

2009 NAFA CMHOF and RMVP Nominees

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2009 Nominees for the Clyde Moore Memorial Hall of Fame

Nomination for the NAFA Clyde Moore Memorial Hall of Fame

Dog's Call Name: Klondike	Nominated by: Chris Romaine Wittman, AZ United States (471) Heat Wave
Dog's Breed: Staffordshire Bull Terrier	
Dog's CRN: 010611	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (471) Heat Wave	
Dog's Owner: Chris Romaine	

Klondike, is a small, white bull of a Staffy who has been racing with Heat Wave for eight years. Early in his career, Klondike ran as an 11" height dog. He regularly double ran on Heat Wave teams as needed, either as height dog or a speed dog. Klondike's studly good looks and enthusiastic lane behavior earned him many fans amongst flyballers and public alike. Over the years, Klondike has participated in nearly every demo that Heat Wave has brought to the public in support of various causes, and in halftime events for major sports. Because of his steady temperament and total focus on his job, Klondike helped train up many of the dogs on Heat Wave. He has also raced for at least six different handlers over the years, including handlers from other teams. The big Staffy smile he gives to his handler as he runs back has won many hearts and has handlers begging to race him again. Recently, with the addition of the Open class, Klondike raced with several region 6 and 16 teams who needed a dog to fill out their team. We expect Klondike has a few outstanding performances left in him still.

Nomination for the NAFA Clyde Moore Memorial Hall of Fame

Dog's Call Name: Morgan	Nominated by: Amy Klingenberg Wheat Ridge, CO United States (810) Denver Speed Demons
Dog's Breed: Great Dane	
Dog's CRN: 011573	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (509) D.E.O. Speedwaggin'	
Dog's Owner: Keri Caraher	

Keri and Morgan started playing flyball eight years ago when Morgan was two years old. Already competing in agility (Morgan was the first Great Dane to win the AKC's Master Agility Championship, among many other titles) Keri co-founded DEO Speedwaggin', only the 2nd flyball club in Colorado, with Morgan as one of the founding dogs. Together they helped develop flyball throughout Colorado and trained countless dogs.

Morgan has been an inspiration to many Great Dane owners (and other big dog breed owners for that matter). Reliable, fast, driven, friendly, and responsive are Morgan's best characteristics. One of her most endearing characteristics is her overwhelming love, attachment, and devotion for Keri. Morgan's personality is as big as she is and she doesn't hide it while racing!

Keri and Morgan have traveled across the country competing in flyball. Morgan is big, loud, competitive and loves to race. She raced on the record holding Multibreed team in Region 19 for multiple years and still competes in division I. Morgan was the first Great Dane registered with NAFA to earn ONYX and FGDCH titles (she's still the top point earning Dane). At 10 she's still racing strong and a legend in our region.

Nomination for the NAFA Clyde Moore Memorial Hall of Fame

Dog's Call Name: Radar	Nominated by: Dave Walt Caledonia, ON Canada (627) Positive Pups
Dog's Breed: Border Collie	
Dog's CRN: 960326	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (164) Rocket Relay	
Dog's Owner: Aaron Robbins	

Radar (May 24, 1995 - April 14, 2009) was brought over here from England. He was a huge super long legged puppy with a giant head that everyone thought was too big for flyball and would never turn out to be a fast dog. Not only did Radar prove them wrong but he turned out to be one of the fastest dogs of his time and helped Rocket Relay set many world records, win Regional and NAFA Championships and was on the first team to break 15 seconds!!! He was the dog that changed the thinking of many. It was no longer thought smaller BC means faster dog instead it was larger dog meant more power, strength and speed!! To this day some of the fastest dogs out there come from Radar and there is one of his pups in almost every region in NAFA.

Thanks for taking the time to consider Radar for the Clyde Moore Hall Of Fame.

Nomination for the NAFA Clyde Moore Memorial Hall of Fame

Dog's Call Name: Roxanne	Nominated by: Chris Monahan Santa Ana, CA United States (206) Rock-n-Rovers
Dog's Breed: Border Collie	
Dog's CRN: 970122	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (206) Rock-n-Rovers	
Dog's Owner: Jane Horsfield	

The passion that Roxanne, now 13, still demonstrates for the sport of flyball is wonderful. Even in this, her 12th year in competition, she shows more enthusiasm to play than most any other dog in the Rock-n-Rovers camp.

Her feet have slowed from her early days in the sport, but her heart has not. She does not get to play as regularly as she once did, but that never stops her from asking.

She still is the example from which we all – dogs and humans – draw inspiration. She is the way to go about things: with everything we have to offer.

Roxanne has been turned over to new handlers, so they get the feel of the game and learn handling skills needed even before their own dogs are tournament ready.

About 18 months ago, her drive and passion paid off when she became the 10th dog to earn the Hobbes award. She was the first west of the Mississippi to do so.

Her enthusiasm, determination and continued love for the sport, even after more than a decade of competition, make her a most worthy candidate for the highest honor in the sport: the NAFA Clyde Moore Hall of Fame.

Nomination for the NAFA Clyde Moore Memorial Hall of Fame

Dog's Call Name: Shadow	Nominated by: Christine VanWert La Salle, MI United States (455) Wooferines
Dog's Breed: Mix	
Dog's CRN: 980128	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (015) Paws-a-tive Attitude	
Dog's Owner: Karen Larkin	

At the Ballistics River Run tournament in Vassar, Michigan, 08/31/2008, Shadow made Flyball history by becoming the first dog ever to earn 150,000 NAFA points.

Shadow's first NAFA title was earned over 11 years ago on 03/13/98. Over the years, Shadow's natural athleticism and enthusiasm for flyball has led Paws-a-tive Attitudes teams with honor and distinction wherever they have met in competition. On 01/17/04, Shadow became the youngest dog ever to achieve the Hobbes award. To date, he is the highest point earning dog in the NAFA database and is still active and adding to that total.

Well known within Region 1, Shadow has been honored with these Special Awards:

Andy Pee-Wee All Stars -Tailspinners Bolton, ON June 1999

Totally Awesome Height Dog - SmokinPaws Belleville, MI May 2001

Flyball Icon Award- "For a Flyball dog that everyone knows by name regardless of the region they hail from. A dog that sets a new standard to which all other Flyball dogs will be measured. A competitor who truly raises the bar in our sport to a status level that others dream to someday reach."

No dog is more deserving of induction into the Clyde Moore Hall of Fame than Shadow.

2009 Nominees for Regional MVP

2009 Regional MVP Nominees - Region 1

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 1

Dog's Call Name: Absolut....Straight Up	Nominated by: (455) Wooferines Lasalle, MI United States
Dog's Breed: Australian Shepherd	
Dog's CRN: 990229	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (455) Wooferines	
Dog's Owner: Aida Peterson	

At 11 years of age, Absolut was the most valueable dog in the Wooferines lineup. She was a tireless start

dog who was as enthusiastic by the end of the day as she was when it began. Eligible to race in Veteran's Class, Absolut was our Multibreed team's core dog and made that team "Absolut Amaizing". Her last title was Flyballdog Grand Champion earned on August 2nd, 2008. Full of heart, she has shown everybody what it means to be a true competitor.

