

2006 NAFA CMHOF and RMVP Nominees

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2006 Nominees for the Clyde Moore Memorial Hall of Fame

Nomination for the NAFA Clyde Moore Memorial Hall of Fame

Dog's Call Name: Dot	Nominated by: Walter Davis Houston, TX United States (406) Lone Star Ruffnecks
Dog's Breed: Border Collie	
Dog's CRN: 950740	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (406) Lone Star Ruffnecks	
Dog's Owner: Terrie O'Connor	

When I think of Dot, I always think of firsts. First Border Collie in the O'Connor pack. Among the first to reach Onyx and Flyball Grand Champion, and the very first to reach 40,000 and 50,000 points in Region 5.

Dot started flyball with a local class back in 1995 and raced her first tournament in January of 1996. During her career she has raced on Animal Planet's "Breed All About It", the Incredible Dog Challenge, and at half time shows for the Harlem Globetrotters. She's represented flyball in 110 tournaments spanning 9 years, traveling from the Pacific to Atlantic Oceans, and from the Canadian border to southern Texas. Always the first to volunteer for demonstrations and exhibitions, Dot has been a flyball ambassador of sorts, both an example to spectators and a model for participants.

As a teammate, it has been an honor to run with this proud competitor. Dot has made this sport proud with her dedication, hard work and just the pride she has in running and playing. Even though Dot was diagnosed with brain cancer recently, hers is still the loudest voice you'll hear cheering her teammates on to victory.

Nomination for the NAFA Clyde Moore Memorial Hall of Fame

Dog's Call Name: Gunner	Nominated by: Ballistics Flyball Team Midland, MI United States (108) Ballistics
Dog's Breed: Shetland Sheepdog	
Dog's CRN: 930971	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (108) Ballistics	
Dog's Owner: Shannon Seeger	

Fourteen years ago, in a sport dominated by JRT height dogs, a tiny red sable Sheltie named Gunner started a Flyball legacy.

Gunner's career began in 1992 as the Ballistics only chance at not jumping 16", and where he took it from there speaks for itself.

Gunner was never afraid to run with the BIG dogs, especially Terv's, and their hair in his mouth as they ran before him reminded them who the boss REALLY was. A solid team foundation dog, awesome 8"-9" jumper, and twelve pounds of pure Flyball attitude; Gunner truly made his mark in this sport. Father of "Indy", the very first recipient of the HOBBS award and Grandfather of the Amazing "Ammo" who broke the speed charts for his small size, Gunner's racing blood runs through the veins of a dozen tiny Shelties in more than three regions and on at least five different teams today.

Gunner ran his last race in October 2005, having raced for thirteen years with the Ballistics Flyball Team. He left this world the following month, no doubt to grab his teammates' fur in the Rainbow Bridge races.

Please honor Gunner's spirit in NAFA with your Hall of Fame vote.

Thank you!

Nomination for the NAFA Clyde Moore Memorial Hall of Fame

Dog's Call Name: Indy	Nominated by: Sheri & Michelle Koons Howell, MI United States (321) On The Rebound
Dog's Breed: Shetland Sheepdog	
Dog's CRN: 960116	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (321) On The Rebound	
Dog's Owner: Pam Koons	

Indy is a Shetland Sheep dog that runs with On the Rebound. He is currently the second highest pointed dog in N.A.F.A and the #1 Sheltie. He started his career in March of 1996 as the second height dog on Ballistics with his father, Gunner.

In March of 1999 Indy became the foundation height dog for On the Rebound. He is also the first dog to earn the Hobbe's award & the first sheltie, height dog, and U.S. dog to earn 100,000 points.

Indy has multitude of talents, winning prizes for his many tricks (includes jump roping) jumping his 14inch, 12 pound little body over a 40 inch high jump, therapy work & entertaining people of all ages. He has also received numerous special awards at tournaments all over the United States and Canada.

He is an extremely reliable height dog, who gives 110% always.... no matter what happens. On the Rebound is very proud to have this Big dog in a little package on our team.

Michelle, Sheri, Mike, Kris and Scott

Nomination for the NAFA Clyde Moore Memorial Hall of Fame

Dog's Call Name: Jagger	
Dog's Breed: English Shepherd	Nominated by: John Rohling & Balls Out, Robin Marion, Joe Goetz, Corcoran, MN United States (400) Balls Out
Dog's CRN: 960512	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (400) Balls Out	
Dog's Owner: Jennifer Rohling	

Jagger has competed in flyball since 1996. She has run on 4 Multi-breed Regional Champion teams, is currently ranked #10 in NAFA with an amazing 85,158 points, is the #1 English Shepherd in flyball, and has been one of the fastest non-Border Collie breeds in the region. She can run any position the team needs, is a rock-solid competitor, and never makes errors. These accomplishments alone would make Jagger worthy of being inducted into the Clyde Moore Memorial Hall of Fame. But there is more.

In September '04, at age 9, Jagger was diagnosed with a cancerous tumor in her rear leg. Her only chance for survival was to have her leg amputated at the hip. After surgery, Jagger not only adapted quickly to everyday life but made it clear that she wanted to continue to participate in the game that she loves most - flyball. Three-legged Jagger resumed competing just eight weeks after her surgery, leading Balls Out to the 2005 Multi-breed Regional Championship. After earning 20,000+ more points (an Onyx on 3 legs!) she retired in June 2006.

Jagger's strength and determination is an inspiration to those around her and an example of courage in overcoming life's obstacles.

Nomination for the NAFA Clyde Moore Memorial Hall of Fame

Dog's Call Name: Toby	
Dog's Breed: SC Wheaten Terrier	Nominated by: Cindy Arnold Fair Haven, MI United States (015) Paws-a-tive Attitude
Dog's CRN: 940173	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (015) Paws-a-tive Attitude	
Dog's Owner: Kim O'Neill	

Toby's career began in June 1993 and ended in August 2004 upon her retirement at the age of 13.5 years. She passed away August 2005. She raced with club 015 her entire career. Toby was well known as a frequent competitor in many tournaments throughout Regions 1 & 2. Toby was our main height dog (10" height) for a number of years. She had a tremendous impact on the Pawsitive Attitudes club because until she came along, the jumps were set at 15". Toby wasn't a ball fanatic or the fastest of our dogs, but once she learned to play Flyball, she was dependable, consistent and steady. She would run for anyone in any position. Toby often ran on two teams in order to allow for other teammates to play. Toby has been the #1 SC Wheaten since 2000. She was the first of her breed to earn FMCH through FG70K. When she retired, her point total was 74,553--a pretty amazing feat for a little dog with a lot of heart. Her family and team misses her and hopes that you honor her and will cast your vote to induct her into the Clyde Moore Hall of Fame.

