

Optigen Testing Information

This year, Yankee Golden Retriever Club is generously sponsoring a "20/20" Clinic for DNA testing by Optigen LLC. Optigen is offering a substantial discount on this test for samples collected at our special clinic. The clinic is open to all breeds that have DNA testing available through Optigen.

The 20/20 clinic means that if we have at least 20 dogs sign up and participate, the cost of the test is discounted by 20%. In addition there is an additional 5% discount when you fill out your sample submission request online at: www.Optigen.com

We will be drawing blood samples to send into Optigen.

WHERE & WHEN:

Crackerbarrel Fairgrounds near the Golden Retriever rings.

Friday, June 1st, 2012, 9AM – 4PM

This is the day of Independent Specialties.

No specific appointment time is required, but we will be asking you to tell us in advance if you will be attending. This will help keep the paperwork in order.

To participate, you will need to follow these steps:

(1) Go to the Optigen website [www.Optigen.com]. Go to the 'Instructions and Information' button, then click on 'Getting Started'. Print this out, so that you can refer to it when filling out your order form.

(2) The **DISCOUNT CODE: YGRC126** Code will be active from **May 17th until June 2nd, 2012.**

(3) Have your AKC numbers and/or microchip and/or tattoo numbers handy. Optigen also asks for CERF numbers if you have them for your dogs, as well as for the results of your dog's last eye exam. If you will be ordering more than one test, you will have the chance to indicate that you are entering more than one dog. Then, you can proceed from one dog to the next as you complete each form.

(4) As you complete each order, you will be asked to print out the form. You **MUST** bring this form with you to the blood-drawing clinic at the Specialty. It will be attached to your dog's blood sample, which will also be labeled with your dog's call name, and the owner's last name. It is a good idea to print an extra copy for your home files.

(5) You will pay Optigen online with a credit card as part of the ordering process. Your card will not be charged until Optigen receives the sample (at least a couple of days after the last blood draw at the Specialty). **ABSOLUTELY, no payments will be accepted at the blood drawing clinics.**

(6) When you have placed your orders, please forward each dog's call name, owner's last name, and breed to Mike Lappin at: anidoc@comcast.net

Optigen states that a list of participants (by call name and owner name) will be helpful when the shipment arrives. We **MUST** prepare a **Master List in advance** to assist the on-site volunteers and to include in the shipment to Optigen. It is important for us to do this to assure you get your discount and that no sample is lost.

No specific appointment time is required for blood draws. Just appear with your dog and paperwork at the dates and times mentioned above.

This clinic **WILL** accept other breeds for Optigen DNA testing.