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 1

Dog's Call Name: Dylan	Nominated by: (495) Quick Silver Vermontville, MI United States
Dog's Breed: Australian Cattle Dog	
Dog's CRN: 021194	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (495) Quick Silver	
Dog's Owner: Linda Sell	

Dylan was adopted from ACD Rescue seven years ago and took to flyball training with great enthusiasm. Quickly mastering the rules, he has competed as one of the main performers of our mixed breed team. Willing to run in any position, on any team, for anyone at any time he has been invaluable to our team for back up.

Recently diagnosed with multicentric lymphoma, he is undergoing chemotherapy.

With complete remission (for now), he is happy to be back in the racing lanes!

His smiling face and ever ready tongue, ready to greet everyone he meets, as he believes everyone loves him as much as he loves all.

Currently the number 1 ACD in NAFA, we hope to have him running with us for a long time.

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 1

Dog's Call Name: Tess	Nominated by: (015) Paws-a-tive Attitude Fair Haven, MI United States
Dog's Breed: Jack/Parson Russell Terrier	
Dog's CRN: 981105	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (015) Paws-a-tive Attitude	
Dog's Owner: Linda Anderson	

Tess, a Jack Russell Terrier, embodies what it means to be a most valued player because of the inspiring tale that accompanies her. Tess is a reliable height dog, always getting the job done no matter what the circumstances. In 2005, tragedy struck when Tess was hit by a car. Tess was rushed to the vet who was able to save Tess, but not one of her legs.

In the following months, Tess learned to adapt to her new situation that only included three legs. Most dogs would simply be thankful to be alive, content with life, and retire from flyball, but not Tess. Her leg was missing, but the determination and steadfast desire to contribute to her team was still present. Tess and Linda returned to flyball within a matter of months. Today, Tess remains among NAFA's top pointed dogs, ranking 154 of 20,961 dogs and 20 of 1,338 Jack Russell Terriers.

In Tess and Linda, we find a tale about overcoming adversity in order to do what we love. Through Tess, we are empowered to surmount the odds against us and prevail in seemingly impossible situations through determination and courage in the face of adversity.

2009 Regional MVP Nominees - Region 2

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 2

Dog's Call Name: J.Jay	Nominated by: (758) Rezidue Dogs Scarborough, ON Canada
Dog's Breed: Mix	
Dog's CRN: 030402	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (758) Rezidue Dogs	
Dog's Owner: Sheila Murphy	

J.Jay is greatly deserving of year's MVP award. As height dog, he is an integral part of our team. He always gives his all and at eight years old, shows little sign of slowing down. He reliably posts sub 5 second times. He can run in any position and has now finally learned to stop claiming all and any loose balls in the bulding. At this stage in his career, he is still learning new things i.e. Seila has had to wean him from his tug and have him run for food, because he would not let the tug go. With J.Jay, the team achieved a team best time and broke into the 16 second club. After the first time, just to prove it was not a fluke, J.Jay posted the fastest time of his career - 4.3 seconds - allowing the team to again lower their personal best time. He achieved 50,000 NAFA points this year and is still eager to play. J.Jay is more than a racing machine and is a perfect snuggle bunny at home. He is ever a gentleman and shares his trailer with team mates and their dogs. The best example of athlete and companion.

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 2

Dog's Call Name: Trav	Nominated by: (503) Extreme Chaos Cookstown, ON Canada
Dog's Breed: Belgian Malinois	
Dog's CRN: 050729	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (503) Extreme Chaos	
Dog's Owner: Barbara Choo	

Extreme Chaos would like to nominate Traveller for MVP in Region 2.

Traveller, known affectionately as Trav by his owners Fah Chap and Barb Choo is a 5 year old Belgian Malinois that plays with Extreme Chaos. Since joining the team, Trav has improved our time considerably to our current best time of 16.31 and is our Most Valuable Player. Trav is a competitive dog who consistently runs line to line 3.7s and 3.8s. When Traveller first started racing, he was a tireless start dog for Double Impact. He has been known to clock a 3.63 in lead. Traveler wasn't happy in this position as his handler Choo (who is 69!) didn't have the reflexes in start. When he came to Extreme Chaos, he was moved into the pack and both handler and dog have excelled showing their versatility in playing flyball.

Traveller would be an asset to any team that he was on as he has personality plus and in addition to being an exceptional flyball competitor he is also a perfect family member to both Barb and Fah Chap.

Thank you for considering Traveller for MVP.

2009 Regional MVP Nominees - Region 3

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 3

Dog's Call Name: Fizz	Nominated by: (002) Animal Inn
Dog's Breed: Mix	

Dog's CRN: 050310	Nominated by: White Bear Lake, MN United States
Dog's Club Affiliation: (002) Animal Inn	
Dog's Owner: Kimberly Koehnen	

Fizz is owned and loved by Kim Koehnen. She is the height dog for the Region 3 winning team. The team won every regional tournament this past year in a very competitive region. They raced in 18 events on 9 regional weekends of racing. The team she races with set a personal best time of 15.83 with Fizz achieving her personal best time of 3.87. Fizz recently achieved 40,000 points in less than 4 years of racing. Fizz never tires out and has incredible endurance. She is a very reliable and solid height dog from her first race to the last.

2009 Regional MVP Nominees - Region 4

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 4

Dog's Call Name: Siobhan	Nominated by: (631) Rapids Intens-A-Flyrs Nekoosa, WI United States
Dog's Breed: Golden Retriever	
Dog's CRN: 040416	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (631) Rapids Intens-A-Flyrs	
Dog's Owner: Linda Strub	

Golden Retriever Siobahn and her owner Linda Strub are a valuable asset to the Rapids Intens-A-Flyrs flyball team. Siobahn is one of the dogs who originally started up our team. Siobahn has a heart of gold and lives for flyball. Siobahn was sidelined a while ago with Lyme disease, but at 9 years old is doing well and continues to run with our team. Siobahn has a career total of (12) .000 perfect starts with multiple start times under .009. Siobahn is truly deserving of this award, not only for her perfect starts, but she is also a dog that can run in any position and anyone can run her. She has what it takes to be a great, dependable and consistent flyball dog.

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 4

Dog's Call Name: Sydney	Nominated by: (800) Synergy Waukesha, WI United States
Dog's Breed: Australian Shepherd	
Dog's CRN: 960764	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (800) Synergy	
Dog's Owner: Darlene Gottwald	

Sydney has been playing flyball for over a decade, starting her career with her very first tournament in 1996. Today, at age 13; she continues her love for the sport, as a very important member of Synergy, running on our veteran's team, and helping out the regular teams whenever she is needed.