2006 Nominees for Regional MVP

2006 Regional MVP Nominees - Region 1

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 1

Dog's Call Name: Dave	Nominated by: Marty Siegrist Mason, MI United States (189) The Overdogs
Dog's Breed: Border Collie	
Dog's CRN: 981141	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (189) The Overdogs	
Dog's Owner: Melanie Flesberg	

Dave has been with the Overdogs since he was a pup, before our first tourney in January, 1999. He was our first "homegrown" ONYX, having earned his 20,000th point on May 15, 2004. His love for the sport of flyball is the stuff of legend. Many a novice boxloader has been startled by the maniacal glitter in his eyes and his speed down to the box. He always runs to win, determined to cross the finish line before his opponent. Even an injury and subsequent surgery left his enthusiasm—and speed—undimmed; he just changed his box turn to compensate.

With his abilities, Dave would be an asset to any team, but he has stuck with this one through both good times and bad. He is the backbone of the team. He has raced in all but one or two of the tournaments the Overdogs have attended over the years, often running on both a regular and multi team over the course of a weekend. His speed and stamina have enabled his canine teammates, some of whom are far less blessed with speed than he, to play the game, earn points and titles, and have a great time at tournaments.

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 1

Dog's Call Name: Ice	Nominated by: Christine VanWert Lasalle, MI United States (455) Wooferines
Dog's Breed: Border Collie	
Dog's CRN: 931275	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (455) Wooferines	
Dog's Owner: Ruth Van Wert	

I nominate Ice, a Border Collie, because during his racing career, he was the core "speed" dog for at least four different flyball clubs within Region 1. Rude Dogs, Slammers, Runnin' Ruff, and finally, The Wooferines.

Bred in Canada by Lynda Verna, Ice has always exhibited the traits that make the Border Collie the number one choice of breeds for flyball. He is smart, fast, gentle and always ready to race.

Early in his career, Rude Dogs and Slammers raced Ice on their fastest teams and helped propel these clubs to their personal best times and Regional Rankings during the time period between '94-'98. Later, he helped to establish Runnin' Ruff as a flyball club. He was a core member of the Wooferines after his owner, Ruth VanWert, established that club to continue playing flyball.

Border Patrol honored Ice with their Spring Tournament's MVP Award in 2000.

In point totals, Ice ranks #57 out of 4,231 total Border Collies registered to NAFA and #144 for all breeds racing with NAFA which total 17,160 at the time of this nomination.(Within the top 00.8%)

He is still listed as "active" by NAFA though only available for Veterans Class.

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 1

Dog's Call Name: Xandr	Nominated by: Colleen Croxall Vermontville, MI United States (495) Quick Silver
Dog's Breed: Jack/Parson Russell Terrier	
Dog's CRN: 980294	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (495) Quick Silver	
Dog's Owner: Linda Sell	

Xandr is currently the top pointed Jack Russell Terrier in NAFA, the first JRT to earn 80,000 points and #7 in overall standing in all breeds. At 9 years old she still is a consistant, dependable flyball dog who rarely makes mistakes. She has been an essential height dog for QuickSilver, often double running to allow all the other dogs on the team a chance to run. Always enthusiastic and competitive, she runs each race as if it is the first race of the day. Xandr also acts as team cheerleader between heats, going to each dog on the team and barking encouragingly. Her easygoing, sociable personality and quick learning, responsive nature have won over many non-JRT people so that now several other teams all have sibilings of hers anchoring their teams. Xandr is well deserving of the distinctive honor of being named Region 1 MVP.

2006 Regional MVP Nominees - Region 2

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 2

Dog's Call Name: Myles	Nominated by: Instant Replay Flyball Team Caledonia, ON Canada (155) Instant Replay
Dog's Breed: Mix	
Dog's CRN: 040868	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (155) Instant Replay	
Dog's Owner: Kelly Ciggaar	

Myles is a 3 year old Border/Staffi that is truly one in a million!

Not only does Myles have wonderful temperment, but he is probably one of the fastest dogs in flyball....he has run 3.68 on the clock..

Myles career began at the top, and he has stayed there....

He began racing in start on Instant Replays Gold teamand has held that position ever since...

He was a key member of the teams fastest time of 15.58 seconds.

Myles is very impressive to watch....

He is truly a gifted flyball dog ...

Few people in region two are not familiar with Mr Myles!!

He would be well deserving of the Regional MVP Award.

On Behalf of...

Instant Replay Flyball Team

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 2

Dog's Call Name: Oreo	Nominated by: Karin Apfel Holland Landing, ON Canada (405) Hair Trigger
Dog's Breed: Jack/Parson Russell Terrier	
Dog's CRN: 990528	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (405) Hair Trigger	
Dog's Owner: Marni Smith	

Without Oreo, there would be no Hair Trigger - it's a simple as that.

After only a few weeks of training, he started in 1999 as a regular height dog on Cool Runnings. When Hair Trigger formed in 2000, he was our ONLY height dog.

Without his consistent, solid running (he was never 'off'), Hair Trigger would not have been able to race. Once we were large enough to field two teams, Oreo ably ran on both Regular and Multi for several years in any position needed, including start!

Oreo has long remained in the top 20 of his breed in NAFA and in the top 3 of Canadian JRTs. Now, at age 10, he is still running fast and reliably in any position and for any handler, including Marni's 12-year old daughter Heather.

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 2

Dog's Call Name: Saylor	Nominated by: Ron English Rosemount, ON Canada (058) Cool Runnings
Dog's Breed: Papillon	
Dog's CRN: 001089	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (331) Bad to the Bone	
Dog's Owner: Susan Ellig	

Saylor is an 8 year old Papillon, living in Guelph, Ontario with Sue Ellig and her parents. He shares his home with two Aussies and a mixed breed toy. Saylor recently got his 30,000 point title with his team Bad to the Bone.

Saylor is known as having the cutest catch in flyball. He pounces on the bottom of the box with his front feet, his little face looking up waiting for his ball to launch. His catching accuracy is amazing

for he rarely fumbles the ball. Over the years with Bad to the Bone, Saylor's speed and size has helped many of the larger breeds obtain flyball titles.

Saylor may not be the fastest dog in flyball, but if you gauge speed with heart and determination, there is only one way to describe Saylor – "A fantastic little dog". Saylor lets spectators know that he is a fantastic little dog. Just watch him fly over that finish line with his big ears pinned down for less wind resistance.

Any flyball team would be proud to have Saylor as one of their canine members.

2006 Regional MVP Nominees - Region 3

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 3

Dog's Call Name: Bainbridge Savannah	Nominated by: Crystal Kuhns Omaha, NE United States (299) Omaha Speedracers
Dog's Breed: Australian Shepherd	
Dog's CRN: 981124	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (299) Omaha Speedracers	
Dog's Owner: Sharon Atkinson	

Hannah got her first titles back in February 1999. She has since overcome her challenges to become a very important part of the Omaha Speed Racers. She is a dog that can be handled by anyone. At almost nine years of age, she still manages to keep consistent time for an entire tournament without missing a beat! She is always ready to go with a bounce in her step and a little barking to get everyone ready. Her consistency has proved to be a huge asset to our team! Hannah also has a great spirit about her. She is always ready to give 110%!

