should be checked for hereditary cataracts and PRA every 6 months. Dogs 3 years or older should be checked annually. PLEASE NOTE THAT DUE TO THE COMMON LATE ONSET OF GOLDEN RETRIEVER UVEITIS, GOLDEN RETRIEVERS SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE CHECKED THROUGHOUT THEIR LIVES, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE GENE POOL.

Certificates of eye clearance on dogs under 8 years of age are valid for only 1 year from date of issue.

Preference is given to Golden Retrievers, but other breeds are most welcome. Bitches in season may attend.

Please keep in mind when stating a preferred time that staying "exactly on time" is sometimes difficult.

- Eye drops to dilate the pupils and aid in examination will be administered 20 minutes prior to the examination. **Each eye examination takes approximately 5 minutes.**
- **Each heart exam (auscultation) takes approximately 5 minutes.** If the cardiologist hears a murmur, and the owner opts to have their dog examined further, that exam will necessarily result in some delays. Delays at past clinics have been manageable and minor. Every effort will be made to keep the exams proceeding on schedule.

Confirmation of your appointment time will be *e-mailed* to you the week of May 30. If you do not use the internet, PLEASE include a telephone number with an answering machine.

REMEMBER: You need your dog's AKC information to complete the forms and submit them to OFA / CERF!

Eye exams: YGRC members - \$30 per dog; Non-members and Newsletter subscribers - \$35 per dog.

Heart exams: YGRC members - \$55 per dog; Non-members and Newsletter subscribers - \$60 per dog.

Echocardiogram, if necessary, additional fee of \$150 per dog.

DR. MACGREGOR REQUIRES A MINIMUM SIGN-UP OF 20 DOGS TO PARTICIPATE.

If the required minimum is not met for the heart clinic, any examinations scheduled will be cancelled and all fees for those exams refunded.