Sydney has a crazy work ethic and rarely faults; she is consistent and always dependable. She has served as a leader on our team, and has been invaluable in training new handlers and new dogs in the sport. She will run for anyone, in any position, on any team.

Over the last 12 years, Sydney has participated in over 125 tournaments in 10 different states, and has earned over 80,000 points. Currently she is #31 in the point standings and ranked #5 for Australian Shepherds and is not even close to done yet! Sydney is owned and loved by Darlene Gottwald.

It is an honor to run beside such an unbelievable athlete as Sydney and she is an inspiration to all that

watch her. No one is more deserving then our 'Black Beauty' and we are proud to nominate Syd for the Region 4 MVP award.

2009 Regional MVP Nominees - Region 5

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 5

Dog's Call Name: Buster	(841) Texas Mission Impossible Nominated by: Tomball, TX United States
Dog's Breed: Mix	
Dog's CRN: 001073	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (841) Texas Mission Impossible	
Dog's Owner: Judy Walter	

Buster and Judy exemplify the best of flyball, and Buster deserves to be the Region 5 MVP. He is a consistent, dependable height dog that ran for many years in the low 5s and at age 12 runs close to those times. He has helped many Region 5 dogs and clubs to achieve their goals including Paws of Thunder, Texas Renegades, Xtreme Flyball, Texas Allstar Express and Texas Mission Impossible. Everyone can see the joy Buster and Judy experience together when running flyball but not everyone knows their story.

Buster was a starving stray full of heartworms when Judy discovered him near her workplace. He was so afraid of humans that it took Judy six months to coax Buster close enough to rescue him. He then spent several weeks with the veterinarian recovering from heartworms and other injuries.

When Buster became healthy, Judy learned about all positive training with Barbara West. This was the only method she could use with Buster due to his fear of being touched. Flyball training was suggested as an outlet for his energy and to improve his confidence. Judy enrolled him in flyball class with Paws of Thunder, and a Flyball Grand Champion was born.

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 5

Dog's Call Name: Chavano's Hail to Ebby Savanna	(061) Texas Allstar Express Nominated by: Houston, TX United States
Dog's Breed: Australian Shepherd	
Dog's CRN: 980673	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (061) Texas Allstar Express	
Dog's Owner: Lucinda Howard	

Beginning on dirt at Pearce Pavillion Jan. 23, 1999, when most teams felt that a tournament with over 100 points was a success, this flyball Aussie began her flyball journey. Haley has run full-time with many teams over the years and has rarely made an error! She is steady and reliable always and this has made her a valuable team member.

Haley has run many positions in her career, but start was always her favorite. She is a great start dog and reads the start lights on her own. When the second light goes off, it is time to go! In November of 2008, this racing icon achieved her ONYX.

Hlaey, now 12 yrs. young, will retire after Reliant this year, 2009, having completed 10.5 years of racing. Haley, who began as a "show" Aussie, has demonstrated the work ethic so typical of the Australian Shepherd breed.

In July, 2009, Haley, having completed her test for therapy work, will begin her new career. She will

complete the probationary visits and soon earn her therapy vest. Haley's career change will keep her active and involved in her community.

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 5

Dog's Call Name: Georgia	(089) K-9 Kommotion Nominated by: Santa Fe, TX United States
Dog's Breed: Border Collie	
Dog's CRN: 010106	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (507) Flat Out Flyers	
Dog's Owner: Nancy Garcia	

Georgia was adopted from Border Collie Rescue in July 1999 at 7 months old. She started out wild and crazy like most border collies but quickly settled down to run with gusto each and every race. Georgia's first tournament was in March 2001. At 10 1/2 years of age, she is still running strong and is currently 184 points shy of her 50K title. Nancy and Georgia have run as a team in Texas, Arizona, Colorado, Tennessee and Oklahoma. They will soon add Indiana for the CanAm Classic this October.

Georgia has grown into the type of Flyball dog that can run any position and pass any other dog no matter how big or tough they are. She has helped train many dogs from Region 5 that are not on the Flyer's club. If teams need help with their dogs not crossing over or with passing, Georgia does not get bothered with them getting in her face. She helps them learn to stay in their lane.

We have enjoyed watching Nancy and Georgia in the ring for many years and look forward to many more. They work great as a team. Please consider Georgia for MVP of Region 5.

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 5

Dog's Call Name: Jack	(642) Texas Twisters Nominated by: Hempstead, TX United States
Dog's Breed: Jack/Parson Russell Terrier	
Dog's CRN: 000031	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (642) Texas Twisters	
Dog's Owner: Dawn Smith	

Jack ran his first flyball tournament in 1999 at the St. Jude's Showcase of Dogs in Memphis, leaving no doubt that Jack and Dawn had been bitten by the flyball bug!

Soon after, Jack was attacked by a neighbor's dog and his left rear leg was nearly torn off, held on only by one ligament and one blood vessel. After an orthopedic specialist put two pins in Jack's leg, they broke and I felt sure his leg would have to be amputated. Instead, we tried placing a plate and screws. It was a long road to recovery with bandage changes, x-rays, and ulcers from a JRT spending 6 months crated for 23 1/2 hours a day!

Jack returned to flyball and after swimming two times a day to build muscle. Now, 8 years later, Jack is within 500 points of his FGDCH.

Jack has been an invaluable dog to the Texas Twisters. Despite his physical obstacles, he is one of our most stalwart dogs, able to run with any dog or from any position. Winning tournaments, helping dogs with their own titles and introducing us to his owner who has also been a valuable person to us - Dawn Smith

2009 Regional MVP Nominees - Region 6

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 6

Dog's Call Name: Penny	Nominated by: Sedona, AZ (581) Sedona Red Rockets United States
Dog's Breed: Entlebucher Mountain Dog	
Dog's CRN: 020296	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (581) Sedona Red Rockets	
Dog's Owner: Alice Madar	

Off the field, 9-year-old Penny looks like a cute, mild puppy, but in the race lane she is pure rocket. She came to the Madars, and to flyball, from Entlebucher breed rescue when she was 18 months old. Setting the jumps at 10 inches, she was the founding height dog on Sedona Red Rockets, and became the first Entlebucher to earn each NAFA title all the way up to Onyx. She has been the heart of our team for seven years, running in every position and passing any dog at tournaments and demos throughout the southwest. Spectators have often remarked on that "really fast little dog with the big ears" -- she consistently ran in the low fours in her prime.

At age eight, Penny ran while blinded by a cataract in her left eye for a year, without error. After cataract surgery, she lost her "good" right eye, regained partial vision in her left, and still runs with remarkable consistency.

Penny has also earned herding and agility titles, competes in freestyle obedience, and works full-time as a greeter at Sedona Charter School.

We hope you will honor our versatile little powerhouse with your vote for Regional MVP!