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 3

Dog's Call Name: Off On Intrepid	Nominated by: Lana Luhring North Liberty, IA United States (623) All Ruffed Up
Dog's Breed: Border Collie	
Dog's CRN: 940786	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (560) RAID	
Dog's Owner: Mary Kline	

On February 19, 2006, Off On Intrepid or "Trep" as he is known to his friends earned the first Hobbes Award in Region 3. Congratulations on this amazing accomplishment. Trep is also presently ranked number one on the Border Collie Breed List. Owned by Mary Kline, Trep obtained his CRN in 1994 and has raced for an amazing twelve years with different teams. Trep presently runs with Raid's "Borders in the Buff" team and in the veterans division. Trep's best time this year is 4.5 seconds, which makes him a very valuable team member at any age!

2006 Regional MVP Nominees - Region 4

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 4

Dog's Call Name: Riff	Nominated by:	Zachary A. Chernik
Dog's Breed: Mix		Long Grove, IL
Dog's CRN: 050645		United States
Dog's Club Affiliation: (565) Bordering on Insanity-Midwest		(565) Bordering on Insanity-Midwest
Dog's Owner: Don & Tresa Laferty		

If you had the chance to see the Riffinator run....he is a machine. He is BOI's Start Dog on the Ritalin Rush Team. He is just 26 months old and he is already posting times in the mid 3.6's. Riff even runs in the 3.6's and low 3.7's when he is not starting. He gets faster as the day goes on and never slows down. Riff is a very gentle and fun loving dog from Don & Tresa Laferty's canine family. He also does herding and agility. Without question, Riff is BOI's MVP and a candidate for region 4's MVP for 2006.

2006 Regional MVP Nominees - Region 5

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 5

Dog's Call Name: Dillon	Nominated by:	Texas Heat
Dog's Breed: Border Collie		Glenn Heights, TX
Dog's CRN: 960885		United States
Dog's Club Affiliation: (338) Texas Heat		(338) Texas Heat
Dog's Owner: Mary Fairbairn		

Dillon, a member of the Fairbairn Family, Mary, Michael, and John, began his flyball career in 1996, and ran his first race in 1997. Dillon has shared the lanes with Region 5's finest for almost a decade. Dillon's first competitive runs were in a "Fastest of the Fast" competition in Las Vegas against dogs from Animal Inn, Rude Dogs, and Touch n Go. This big puppy wasn't quite sure what he was doing, but he won the competition and the respect of all. Dillon was one of the first 3.9/4.0 dogs in Region 5. He was a member of the fast Top Dog teams of the late 1990's and was on Texas Heat's first 16 second team in 2001.

Dillon is the true foundation dog for Texas Heat. He has been an integral part of the training of every puppy and every human trained as a member of Texas Heat. Dillon's presence and confidence has positively influenced all of the puppies he has helped train. Dillon was equally as valuable training new handlers. Dillon's steadiness allowed them to focus only on their responsibilities. Dillon's many accomplishments and contributions for the past decade make him a worthy candidate for Regional MVP.

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 5

Dog's Call Name: Dot	Nominated by:	Walter Davis
Dog's Breed: Border Collie		La Porte, TX
Dog's CRN: 950740		United States
Dog's Club Affiliation: (406) Lone Star Ruffnecks		(406) Lone Star Ruffnecks
Dog's Owner: Terrie O'Connor		

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Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 5

Dog's Call Name: Indy	Nominated by: Karen Erz Carrollton, TX United States (180) Top Dog Racers
Dog's Breed: Border Collie	
Dog's CRN: 970541	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (180) Top Dog Racers	
Dog's Owner: Melissa Dailey	

I'm sure everyone has seen Indy waiting to race, with her happy bark and her bouncing front feet.

In her 9 years of racing, Indy has contributed much to the sport of flyball.

Indy spent her early racing career as start dog on Top Dog Racers' "A" team, Chain Reaction. With Indy in the lineup, Chain Reaction competed at the Purina Incredible Dog Challenge finals, ESPN's Great Outdoor Games, was the first Region 5 team to run in the 16's, and even held the US record in 1999. Trained before swimmer's turns were the norm, Indy was able to run consistent 3.9's. Turning 10 in July, Indy can still run 4.0's today.

Indy's second contribution is as flyball matriarch. Our current Chain Reaction team, including height dog Pilot, is made up entirely of Indy kids. Many of the dogs on Top Dog Racers, as well as wonderful dogs on other teams across North America, can also trace their lineage to Indy.

Indy's third contribution has been as patient trainer, of both new dogs and new handlers. Indy will run for anyone, and with any dog.

A dog that has given so much to the sport is definitely an MVP!

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 5

Dog's Call Name: Rudy T.	Nominated by: Libby McLachlan Hempstead, TX United States (642) Texas Twisters
Dog's Breed: Mix	
Dog's CRN: 980710	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (343) Alamo Racing Canines	

Dog's Owner:	Mike & Mary Smith
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Rudy T. was adopted by Mike and Mary Smith in 1996 and started her flyball career in 1998 with High Voltage. Over the next several years, Rudy T. was a member of Flat Out Flyers and Texas Twisters. On numerous occasions during her flyball career, she was the only height dog for one of the teams entered. This little white dog with black patches around or by her eyes and at the base of her tail consistently came through. There has been many times when she has assisted other dogs in beginning their flyball careers. After being sidelined for six-months due to an injury, she came back to play the game in January 2006. Rudy T. enjoys playing flyball and is currently a height dog for the Alamo Racing Canines.

2006 Regional MVP Nominees - Region 6

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 6

Dog's Call Name:	Boomtown Jazz Ma Tazz	Nominated by: Beth Chapman Wittmann, AZ United States (471) Heat Wave
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Dog's Breed:	Staffordshire Bull Terrier
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Dog's CRN:	980243
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Dog's Club Affiliation:	(471) Heat Wave
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Dog's Owner:	Alisa & Chris Romaine
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Jazz is a small, black-brindle Staffy who is the embodiment of HEART to her Heat Wave teammates. She has been a trendsetter her whole racing career. She was the first Staffordshire Bull Terrier to race in Region 5. Today there are many Staffys racing there, quite a few related to Jazz. Jazz ran her first race back when there was no age limit. She made her debut at 10 months of age. She quickly earned her racing nickname of "Staffanator" because she broke more 1" boards per tournament than all other dogs present.

Moving to Arizona in 2000, Jazz continued her racing career in regions 6/16 on the Heat Wave team and soon shared race time with her kids, PJ and Klondike. She is now eight ½ years old, still a tough competitor and the backbone of HW height dogs. Jazz has trained up new dogs, run as the solid dog for green dog teams, and even double run when another height dog melted down on a team for which she was listed as backup. She never quits and never complains. In fact, the team often remarks, "If Jazz isn't bleeding, it isn't flyball." Jazz's competitive spirit pours over onto her teammates, who all run better when Jazz is in the lineup.

Jazz is currently ranked #16 in the NAFA breed rankings for Staffys.