2009 Regional MVP Nominees - Region 7

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 7

Dog's Call Name: Boomer	Nominated by: Salem, OR (577) Muddy Paws-A-Flyin' United States
Dog's Breed: Labrador Retriever	
Dog's CRN: 030461	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (577) Muddy Paws-A-Flyin'	
Dog's Owner: Tim Marshall	

There are dogs that love flyball and then there are dogs that LIVE for flyball. Boomer has lived for flyball since his first introduction to it. Boomer is that dog that barks with excitement from the moment you take him to the tournament until the last prize. His energy and presence in the ring is felt by everyone. For Boomer, it isn't about the race, the reward, or the other dogs.... it is only about the game. He runs just as hard at practice as in the ring.

Boomer is one of Muddy Paws original dogs and has helped train most of the dogs in our club due to his spirit for the game, it is contagious for the other dogs. Boomer has always been reliable, consistent and a predictable dog for our club, spreading his energy to encourage others to run their best.

Boomer has been playing for nearly 6 yrs now; sadly at a tournament in April, Boomer suffered a spine injury that has abruptly ended his career. Boomer and Tim were an amazing team in the ring and Boomer's love of the sport deserves to be recognized. Muddy Paws would not be where we are with him.

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 7

Dog's Call Name: Brandi	Nominated by: (071) Toonies Burnaby, BC Canada
Dog's Breed: Australian Shepherd	
Dog's CRN: 990239	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (071) Toonies	
Dog's Owner: Elsie-May Lang	

Brandi will be 12 this year and she was born for this sport. Brandi has over 67,000 points at present and is the #8 Australian Shepherd and the #80 NAFA Top Pointed Dog. Of course points mean nothing to Brandi she just does it for the pure joy of racing putting all her energy into running full out every heat. She prefers to run lead and gets her best time there. Extremely consistent and a tireless starter Brandi's focus is completely on getting her ball before the other dog gets theirs. Brandi is the backbone of the team. She's slowed down a bit lately adding about 1 second to her low to mid 4 second times that she's run for most of her many years in the sport, but her enthusiasm on the line remains high. Brandi will run for other handlers, if you are up to the challenge, but she puts her best effort out for her owner, Elsie-May Lang, one of the first flyball organizers and competitors in the Lower Mainland of BC. These 2 veterans work well together. Brandi and Elsie-May are one of the most recognizable teams competing in flyball in the area.

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 7

Dog's Call Name: Flag	Nominated by: (042) Dogwood Pacesetters Abbotsford, BC Canada
Dog's Breed: Border Collie	
Dog's CRN: 011383	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (042) Dogwood Pacesetters	
Dog's Owner: Cathy Kenzie	

I am pleased to nominate Flag, a border collie owned by Cathy Kenzie for 2009 Region 7 MVP .

Flag has long been a fixture on our Division 1 team. She went to live with Cathy's family at age 3 and blossomed not only as a great flyball dog with an unsinkable spirit, but also as an excellent herding and agility dog. She was an intergral part of our regional championship team in 2003 thru 2006. Recently, Flag was one of the first dogs in the region to attain her 70,000 NAFA point landmark. Flag was a clutch player, one whom you could always depend upon to do her job and complete the race with gusto. She could always be found ringside when our team was on deck, bouncing up and down at Cathy's feet, eyes trained intently on the race in progress, just itching to get on course. Even after several bad collisions on course, Flag's enthusiasm never waned.

Unfortunately, due to health concerns, Flag has recently been forced to retire much sooner than she wished to. Even at the age of 10, she was still keen to compete and give it her all. We miss her dearly.

2009 Regional MVP Nominees - Region 8

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 8

Dog's Call Name: ARGENTE	Nominated by: (525) Good2Go Flyball Regina, SK Canada
Dog's Breed: Weimaraner	
Dog's CRN: 050728	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (525) Good2Go Flyball	
Dog's Owner: Todd Beedle	

If you could see the way people crowd the lanes to get a glimpse of Argente racing, you'd understand why Argente is exactly what an MVP is about. In just over four years, Argente has reached 40,000 points and is the third highest pointed Weimaraner in NAFA.

Argente holds the start dog spot on G2G's A team - Big Grey Choo Choo Train, posting sub-4 times regularly. Argente is the quintessential perfect start dog - consistent; never varying in effort or heart. Argente is easily one of the most well known dogs in Region 8 and is among G2G's ambassadors, with fans in surrounding regions and as far away as Alaska and Arizona. One regional judge has claimed that Argente is a dog that people will talk about for years to come. Argente has set a very high bar, not only for her breed but for flyball dogs in general.

We are ecstatic to have Argente on our team and in our Region. She might run with Good2Go but she is loved by all, which explains why the spectators still crowd the lanes to watch her time and time again.

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 8

Dog's Call Name: Guinness	Nominated by: (052) Can-Do Agility Club High Bluff, MB Canada
Dog's Breed: Border Collie	
Dog's CRN: 030827	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (052) Can-Do Agility Club	
Dog's Owner: Arlene Haines	

Guinness came to Canada at three years old with no training of any kind. Within the year he was competing in Tournaments. He is totally focused on the job at hand, and can be seen standing at ringside waiting his turn to race. He is always a gentleman in the lineup, without pulling or barking he waits for the signal to run. Always giving it his best he is still running 4.5 and under at 10 years old. His effortless movement, good temperament and calm manner has made him popular with club members and an ambassador for the breed. He gives his all to everything you ask of him and is steady enough to help train new dogs to race and pass.

His popularity and success as a stud dog has led to many of his offspring running with Can-Do and other teams in Canada and the USA. Many of his offspring also compete successfully in Agility. He has run on the CAT Whiskers since 03/27/04, which currently consists of Guinness, two of his offspring Krafty, Brynn plus Razz and Cody. They posted a new best club time at the last tournament. We are now seeing Guinness grandchildren competing.

2009 Regional MVP Nominees - Region 9

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 9

Dog's Call Name: Rufus	Nominated by: (493) Go Dog Go Wake Forest, NC United States
Dog's Breed: Mix	
Dog's CRN: 021404	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (493) Go Dog Go	
Dog's Owner: Tanisha Wilkins	

Rufus has been an integral part of Go Dog Go! since running in the club's first tournament back in 2001. As a puppy, Rufus was abandoned at a local animal hospital because he had parvo and mange. Rescued by his mom, Tanisha, Rufus grew to be a happy-go-lucky dog. Rufus is not a particularly speedy dog and he doesn't have a ton of points but he has always been consistent. He will always complete the run no matter

what, unless his dad, Kyle, is in the ring as a box judge, line judge, or head judge, in which case he must say "hi!" just once. Because he can run in any position and with any dog, he has been a perfect training partner for new dogs as they are learning the sport.

In 2006, Rufus was elected Spokesdog of the year for Durham Animal Protective Society in Durham, NC. He is his well-known and loved by the flyball community and others for his friendly nature and enthusiasm. He is a great ambassador for the sport.

2009 Regional MVP Nominees - Region 10

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 10

Dog's Call Name: Aléa	(073) F.A.M.E. Nominated by: Moncton, NB Canada
Dog's Breed: Border Collie	
Dog's CRN: 020594	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (073) F.A.M.E.	
Dog's Owner: Mireille LeBlanc	

Every club has one of these. It's a dog that can run on any team, in any position, with any other dog and for any handler. It's a dog that has been solid for many years and is always counted on to be consistent and help its team achieve its goals whether they be to get wins, close passes or lots of points. Alea has been racing with FAME for 8 years and you can count on one hand the number of tournamnets she has missed in region 10. Over that time, she has accumulated over 32 000 points and very rarely makes any mistakes. she was a member of two club record setting teams earlier in her career, regularly running 4.2 seconds and, for the past two years at the age of 8 and 9, she has been the backbone of our 4-Runners team. Alea is the quintessential flyball dog that everyone wants on their team because she can be counted on to be a huge contributor to her team, tournament after tournamnet, year after year.

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 10

Dog's Call Name: Brandi	(265) Maple Leaps PUSH The Limits Nominated by: Uniacke, NS Canada
Dog's Breed: Mix	
Dog's CRN: 021284	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (820) Born to Run	
Dog's Owner: Heather Brown	

We would like to nominate Brandi(mix) (Heather & Pam Brown) as regional MVP.

Brandi who was rescued as a pup, was a diamond in the rough. This funny looking little pup would soon turn out to be one of the fastest dogs in region 10.

Brandi took to flyball as if it were her destiny. Her perfect box turn allowed her to have a fast return and she loves to compete. Brandi has been timed at 3.8 in her younger years and at 8 years old still averages 4.1's. Brandi can run any position and makes a great start dog or anchor because of her competitive nature to win. She has run on many different open teams and has helped many green dogs advance. She also has no problem allowing other people to run her, making racing very easy for her team. Brandi has reached her 40K and is still going strong. Please consider Brandi as region 10 MVP, we know she is a regional favorite!

Maple Leaps Push the Limits

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 10

Dog's Call Name: Chevy	(717) Prepare for Takeoff Nominated by: Harvey, NB Canada
Dog's Breed: Giant Schnauzer	
Dog's CRN: 050464	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (717) Prepare for Takeoff	
Dog's Owner: Sue Barry	

I would like to nominate my own dog, Chevy, who is loved and handled by Lori Kroening. Although Chevy came to our family to be a mobility assistance dog to me, it was not long before she was splitting her time between me and her beloved flyball! Chevy's participation was initially a way of getting some much needed exercise, however, it was soon apparent that she had a natural love and talent for the game!

This is Chevy's final year in flyball. When she started playing, we agreed that she should end her career early due to the increased risk of injury as she gets older. Barring injury, Chevy will end her career as #1 Giant Schnauzer in North America. Chevy's fastest recorded speed was 4.12 and her intense and frenzied drive for the game has made her somewhat legendary amongst flyball members and fans of the sport. Chevy will miss the game and Lori will miss running her as she and Chevy were two of the founding members of Prepare for Takeoff Flyball Club.

I think receiving the title of MVP would be a fitting honour for a dog who gives her all in work and in play.

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 10

Dog's Call Name: Megs	(820) Born to Run Nominated by: Middle Sackville, NS Canada
Dog's Breed: Boston Terrier	
Dog's CRN: 011315	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (820) Born to Run	
Dog's Owner: Anita LaPlante	

Megs is a nine year old Boston who lives for flyball. She has been known to 'forget' her owner in favour of her handler while at tournaments. Since the start of her flyball adventure in the fall of 2001 Megs has proven herself as a tireless height dog, going just as strong Sunday afternoon as Saturday morning. Megs has contributed to many teams over the years by being consistent, versatile and always getting the job done. Although she doesn't always catch the ball first try, you can be sure she won't leave it behind. She has climbed over the box on occasion, even leaving the ring to retrieve her ball and getting back on course to complete a clean run for her team. Megs is often called upon to help teach new dogs the art of passing due to her unwavering focus. After recovering from two cancer surgeries, Megs went on to reach top point spot in Region 10 in late 2007, adding top in her breed during fall 2008 and is on track to become the first Boston to earn 50,000pts in Sep 2009. We respectfully nominate Megs as Region 10 MVP.

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 10

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

Static started with Fast n FURious in 2002. Owned by Diana Murphy, Static was among the first in our club to have a genuine, consistent swimmer's turn. That, coupled with her amazing recall, placed her as start

dog on our fastest team very early in her career, where she consistently ran in the 3.9-4.0 second range. Most of our club dogs raced their very best times head-to-head against her making Static a valuable training aid. This trait seemed to carry over to the rest of Region 10 and she became that start dog that many clubs aspired to have and other teams relished to start against to bring the best out of their start dogs as well. Now, after leading our Airwave team for seven years to seven consecutive Region 10 Championships and multiple Region 10 speed records, with a veteran's heart...she still runs consistently, and remains one of the fastest FnF has to offer. She can run with any team, over any height, with any handler. Not sure if it's her enthusiasm for flyball, her unique look, or both, but everyone knows Static when you mention her name. Truly a dog any club would love to call a member.

2009 Regional MVP Nominees - Region 11

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 11

Dog's Call Name: Loki	(240) Waverunners Nominated by: Plantation, FL United States
Dog's Breed: Belgian Malinois	
Dog's CRN: 021244	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (240) Waverunners	
Dog's Owner: Sally Saxton	

I would like to nominate Dogma's Loki CD RE CGC FGDCh-40, a Belgian Malinois owned by teammate Sally Saxton, for Region 11 MVP. Loki has run in 91 tournaments to date and is ranked #4 Belgian Malinois. Loki began his life with Sally when she pulled a skinny bag of bones with a trick knee from the local animal shelter. Someone else's throwaway turned out to be a tireless competitor and an outstanding Belgian ambassador. Loki started his Flyball career in August 2002 and seven years later, he is still going strong. Loki's enthusiasm for the game is amazing, and he has helped many team dogs get their start in Flyball. He loves to bring his last ball of the race back to his crate and when we are packing up to leave, he looks at us as if to say "do we really have to go?". It is an honor and a joy to have such an asset in our sport. I am proud to nominate Loki for this award and look forward to his continued presence on our team. I hope that you will join me in voting for Loki as 2009 Region 11 MVP.

2009 Regional MVP Nominees - Region 12

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 12

Dog's Call Name: Blaze	(853) Aftershock Nominated by: Coaldale, AB Canada
Dog's Breed: Jack/Parson Russell Terrier	
Dog's CRN: 010405	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (518) Quad Run	
Dog's Owner: Lara Sorensen	

Blaze is a great dog who has achieved many things. Not only is he the core height dog for his team Quad Run, but at 9 years old he's still a strong member of any team who has the pleasure of playing with him. We say this because Blaze has played for so many more teams than just his own. Since Open started he has allowed many smaller teams or teams without height dogs to play. I know without Blaze our team as well as K9 Thunderbirds would not have been able to play flyball when we started up. Often Blaze can also be seen running in BC, Alberta and Saskatchewan as a height dog for open teams too!