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 6

Dog's Call Name:	Gremlin's Spitfire Hydro	Nominated by: Katy Kaylor and Wendy Jensen Las Vegas, NV United States (135) Touch'N Go
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Dog's Breed:	German Wirehaired Pointer
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Dog's CRN:	980110
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Dog's Club Affiliation:	(135) Touch'N Go
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Dog's Owner: Nadine Gremm

Hydro is an adorable, fuzzy faced, 9-year-old German Wire-haired Pointer with a fun-loving personality and huge heart. Nadine found this lovable rescue tied to a fire hydrant by a rubber band attached to a choke chain when he was about 6 months old. Through her love and affection, Hydro was able to overcome his sad beginnings and become a powerful example of the bond between dog and handler!

Watch Hydro play Flyball and you'll see a crowd draw around to watch him. Hydro is loved by all who know or have ever handled him and runs in any position for anyone, passing flawlessly. Throughout his 8 year Flyball racing career, he's never made a mistake-no missed jumps, no dropped balls, no bobbed balls... nothing! He is personally responsible for training numerous green handlers as well as junior handlers!

Despite his senior status, Hydro continues to run a competitive 4.4 and has retained a beautiful four-footed box turn throughout the years. He is a wonderful ambassador for the breed, currently ranked #1 GWP in NAFA and is also the first and only GWP to earn the ONYX, FGDCH and 40K titles. Please vote Hydro as Region 6 MVP.

2006 Regional MVP Nominees - Region 7

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 7

Dog's Call Name: **Danya Von Tamar**
 Dog's Breed: German Shepherd Dog
 Dog's CRN: 990279
 Dog's Club Affiliation: (577) Muddy Paws-A-Flyin'
 Dog's Owner: Carol Helfer

Nominated by: Rebecca Johnston
 Salem, OR
 United States
 (577) Muddy Paws-A-Flyin'

Danya is still rock solid and racing hard at the age of 9. Carol has done an amazing job keeping her in shape. Danya can go all day long no matter the conditions. Danya is truly a veteran and it would be awesome to recongize her as MVP for region 7.

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 7

Dog's Call Name: **Riot**
 Dog's Breed: Mix
 Dog's CRN: 020460
 Dog's Club Affiliation: (042) Dogwood Pacesetters
 Dog's Owner: Cheryl Tavares

Nominated by: Val Culpin
 Abbotsford, BC
 Canada
 (042) Dogwood Pacesetters

Riot is a Border Jack owned, trained and handled by Cheryl Tavares. She has until recently been the only height dog on the Dogwood Pacesetters Run for Your Money team. Riot has been a cornerstone of the Pacesetter's successful bids for the Region 7 Championship over the last 3 years, and in that time has proven to be a very consistent performer. Riot will run for anybody who will play with her, and no matter who runs her, her times are consistent, making her an easy dog

to pass. For several years, Riot had to run every single heat of a tournament, and through it all she never faltered, even when she encountered some health issues a couple of years ago. While it does take 4 dogs to make a team, it is undoubtedly due to Riot's performance level and consistency that this team has been successful. To those who know her well, she is a sweet and loving dog. Cheryl is the first one to admit that Riot chooses her friends carefully, and if you happen to be one of them, she will shower you with affection. Please give Riot your vote for Region 7 MVP! She deserves it!

2006 Regional MVP Nominees - Region 8

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 8

Dog's Call Name: Charlie	Nominated by: Darcey Sare Regina, SK Canada (525) Good2Go Flyball
Dog's Breed: Welsh Corgi (Pembroke)	
Dog's CRN: 970495	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (525) Good2Go Flyball	
Dog's Owner: Michelle Sare	

Charlie started playing flyball shortly after he turned a year old in 1997 and quickly became an important part of the Ruff Riders Flyball Team. Thanks to him and his 8 inch jumps as well as his consistency, a number of the older team dogs were able to continue to play and finish off many major titles. Charlie might be a small dog, but he has always played with the big dogs and has the attitude to keep up with them. In 2002 Charlie became one of the founding members of Good2Go flyball team and continues his role as the height dog with attitude to this day. Every time that Charlie goes to the racing lane, he gives his all for his team.

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 8

Dog's Call Name: Dexter	Nominated by: KAOS Dogsports Inc. Members Copper Sands, SK Canada (258) KAOS
Dog's Breed: Shetland Sheepdog	
Dog's CRN: 950004	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (258) KAOS	
Dog's Owner: Debbie West	

For this years MVP Award in Region 8, KAOS would like to nominate Dexter. Dexter is a 13" Sheltie with a lot of heart and a lot of titles at the end of his name. His owner/team mate is Debbie Wiest.

Dexter raced for the first time in February 1995 with the Ruff Rider team. Dexter ran in every position, he even started. In the early days, he would bark and spin at the start and get flagged for breaking the beam with his tail.

Dexter was the first height dog to run on our first KAOS team in 1998. He helped many of our early KAOS dogs learn the game and go on to earn their titles and continue to play flyball. There was never a dog too big for Dexter to run with. He kept jumps at 9" for them all.

Dexter raced for the love of the game.

Dexter, now in his 13th year, earned his FM before retiring. Running often with green dogs, it took him 7 yrs to achieve that title. In the early days, 25 point runs were few and far between.

We hope that Region 8 will recognize Dexter for this years MVP award.

Donna

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 8

Dog's Call Name: Thor	Nominated by:	Elsie Wesdyk
Dog's Breed: Shetland Sheepdog		Pense, SK
Dog's CRN: 940372		Canada
Dog's Club (133) Prairie P.D.Q.		(133) Prairie P.D.Q.
Affiliation: Dogsports		Dogsports
Dog's Owner: Hank Wesdyk		

Thor, owned by Hank Wesdyk, was a Sheltie fondly called PDQ's "Energizer Bunny". Born on January 15/92, his mom became ill, and the litter was hand fed. His breeder gave them all a strong name, to help them survive. He became "Raveon High and Mighty". At 6 months he broke his rear leg badly, and we feared he would never race flyball, but true to his name, he overcame all predictions, and began racing as our height dog in 1994. He helped our Eh! Team accomplish many firsts, and was well known in the region for his funny antics, racing the other dogs beside him with great glee, often slowing down just enough to make it a photo finish! Thor also became the first height dog, at 9 years of age, for our new Prairie Storm Team of Border Collies, and was instrumental in their success in becoming the fastest team in Saskatchewan. He was the first dog in Saskatchewan to earn his FGDCh in June 2001. This year the "High and Mighty Award", given to a Region 8 height dog nominated by its peers, was set up in his honour. "The Mighty Thor" crossed the Rainbow Bridge on Dec/05.