Blaze is a trooper. He will play for anyone and has run for many handlers, always showing enthusiasm for

the game. He can run in any position and gives it his best every time. At the time we wrote this nomination he had earned over 80,000 points. I believe that places him as the number 4 jack with NAFA. Please consider Blaze for Region 12 MVP. There are many good dogs out there, but we feel he is truly great!

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 12

Dog's Call Name: Buddy Simon	Nominated by: Keoma, AB (542) Tailwind Flyball Club Canada
Dog's Breed: Jack/Parson Russell Terrier	
Dog's CRN: 000966	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (542) Tailwind Flyball Club	
Dog's Owner: Daniele Barrell	

Even though I didn't join Tailwinds until last year, I've known the core members and dogs since TW was first formed, and one of those dogs was Buddy Simon, JRT. Buddy has been a height setter since he first started playing Flyball at age 3, and has dependably filled every role asked of him.

Buddy is now 11 years old and recently achieved his ONYX, despite the fact he always gave up or shared his spot to younger height setters as the club grew. He runs with a big smile on his face and once in a while will display a perfect 4 foot turn but miss the ball altogether. He has a great personality for a JRT and loves to bark as soon as the judge yells "ready on the line", and still runs with tons of enthusiasm.

Even in semi-retirement, Buddy will save our butts when he has to fill in and run a full day. His endurance and enthusiasm are a constant reminder that we play this game because our dogs love it. Buddy Simon's latest role has been running for 8 year old Liam, Chris and Daniele Barrell's son.

Please vote for Buddy Simon for Region 12 MVP.

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 12

Dog's Call Name: Kaos	Nominated by: Edmonton, AB (685) Synergetic Surge Canada
Dog's Breed: German Shepherd Dog	
Dog's CRN: 020996	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (685) Synergetic Surge	
Dog's Owner: Christina & Linda Feldvari	

Kaos is a German Shepherd Dog that has been competing in flyball since 2002. He is a huge asset to any team. He runs his heart out every race and never makes a mistake. He is the #1 German Shepherd Dog in NAFA with over 60,000 points. This year Kaos turns 11 years old and is retiring from flyball. He will be greatly missed to watch and hear out on the racing lanes. Although his body will not let him go as fast as it used to, his will and desire is still there every time he gets the chance to race. He is truly an amazing flyball dog!

2009 Regional MVP Nominees - Region 13

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 13

Dog's Call Name: Highwater Bennington	Nominated by: Poughquag, NY (766) Infurno United States
Dog's Breed: Jack/Parson Russell Terrier	
Dog's CRN: 990376	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (766) Infurno	

Dog's Owner: Valerie Whiterock

Benny has been involved in flyball since 1998. Benny is a typical JRT; happy, bold, energetic, intelligent, and assertive BUT he is far from typical when it comes to playing flyball. This is a little dog with BIG dog attitude. His enthusiasm for the sport can be HEARD while he is waiting his turn in the racing lane. He is able to run in any position and often doing double duty, running on both a regular and multi teams. Benny's even temperament, size and consistency has made him valuable in helping in training all of our green dogs to pass and become more confident in the lanes. We would not have trained these dogs without Benny's help. As Ben approaches his 13th birthday he is still running and loving the sport and has his FGDCh 40k in his sites.

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 13

Dog's Call Name: **Loki**

Dog's Breed: German Shorthaired Pointer

Dog's CRN: 021122

Dog's Club Affiliation: (787) NASDOG Racing

Dog's Owner: Kevin Gordon

(787) NASDOG Racing
Nominated by: Athol, MA
United States

Loki is a 10yo German Shorthaired Pointer who made his flyball debut in 2002. Since then Loki has earned over 40,000 points and is currently the #4 ranked GSP in NAFA. He has also been nominated to two Dream Teams during his flyball career!

Loki is an extremely solid flyball dog. He can run in any position, pass any dog, and will run for anyone. He's always willing to do whatever is asked of him from running double time to changing positions on the fly to teaching green handlers the ropes. Loki is just happy to out in the lanes playing the game!

Loki joined NASDOG Racing in 2009 and has been a wonderful addition to the team. His transition into an entirely new group of dogs was seamless, it was as if he'd been running with the team his entire career. He's an exceptional dog in and out of the lanes!

Loki may be a Veteran in terms of age... but he's certainly not one in terms of heart! NASDOG Racing is proud to have Loki racing with our team and also proud to be able to nominate such a wonderful dog for the Region 13 MVP Award.

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 13

Dog's Call Name: **Reese**

Dog's Breed: Border Collie

Dog's CRN: 011595

Dog's Club Affiliation: (404) Buffalo Wings

Dog's Owner: Ailsa Currie

(404) Buffalo Wings
Nominated by: Nunda, NY
United States

Reese is a rescue dog that began her racing career in Prince Edward Island. She was a quick learner as she picked up the game after watching just one practice. Although by no means the fastest Border Collie of all time, she is by far, the most consistent dog on our team. Reese is a dual purpose dog serving as a regular running dog as well as the Buffalo Wings' number one height dog for the past 3 years. I can count on one hand how many mistakes she has made over her whole career. She is our team's most valuable dog because of her consistency, how easy it is to run her and because she will run for anyone in any position. Currently, Reese runs for Piper Emo, who just turned 4, and she even once ran for a spectator pulled out of the crowd when a teammate was late to the ring. She currently has over 36,000 points.

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 13

Dog's Call Name: Sally Dog's Breed: Border Collie Dog's CRN: 021345 Dog's Club Affiliation: (639) Flyball MAINEiacs Dog's Owner: Lisa Lane	(639) Flyball MAINEiacs Nominated by: Dresden, ME United States
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If it were not for SupaStar Sally's love of the game her human Monica Roberts would have never started the team when she moved to Maine. Sally has been there since day one helping train not only green dogs but green handlers. There are many people on our team who ran Sally long before they ran their own dog or in some case before they even owned a dog! She really knows how to rope in the newbies and get them hooked!! When we lost Monica in 2006 the team was devastated. We knew in our hearts that Sally needed to keep playing so we stayed strong and stayed together. Sally went to live with fellow teammate Lisa Lane and her pack of Papillion's. Sally always makes herself available to travel with the team even when Lisa can't! Sally has stepped in on many occasions to help out other teams when they needed a dog at the last minute and she loves every second of it. At 10 years old Sally is still going strong and her consistency when running truly makes her an invaluable part of the team. "More Flyball!" is and always will be her motto...she's a SupaStar!

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 13

Dog's Call Name: Shiva Dog's Breed: Belgian Malinois Dog's CRN: 071056 Dog's Club Affiliation: (500) Ruff Enuff Dog's Owner: Cheryl Doyle	(500) Ruff Enuff Nominated by: Canterbury, CT United States
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I would like to nominate Shiva for the Region 13 MVP because Shiva has been an asset to Ruff Enuff's Multi and A Team. Shiva is a crazy little Mal that can effortlessly run 3.8's in any position and NEVER tires out. We can count on Shiva to be flawless in every heat which is a valuable trait for any team to have. Shiva is not even 3 years old so we are thrilled to have many more years with her on our team. Shiva's performance was also recently recognized and rewarded with a Dream Team nomination at a tournament last month. We believe that Shiva deserves MVP for this year!

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 13

Dog's Call Name: Tegan Dog's Breed: Yorkshire Terrier Dog's CRN: 011498 Dog's Club Affiliation: (382) Weston Whirlwinds Dog's Owner: Renee Perry	(382) Weston Whirlwinds Nominated by: Grafton, MA United States
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Tegan is a Yorkshire Terrier that has always played flyball with the heart of a dog 5 times her size. Tegan has been playing for over 8 years and has served an invaluable role for the Weston Whirlwinds. In the beginning Tegan was our only height dog. If not for her we would have been running 16 inches for quite a while. While she may not be the fastest dog in the world she always gave 100%. Tegan earned her FM title in 2007, mostly 5 points at a time. Tegan ranked as high as the number 3 Yorkie in NAFA. Being a small dog she was crossed on several times by dogs much bigger than she, but that didn't matter - she just kept running and never let it bother her. Tegan has always been a real ambassador for our sport. Whenever we did a demonstration Tegan was always the crowd favorite and even got her picture in the paper and in TV

commercials as a result. This year Tegan has retired from flyball at the age of 14. She still comes out for demonstrations to please the crowd and to have fun at the sport she really loves.

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 13

Dog's Call Name: Walker	(355) Maine Coast Runners Nominated by: Wells, ME United States
Dog's Breed: Australian Cattle Dog	
Dog's CRN: 000587	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (355) Maine Coast Runners	
Dog's Owner: Cheryn R. Stuttig Breeling	

I would like to nominate Walker, an Australian Cattle Dog, for the Regional MVP award. Walker began his career in flyball with the Maine Coast Runners Flyball team at the age of two. He is now 11. Since his flyball career began, his enthusiasm for the sport has never changed. Walker is the ultimate flyball dog. He can run in any position and is currently the start dog on our team. He will run for anyone. Our Junior Handler "Stevie" often runs Walker. Walker lives flyball. He is reliable, consistent and addicted to the sport. Just watch him on the start line whenever he is competing. His steadiness and reliability, along with his willingness to run whenever he is needed, makes him a valuable member of our team.

2009 Regional MVP Nominees - Region 14

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 14

Dog's Call Name: Bailey	(562) The Gamblers Nominated by: Wilsonville, AL United States
Dog's Breed: American Eskimo	
Dog's CRN: 021162	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (583) Double Dog Dare	
Dog's Owner: Angie Maxted	

I would like to nominate Bailey from Double Dog Dare for Region 14 MVP. Bailey is "The Ultimate Rescue Dog". Bailey was hit by a car and brought to The Iowa State Vet School by his owners. His pelvis was shattered and required putting in pieces of metal to hold him together. When his owners were called and told the cost of the surgery, they abandoned him and Bailey was left to recover "On His Own". His life was now in question until a Vet student, Angie Maxted stepped in and saved Bailey's life. An obedience instructor saw his interest in tennis balls and steared Angie toward Flyball. He started with Cyclone Flyers and then to All Ruffed Up in Iowa. Bailey could run for anyone and proved it time and time again. When Angie moved to Georgia, she and Bailey helped get Double Dog Dare going. Bailey has helped train numerous dogs. He may not have been the fastest height dog but what he did was "Run With Heart". Bailey's last race was at The DDD Dawg Derby in July 2009 coming in 1st Place on his Vets Team. Not a bad finish to a not so good start.

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 14

Dog's Call Name: Casey	(335) Birmingham Bandits Nominated by: Pelham, AL United States
Dog's Breed: Border Collie	
Dog's CRN: 010107	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (335) Birmingham Bandits	
Dog's Owner: Larry & Fay WorriLOW	

The Flyball lane in Region14 was laid under the paws of many dogs; however, Casey stands among the

best. Casey's first tournament was December 2000 in Talladega, Alabama. Since then, he has run in 128 tournaments in 7 states and 5 regions. He has been a great ambassador for Flyball by running in numerous demonstrations across Alabama. Casey, a steady start dog with endurance, brought a new age to Flyball in our Region. His consistency and drive made him one of the best starters in Region 14. Noted for his distinctive flowing white coat and eager anticipation, Casey marked many a first for Region 14 as part of the fastest teams in our history. First to earn his FMX, FMCh and the Onyx, Casey shared the honor of first to earn the coveted FGDCh along with "Cody" the 2005 MVP. He is one of 2 dogs in region 14 with over 50,000 points. It was Casey's drive, passion, precision and record setting times that inspired growth in Region 14. Not only does Casey give 110% of himself but he is a very loving and faithful companion. The Birmingham Bandits unanimously nominate their most celebrated soldier for Region 14 MVP of 2009.

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 14

Dog's Call Name: Griffin	(578) Music City Road Dogs Nominated by: Nashville, TN United States
Dog's Breed: Mix	
Dog's CRN: 031298	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (578) Music City Road Dogs	
Dog's Owner: Karen Brown	

In 2003 the Music City Road Dogs were learning to play flyball in Region 14. The standard dilemma, we had four big dogs and no height dog. Our search lead us to "Griffin". Luckily for MCRD, Karen was looking for training opportunities for her energetic "pound puppy". With woefully little training, Griffin went to Memphis to anchor the team. Griffin's exuberance earned him a warning from the judge, and an FD. Thus began a 2.5 year, 21 tournament, 14,519 point odyssey of being the only MCRD height dog. Griffin has raced almost exclusively as an 11 inch height dog with 46 different dogs. Many of those dogs relied on Griffin for their first points and titles, he carried the team on his shoulders and legs. With Karen's pursuit of a PhD, a new job and move to eastern Kentucky, she is not always able to travel with the team. Griffin boards the "flyball bus" and eagerly races for any handler who has the privilege to take him to the lanes. Now eligible to race in veterans, Griffin is chasing the coveted 40K with the same enthusiasm he had in Memphis. We nominate Griffin FGDCh as the Region 14 MVP.

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 14

Dog's Call Name: PDQ	(634) Chattanooga Chomp Nominated by: Chattanooga, TN United States
Dog's Breed: Rat Terrier	
Dog's CRN: 050823	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (634) Chattanooga Chomp	
Dog's Owner: Be Hudson	

In December of 2004, the Chattanooga Chomp needed a height dog, badly. After several tournaments jumping 16" walls, we feared our flyball days were numbered. The petfinders.com write-up on the 14-pound terrier said he was friendly and charming. No mention that he was eaten up by fleas and worms, intact, and dog aggressive. But he was cute, and he found a home with Be Hudson, who wasn't looking for a dog, but couldn't resist all that aforementioned charm. The first few months were rough, and he was often just one bad choice away from a permanent address change. But he was learning flyball, manners, self-control, and that crates dispense deli turkey. PDQ debuted nine months later, and we were finally running with 9" jumps, getting points, and even winning the occasional race. Suddenly the game was exciting, and more folks joined in.