2006 Regional MVP Nominees - Region 9

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 9

Dog's Call Name: Bessamour D'Itan Azure	Nominated by:	Debra Schmitz
Dog's Breed: Border Collie		Portsmouth, VA
Dog's CRN: 960466		United States
Dog's Club Affiliation: (163) Hairier Jump Jets		(163) Hairier Jump Jets
Dog's Owner: Beverly Vautrinot		

Bessamour D'Itan Azure (D'I) owned by Beverly Vautrinot is a highly valued member of the Hairier Jump Jets flyball team. D'I has been racing since 1996. Here are just a few of the ways that D'I has demonstrated his most valuable team member status. D'I was an instrumental part of the winning division 1 team in region 9 more than once. As a member of the Alpha team, D'I helped HJJ become the first region 9 team to break 18 seconds. D'I's flexibility enabled him to run in any

position for any team member. The only required equipment was a tug and a strong back for his high flying acrobatics on a rope. D'I helped dogs approaching retirement earn their final titles. He also assisted in the training of new dogs. Even after retirement, D'I's legacy will continue. Many D'I puppies and grandpups span across the NAFA community. These pups contribute speed and spirit to the sport. It is with great honor that I submit this Regional MVP Award nomination for Bessamour D'Itan Azure.

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 9

Dog's Call Name: Hobbs	Nominated by: Barb Walton Raleigh, NC United States (233) DogGoneFast
Dog's Breed: Jack/Parson Russell Terrier	
Dog's CRN: 950634	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (699) Dogsmack	
Dog's Owner: Jennifer Staton	

I would like to nominate Jenny Staton's Hobbs, from the team Dogsmack, for the regional MVP award. At the dignified age of 11, Hobbs has an incredible stats sheet. He is currently the 5th ranked Jack Russell Terrier and he is the 38th top pointed dog of all time. That places Hobbs in the top 1% of all NAFA dogs. Amazing, for a height dog that is still running full-time and clocks many sub 5-second runs throughout a weekend of racing. His versatility is also an asset to his team. He loves to start against the fast-footed Border Collies, but he can run in any position and has no issues. And, Hobbs will run for any handler. Like many JRTs, Hobbs has boundless energy and an entertaining personality. He spends his down time swimming in his pond on the farm and chasing guinea fowl. This is probably Hobbs' secret to keeping that bunny hop run down the lanes for the last decade. Please help me celebrate his distinguished racing career and vote for Hobbs to be the region 9 MVP.

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 9

Dog's Call Name: Joy	Nominated by: Leerie Jenkins Dresher, PA United States (171) Fur Fun
Dog's Breed: Australian Shepherd	
Dog's CRN: 970018	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (226) New River Express	
Dog's Owner: Richard & Lynda Oleksuk	

Joy has been running flyball since early 1997. It was not unusual for her to be double-teamed because NRE was a small club and needed her to so every doggy could play. Joy has been clocked at 3.7 in her prime, not too shabby considering her original flyball training consisted of "smash and grab". She is still running in the low-4s at 10+ years of age. She has more heart than any dog I've ever met and has run despite adversity on many occasions... numerous torn pads and one weekend she insisted on running despite the fact she had shattered one of her large molars which really shows her determination and grit. Joy was instrumental in NRE winning MB regional championship several years in a row. Joy competed in the Purina Incredible Dog Challenge in St. Pete FLA twice, even made the opening credits one year. (I think the producers liked having a non-black-and-white dog to feature.) She's competed from Canada and New Hampshire to Florida and as far west as Iowa, in addition to the closer tournies in PA, MD, NC, SC and of course VA. She also has titles in agility, tracking, obedience and has competed in weight-pulling (actually beat a Sibe in her weight class). But mostly, Joy will do anything Lynda

asks her do with enthusiasm and eagerness.

2006 Regional MVP Nominees - Region 10

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 10

Dog's Call Name: Fergus	Nominated by: PAULA REARDON Dartmouth, Canada, NS Canada (617) A.P.S.
Dog's Breed: Jack/Parson Russell Terrier	
Dog's CRN: 980742	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (617) A.P.S.	
Dog's Owner: Joanne Eisnor	

Fergus is a 9 yr. old Jack Russell Terrier, and beloved companion of Joanne Eisnor. Fergus started his flyball career in 1998, running 6.5 seconds for the first couple of years. With lots of hard work and conditioning, he learned to love a good race, and soon became one of the fastest height dogs in the region.

Fergus will run anywhere, for anyone (yes Sean, we know you are his favorite handler), with his favorite position being start dog, against Border Collies, where he continues to run in 4.3 seconds.

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 10

Dog's Call Name: Molly	Nominated by: Jane Smith Mt. Uniacke, NS Canada (265) Lietash PUSH The Limits
Dog's Breed: Boston Terrier	
Dog's CRN: 011559	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (265) Lietash PUSH The Limits	
Dog's Owner: Tanya LaPlante	

We would like to nominate Molly, Boston Terrier, from Lietash PUSH The Limits for Region 10 MVP.

Many competitors in Region 10 know Molly as the always consistent height dog currently running with LPTL's Blue team. Many may not know that her flyball career almost ended before it began. Molly had three knee surgeries to correct luxating patellas in both hind legs prior to her first birthday.

Once she hit the mats, there was no turning back! From her first race she has been a rock solid competitor, able to run unfaltering in every position – including Start when needed. She has raced in every division, contributing to various LPTL teams along the way both as height dog and as a “big” dog on occasion. Due to her single minded focus of completing her run as fast as possible she is often matched with green dogs, teaching them the finer points of passing.

Molly reached the milestone of ONYX in under three seasons of racing, a direct reflection of her ‘never say never’ attitude. She is currently ranked #5 Boston Terrier in NAFA and will continue to be an invaluable member of LPTL for many years to come.

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 10

Dog's Call Name: Risin Red River	Nominated by: Jules Comeau Greater Lakeburn, NB Canada (073) F.A.M.E.
Dog's Breed: American Cocker Spaniel	
Dog's CRN: 990464	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (073) F.A.M.E.	
Dog's Owner: Jennifer Edmonds	

Risin Red River, aka Riser, joined the Edmonds family on a vacation/Superdog trip to Calgary. Riser just turned 9 and has been competing in flyball for FAME in Region 10 for almost eight years. She currently ranks 20th amongst the American Cocker Spaniel group and is expected to qualify for her Onyx later this season. Over the past season, she has only missed one Regional tournament as her club did not enter a team. She gives her all on every race and as she gets older, she in fact has been getting faster. She is noted for her consistency and knowledge of her role. On occasion when she has fumbled the ball on the box, she will search until she finds the ball and will take the first jump coming back from almost any spot off to the side. Riser is a great representative for Flyball in general as she seems to have the Eveready battery tail, greeting spectators and other competitors with the same enthusiasm that she plays the game with.

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 10

Dog's Call Name: Static	Nominated by: Mike Devine Winsloe, PE Canada (266) Fast 'n FURious
Dog's Breed: Mix	
Dog's CRN: 030562	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (266) Fast 'n FURious	
Dog's Owner: Diana Murphy	

Since her career began only but a few years ago, Static has become one of the most dominant start dogs in Region 10. Her unbelievable stamina, her effortless swimmers's turn and her amazing recall put her into another class and those attributes have been paramount to the success of her as an individual performer that is only overshadowed by the value she brings to the Fast 'n FURious Airwave team. Running in the 3.8 - 4.0 second range from the first heat of the day to the last heat of the tourney, Static certainly has established herself as one of the dogs all clubs would love to have. Her performance to date certainly warrants most serious consideration as the Region 10 Most Valuable Performer

2006 Regional MVP Nominees - Region 11

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 11

Dog's Call Name: Monty	Nominated by: Barbara Craig Lakeland, FL United States (270) Florida Air Xpress
Dog's Breed: Welsh Corgi (Pembroke)	
Dog's CRN: 010790	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (270) Florida Air Xpress	
Dog's Owner: Kathy Iozzio	

Gallant Monty has been a valued member of FAX teams since 2001 when he was the ONLY height dog we had. Monty is a rehomed Corgi whose owner had to make a hard choice during a move. Her loss was Kathy's and our gain of a won't quit flyball dog. We have trained and gained faster dogs but Monty still helps our dogs earn titles and to compete at a lower jump height. He is the first dog to reach all of the higher titles for FAX, from Flyball Master to Flyball Dog Grand Champion. As he nears retirement from flyball to pursue agility and obedience titles, we honor his energy and his love for the game by nominating him for Region 11's MVP.

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 11

Dog's Call Name: Osko	Nominated by: Nancy Murphy Bradenton, FL United States (472) Dog Gone
Dog's Breed: German Shepherd Dog	
Dog's CRN: 010897	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (472) Dog Gone	
Dog's Owner: Nancy Murphy	

Osko was a special GSD who came to flyball late in his life, but threw himself into the sport wholeheartedly! Anyone who ever saw him run remembers the way he would hurl himself after his tug toy; of course, it was also a challenge getting the toy away from him afterwards! Many handlers in our region also remember the mattresses placed at the end of the runback area after he dented the wall in Lakeland.

He was a gentle giant and beautiful spirit who always loved to play! If you didn't give him a toy, he would find or make one!

Osko was the moving force behind Dog>Gone Flyball - mentoring our team's five original green dogs in their first practices and tournaments! He helped start all of our team dogs in the sport and could always be relied upon to run cleanly. At age 12 Osko went to play pain-free flyball at the bridge, but he serves as an inspiration to all the dogs on our team and all the German Shepherds in our region!

2006 Regional MVP Nominees - Region 12

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 12

Dog's Call Name: Connor	Nominated by: Pat LaValley Coalhurst, AB Canada (684) Redline Dogsports
Dog's Breed: Mix	
Dog's CRN: 940701	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (684) Redline Dogsports	
Dog's Owner: Kurt Johnson	

After retiring from a career that spanned over 11 years, 2 regions and numerous regional and NAFA milestones I nominate Connor for Region 12 MVP.

Connor started his career when 1 - 5 point runs were the norm and still earned enough NAFA points to place him #1 in Region 12, #5 NAFA Mix and in the top 35 NAFA pointed dogs at his

retirement. Connor would run for anyone brave enough to carry his frisbee and would happily run in any position.

Connor began running with Cruizin' Canines (the closest team - 2 hours away) and was instrumental in starting flyball at home, in Lethbridge, with FastAntics. An owner relocation brought Connor to a new team with Allsorts Dogsports in Winnipeg for 4 years and then saw him return to Lethbridge with the creation of his current team, Redline Dogsports.

In March of 2005, Connor was stricken with Vestibular Disease. We all thought his career was over but Connor was determined to play again. He returned to flyball in May of 2005 but his body never recovered fully and for safety, he was retired in January 2006.

Connor's contribution to flyball in Region 12 will always be remembered.

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 12

Dog's Call Name: Copper	Nominated by: Daniele Barrell Didsbury, AB Canada (542) Tailwind Flyball Club
Dog's Breed: English Springer Spaniel	
Dog's CRN: 060550	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (542) Tailwind Flyball Club	
Dog's Owner: Sherry Etifier	

Tailwind flyball Club would like to nominate an up and coming star who's time was unfortunately cut short.

Copper and his owner Sherry had just join our club, both were very eager to play the sport and play it right. Sherry worked hard to develop a beautiful swimmers turn on Copper because she wanted to make sure he'd play the sport for a long time. In his second tournament he showed us a glimpse of his potential by running 4.52sec. In that same day Copper showed us his reliability by running every race and achieving his FDCH with 556 points. Copper also had his moments, stopping mid race to "sniff" around because the box judge had placed a baggy of treats under her chair, but he came back and raced again.

Unfortunately only 5 days following this great day Copper passed away from a rare blood disease that had gone unnoticed until too late, he was 3.

This dog did not achieve great titles or honors but he played the game with all his heart and in his short time with our club reminded us all why we play the game of flyball.

Please consider Copper for region 12 MVP

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 12

Dog's Call Name: Kelty	Nominated by: Shauna Jannett De Winton, AB Canada (696) Mach 4
Dog's Breed: Border Collie	
Dog's CRN: 000990	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (696) Mach 4	

Dog's Owner:	Peter Ness
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I knew of Kelty before I truly knew her. I can remember watching her in the race lane at my very first tournament and admiring her drive, watching her check the other lane and put on whatever burst of speed was needed to beat that other dog back. No Tugs or treats for her, she ran for one reason only - a love of the game. She had an uncanny understanding that her dad couldn't get around as easily as the rest of us and set herself up to run for him race after race. Kelty was an accomplished dog, finishing 6th in '03 for points earned in Nafa, she ran start on every team we ran that set a personal best. She also helped us to train and debut all our new dogs. At the end of her all to short career Kelty had 46,499 points many of those earned in 1 and 5 point runs. We lost Kelty in the winter of 2005 to a rare and debilitating illness. Her spirit and drive to win are behind our team every time we set foot on the race lane and we keep her in our memory always.

Shauna Jannett

Mach 4

2006 Regional MVP Nominees - Region 13

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 13

Dog's Call Name:	Blu	Nominated by:	Sandi Bixler Manchester, NH United States (658) White Mountain Mayhem
Dog's Breed:	Australian Shepherd		
Dog's CRN:	030519		
Dog's Club Affiliation:	(658) White Mountain Mayhem		
Dog's Owner:	Christopher Bjurling		

Blu hasn't been playing the sport for very long and neither has Chris – their first tournament was in March of 2003- but Blu took to the sport like a duck to water. He was a natural from the start. He went to one six week class, spent some time over a snowy NH winter turning off a board at the end of a lane dug out of a snow bank and when All Dogs needed a dog to run in a tournament – he went in and never looked back.

Blu isn't a compact Aussie, 22 inches at the shoulder but he has a great box turn, lots of focus, and is very reliable. He is one of the fastest dogs in our club, not fast by some standards but fast enough for us. He is the dog we have used over and over to train green dogs to pass, to correct chasing problems and to make sure the teams get those 25 point runs. He has raced in every position and on both regular and multi teams and is on track for his Onyx by the end of 2006.

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 13

Dog's Call Name:	Guinness	Nominated by:	Jeannie Johnson Brimfield, MA United States (612) Pioneer Valley Waggin'
Dog's Breed:	Chinese Crested		
Dog's CRN:	021332		
Dog's Club Affiliation:	(612) Pioneer Valley Waggin' Tails		

Dog's Owner: Suzanne Natale

Tails

I would like to nominate Guinness, Chinese Crested, Pioneer Valley Waggin' Tails Flyball Club as the Region 13 MVP for FY'2006.

Guinness started his flyball career in 2003. At the time he was one of only two Chinese Crested playing flyball. He was a solid height dog for the Boston Stragglers Flyball Club until he earned the title of Flyball Master in March of 2004.

Guinness continued with the newly formed flyball club, Pioneer Valley Waggin' Tails in July of 2004. Since that time he has held the sole position of height dog for both the regular and multi breed teams.

Guinness has always been a crowd pleaser at tournaments and is very well known both within and outside of Region 13.

Guinness has been a solid member of PVWT. He can run in any position and he can pass any other dog. Plus he is great for training new dogs and new handlers to the sport flyball.

Currently, Guinness is being handled by the newest junior handler to our club, Zakk DeBarge. At our next tournament, Guinness is expected to earn his Onyx title. Guinness will be the first Chinese Crested to achieve this prestigious title.

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 13

Dog's Call Name: Highwater Bennington	Nominated by: Corinne Brewer Oxford, CT United States (356) Connecticut Frequent Flyers
Dog's Breed: Jack/Parson Russell Terrier	
Dog's CRN: 990376	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (356) Connecticut Frequent Flyers	
Dog's Owner: Valerie Whiterock	

Benny is owned and loved by Valerie Whiterock. Benny is now approaching 10 years old and continues to run consistantly on one and many times 2 teams each tournament. If it wasn't for Benny we wouldn't be able to play flyball! He's our height dog, most times our only height dog and he's never let us down as long as I've been running on the team. Many is the tournament that Benny has barked in my ear as Boomerang and I waited, Benny runs down the as fast as his little legs will carry him and returns never dropping the ball.

His owner Val is very dedicated to our team, last year she had major surgery to her ankle and was wheel chair bound. Upon hearing that we wanted to go to the tourney she began to fisure out how we'd be able to work out bringing Benny. Not only did she and Benny go to the tournament, but she ended up having Benny run on both teams. He was flawless.

Benny can also be seen in this month's issue of Bark magazine doing a very handsome box turn. If you look really carefully you can see "CTFF" on the ball! Good boy Benny.

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 13

Dog's Call Name: Kiri	Nominated by: Gail D'Avolio N. Bennington, VT United States (346) New England Trail Blazers
Dog's Breed: Australian Shepherd	
Dog's CRN: 960065	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (346) New England Trail Blazers	
Dog's Owner: Scott Stein	

Kiri has been one of the main stays on New England Trailblazers mixed team. She can always be counted on to go and get her ball and come back. Many of our new handlers have learned to play flyball and pass by taking their turns handling her. She will run for anyone just for the joy of it.

At this point she now holds down a spot on our new Veterans team. It is such a pleasure to see her smiling face back in the lanes again.

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 13

Dog's Call Name: Koffan	Nominated by: Cindy Henderson Waltham, MA United States (382) Weston Whirlwinds
Dog's Breed: Belgian Tervuren	
Dog's CRN: 011431	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (382) Weston Whirlwinds	
Dog's Owner: Gregory Parker	

Koffan moved from Sweden to the USA with his owner Angelica and started playing flyball at age 5. Koffan is one of the original dogs for the Weston Whirlwinds. Koffan may not be your typical MVP candidate. He doesn't have a ton of points/titles - he's retiring at age 11 with his FDCh-Silver title. What makes Koffan our MVP nominee? He learned flyball quickly, can run in any position, pass any dog, be handled by anyone, and does it all with a real love for the sport. At his last tournament in May of 2006 he was barking with enthusiasm before every race even though he has slowed down over the years. What makes Koffan particularly special is that he has been responsible for helping train many of our past and present flyball dogs. He has no problem if a green dog stops to bark at him at the start/finish line, he just does his job to get the ball every time. Koffan is a real example of how flyball is a TEAM sport for every dog regardless of speed and titles - he just loves the sport and plays it the way it should be played!

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 13

Dog's Call Name: RobRoy	Nominated by: Toby Emo Nunda, NY United States (404) Buffalo Wings
Dog's Breed: Border Collie	
Dog's CRN: 011594	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (404) Buffalo Wings	
Dog's Owner: Ailsa Currie	

RobRoy is an easy dog for a lot of teams to overlook, but not the Buffalo Wings. He is a 4.2 second Border Collie but he is the definition of an MVP to his team. Intensity is his middle name

as can be seen when he lines up digging his feet into the matting constantly until he is let go. He started out his career in PEI and was labeled a dog that would never play as he chased clearing 6 foot snow fencing to get into the opposite lane. Not long after that, he was diagnosed with hip dysplasia in one hip. With hard work, determination and the help of acupuncture, he is able to run low 4's, earning him his FMX in 2 years. Who knows what he could do on 4 good legs? He runs in any position, can pass any dog and is the most reliable dog on the team. The Buffalo Wings have learned his value to his team even more now that he is temporarily out of competition after breaking his toe at our own tournament. The team misses his presence and anxiously awaits his return.

2006 Regional MVP Nominees - Region 14

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 14

Dog's Call Name: Polly	Nominated by: Jean Miller-Meek Birmingham, AL United States (632) Bark O' Loungers
Dog's Breed: Border Collie	
Dog's CRN: 010061	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (562) The Gamblers	
Dog's Owner: Kay Kuykendall	

I have had the opportunity to run on a team with Polly as well as against her.

Outside the obvious attributes such as speed, perfect swimmers turn and having earned her Onyx, Polly is one of the most dependable dogs to ever play the sport. She is always ready to play with a high energy drive that is the classic trademark of a great Flyball dog. She very rarely makes a mistake on the lane and requires little effort from her handler to perform at her maximum potential. She always gives her all and can be counted on to help train other dogs when needed. Typically when spectators or new members are at a tournament for the first time, Polly is always one of our favorite dogs to point out as a prime example of what a Flyball dog should be. It is with great pride that I nominate her to be the 2006 Region 14 MVP.

Sincerely,

Jean Miller-Meek

Bark O' Loungers Flyball Club

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 14

Dog's Call Name: Snap Dragon	Nominated by: Julia Markham Mathews, AL United States (629) Rogues Gallery
Dog's Breed: Border Collie	
Dog's CRN: 990746	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (335) Birmingham Bandits	
Dog's Owner: Virginia McRoy	

Snap Dragon, now graying around her muzzle, isn't quite as fast as she used to be. But none in

Flyball through out the South East can forget what Snap gave beyond founding the sport in this Region. Jennie, her human companion, was hit head on by a driver under the influence. The damage done to Jennie left physicians wondering if she would ever walk again. Perhaps the prayer of a slightly aging steadfast and loyal BC that her handler return to her to run her again, was the prayer that made all the difference. Surgery after surgery Jennie struggled. We all waited anxiously but none more so than Snap. Once Jennie regained consciousness it was the wish to run Snap again that spurred her on through surgeries that have stretched through years and physical therapy that could bring any man down. But Jennie did not falter and the day arrived that she and Snap took the lane together. We, Rogues Gallery, humbly submit the name of Snap Dragon as Region 14 MVP. She is the dog that gave the gift of courage, the kind of courage that echoed through out Flyball. Julia Markham Rogues Gallery

2006 Regional MVP Nominees - Region 15

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 15

Dog's Call Name: Chipper	Nominated by: Anita Bunting Bainbridhge, PA United States (314) Jet Set
Dog's Breed: Mix	
Dog's CRN: 010013	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (314) Jet Set	
Dog's Owner: William & Anita Bunting	

Chipper, Jet Set's height dog, is an All-American breed – a little spaniel, a little something else - who knows what.

He was adopted from the Humane League almost six years ago. Although he had great ball drive, there were many issues that Chipper had to overcome. He would run away, try to bite if anybody touched his paws or tail because of past abuse, and liked to chew blankets/sheets when left alone. His owners believe that working/playing with him and having him participate in dog sports such as flyball has turned Chipper into a wonderful pet.

His first tournament was November 2000. Since then, Chipper has become our most reliable height dog. He can be put anywhere in the line-up, can pass on any dog, and is dependable and consistent. He rarely bobbles a ball, never skips a jump, and his speed is the same from his first race until his last. He always does what is asked of him and with enthusiasm. We are hoping he gets his FDGCH 30,000 title at his next tournament which is a terrific accomplishment for him.

Chipper loves the game of flyball, treats, and his owners. They couldn't ask for a better dog.

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 15

Dog's Call Name: Sprint	Nominated by: Dede Crough Glenmoore, PA United States (559) Release The Hounds
Dog's Breed: Border Collie	
Dog's CRN: 950108	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (559) Release The Hounds	
Dog's Owner: Julie Norman	

Sprint made her flyball debut in 1995, racing with Fur Fun in Toronto. Six months later, she was a core member of the team that ran at the first tournament on the East Coast, in what is now Region 15. Her impact has been felt here ever since. For ten years she was an integral part of Fur Fun, reliable in any position, with any lineup, often double running. She was a major contributor to Fur Fun's multiple regional championships. Along the way she gave birth to many wonderful dogs and now has offspring on teams in regions 4, 5, 9, 13 and 15. In the fall of 2005, being a small team whose own aged border collie had recently retired, Release The Hounds was left without enough dogs to field an experienced, competitive team. Julie and Deb Norman graciously offered to let Sprint run with RTH. Without her, we would not have competed in any tournaments this season. She practiced with us only once before joining the lineup. At the age of twelve, her times are still consistent. It doesn't make any difference to her which dogs she runs with or who handles her, Sprint just wants to play.

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 15

Dog's Call Name: Xander	Nominated by: John Deitrich Columbia, MD United States (558) Two-Lane Highway
Dog's Breed: Australian Shepherd	
Dog's CRN: 021456	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (558) Two-Lane Highway	
Dog's Owner: Erin Evancich	

HERart's Demon Lover, or "Xander" as he's known around his region is a great example of how a rescued dog can go on to great things. He is a rescued Australian shepherd (ARPH #5178) who was turned in to a kill shelter in West Virginia at a year old for "chewing". After being adopted by his mom, he immediately started his flyball training and never looked back.

He doesn't have a great box turn, he's not the fastest dog ever, but he gives it his all every time he steps on the lane. Xander is the only dog on our team that we can call on to double run if needed (he did a few tournaments early in his career running over 8" and 16" at the same tourney). He is in the top five pointed dogs for this fiscal year (2005-2006) in all of NAFA. He runs for any handler, in any position and always has a smile on his face. He is the true essence of a flyball dog.

2006 Regional MVP Nominees - Region 16

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 16

Dog's Call Name: Bonnie's Shaddow	Nominated by: Sue Gillett El Cajon, CA United States (557) INXS
Dog's Breed: Belgian Malinois	
Dog's CRN: 970434	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (557) INXS	
Dog's Owner: David Gillett	

Bunny ran her first tournament in August of 1997, as a member of Lickety Splits. Two years later, she was running as a start dog for South Bark. As a member of South Bark, she earned her 20,000 point Onyx award in June of 2002. In December of 2002, she became a member of INXS. On July 10, 2004, she earned her 30,000 point FGDCH award. Bunny has graciously given up

her spot to allow the younger green dogs to run on teams. However, Bunny was part of NAFA history, running in the first Veterans Class race on October 10, 2005. At 11 years old, she continues to anchor some solid Veterans teams, along with teaching the young dogs the art of 'passing'.

2006 Regional MVP Nominees - Region 19

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 19

Dog's Call Name: Janie	Nominated by: Cate Dolbinski Denver, CO United States (401) RUFF
Dog's Breed: Mix	
Dog's CRN: 010556	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (401) RUFF	
Dog's Owner: Cate & Steve Dolbinski	

Janie, an 8-year-old Australian Shepherd/Chesapeake Retriever mix, is a founding member of RUFF Flyball Club, Denver, Colorado, which got its start in the year 2000.

Janie has proven herself repeatedly the past six years since she's been playing.

Her fastest recorded time is 3.98; at age 8, she maintains a very impressive 4.1 average time -- not bad for a geriatric with asthma!

Janie's forte position is start dog. Her unwavering starts and refusal to wear down proves her impressive drive for the game.

Janie, along with her beloved 'unRUFFled' teammates, most of whom are also of senior status, continue to maintain RUFF Flyball Club's record time of 18.47.

Despite relatively limited attendance at tournaments, Janie has got an impressive FMCH under her belt.

One of our primary reasons for beaming over this dog, however, is that, upon our adoption of her at age 2, she had serious fear-aggressive tendencies. We feel that because of the wonderful world of flyball, her aggressive behavior has all but dissipated.

Janie additionally exemplifies how a rescue dog's life can turn around dramatically if provided an appropriate niche in which to thrive!

We love Janie dearly, almost as much as she loves this tremendous sport called flyball!

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 19

Dog's Call Name: Laney	Susi Evans
Dog's Breed: Border Collie	

Dog's CRN: 011290
Dog's Club Affiliation: (401) RUFF
Dog's Owner: Danny Fitts

Nominated by: Denver, CO
United States
(401) RUFF

Onyx Laney

Laney is a six year old border collie.

She moved to Colorado with her owners, Danny and Melinda Fitts in 2003 after getting her start in flyball in Texas with Austin Flyball Association.

She has attended every flyball tournament RUFF has been to since her transfer. One year we calculated that she had traveled nearly 16,000 miles to tournaments in one fiscal year. Laney has traveled with the Fitts family to tournaments in Michigan, Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Colorado, Nevada, Arizona, and is scheduled to attend the first tournament in New Mexico this fall. We aren't always able to travel so far with our regular teams, but Laney is always easy to incorporate into any team of dogs. She'll run in any position and can always be counted on to run in the low to mid 4s.

Laney has always been one of the most consistent dogs in this area. She rarely makes a mistake. Laney is quite the professional on the flyball course. She takes her job very seriously. She's also one of our main dogs used to pass new dogs.

Laney's versatility has made her an incredible asset to RUFF and to Region 19.

Susi Evans