In July of 2009, the Chomp is running 22 dogs on 6 teams, and PDQ is our first Onyx. We host three tournaments each year, and support every other tournament in the region. PDQ was our catalyst, and it's

no stretch to say that Region 14 would not be the same without him. Well done, tiny terrier!

2009 Regional MVP Nominees - Region 15

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 15

Dog's Call Name: Salty	(768) TGIF Nominated by: Glen Burnie, MD United States
Dog's Breed: Australian Shepherd	
Dog's CRN: 070794	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (768) TGIF	
Dog's Owner: Melissa Avenius	

Speed, consistency, flexibility, athleticism! Since her first tournament in September 2007, Salty's performance in the lane has been stellar! She has become a mainstay for TGIF where she currently is running in anchor position to bring a bit of "kick" to that position. Able to run in any position, she is consistent, fast, and always "brings it" to the lane. What makes her even more valuable to TGIF is that she runs benignly and without drama allowing her to pass dogs that typically can't handle being passed by high-drive dogs. Demonstrating flexibility and love for the game, she can also be run by any handler allowing her to play and support the team when "Mom" has to work. Salty is a superstar and the epitome of an MVP!!!

2009 Regional MVP Nominees - Region 16

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 16

Dog's Call Name: Fromage	(557) INXS Nominated by: El Cajon, CA United States
Dog's Breed: Belgian Malinois	
Dog's CRN: 010943	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (557) INXS	
Dog's Owner: Vanessa Gillett	

Fromage had flyball on her mind long before she was eligible to race. This little fireball of a Belgian Malinois never gets enough racing, and most of the time soccer's tennis balls around, long after everyone is wiped out from the day's racing. She has been the on the Regional Champion team all three years INXS has earned the title, and still runs anywhere she is needed. Fromage was the first dog in California to run a 3.8, and is currently the #1 Belgian Malinois in NAFA with over 60,000 points.

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 16

Dog's Call Name: Spooky	(705) RF Revolution Nominated by: Sun Valley, NV United States
Dog's Breed: Doberman Pinscher	
Dog's CRN: 040765	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (705) RF Revolution	
Dog's Owner: Candis Amasalian	

Spooky, is an amazing dog and pretty easy to spot in the race lanes. He is the huge red Doberman wildly shaking his tug with absolute joy while his handler, Candis, who is petite enough that she could very well ride him down the course, easily gets him swung around and ready to run. Spooky makes running the course in 4.6 seconds look easy with his big stride and snappy turn. He has been an integral part of our multi-breed team in anchor for several years, and though he recently earned his ONYX, he is showing no

signs of stopping! But Spooky's life hasn't always been fun and flyball. He found the sport when rescued by Candis and has battled a thyroid condition most of his career yet this hasn't stopped him from rising to the rank of the #8 Doberman in NAFA, excelling in dock jumping and being a much loved and incredibly valued member of our team and the flyball community.

2009 Regional MVP Nominees - Region 18

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 18

Dog's Call Name: Willoughby	(695) Alaska Dogs Gone Wild Nominated by: Eagle River, AK United States
Dog's Breed: American Pit Bull Terrier	
Dog's CRN: 021397	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (695) Alaska Dogs Gone Wild	
Dog's Owner: Stacy & Curtis Smith	

Willoughby, born in February 2000 and later abandoned, found his forever home when he was five months old. He is a great ambassador for his breed, frequently changing misconceptions about pit bulls. Willoughby loves everyone, including kids and dogs. He is also a silly boy who grins at his teammates, roots in bait bags, and wiggles around on his back in the runback, reminding everyone not to take life too seriously.

Willoughby began his flyball career with DogGoneFast when his family temporarily moved to North Carolina. With an FM under his belt, he returned to Alaska and, in 2004, became a founding member of Alaska Dogs Gone Wild. Willoughby is dependable, has a good swimmer's turn, rarely makes mistakes, and has helped train most of the dogs in Region 18. He is also an inspiration to his team. In September 2008, after an emergency splenectomy, he was diagnosed with hemangiosarcoma and given 3-6 months to live. Despite ongoing chemotherapy treatments, Willoughby continues to participate in practices, demos, and tournaments, recently posting some of his fastest times ever. Willoughby is a flyball dog with great "heart" and a deserving recipient of the MVP award for Region 18.

2009 Regional MVP Nominees - Region 19

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 19

Dog's Call Name: Cassi	(810) Denver Speed Demons Nominated by: Aurora, CO United States
Dog's Breed: Border Collie	
Dog's CRN: 020213	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (810) Denver Speed Demons	
Dog's Owner: Jessica Jalbert	

Cassi and Jessica started playing flyball together eight years ago. She was one of the first two dogs that started D.E.O. Speedwaggin' back when RUFF was the only Flyball club in Colorado. Flyball helped Cassi overcome her shyness and find a way to compete and stay busy. Her very first tournament was in Mesquite, Texas jumping 16 inches with a skeleton crew of three other dogs, five people and a borrowed flyball box. This tournament got Cassi and Jessica hooked on flyball. They have been great role models and wonderful additions to the sport of flyball in Colorado.

Throughout the years, Cassi has been a consistent start dog but also a dog that can run anywhere in the line up. She has run on some of our region's fastest teams, including the team that held the Region 19 speed record of 17.023 for the past two years. She also helped DEO Speedwaggin' achieve Regional

Champions 2006 and 2007. Currently, Cassi still enjoys competing with the Denver Speed Demons at the age of ten. Although she does not run as much as she used to, she is a consistent Veteran still capable of running 4.2s.

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 19

Dog's Call Name: Lickity Split Nifty	(842) Agents of Chaos Nominated by: Aurora, CO United States
Dog's Breed: Jack/Parson Russell Terrier	
Dog's CRN: 960840	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (842) Agents of Chaos	
Dog's Owner: Darlene McInnes	

With heartfelt gratitude, we nominate Lickity Split Nifty for Region 19 MVP.

The first graduating class of RUFF Flyball Club, Denver, Colorado, was preparing to travel 12 hours to the Jumps & Jackpots tournament in Las Vegas. We had two Border Collies and two Australian Cattle Dogs and tons of enthusiasm. We knew nothing of the existence or value of a height dog and only trained on 8 inch jumps, but were packed and ready to travel to competition. A few days prior to leaving, Darlene McInnes, a flyball veteran from California, showed up at practice and asked if she could train with us. To her surprise, we were going to compete without a height dog. She offered us her experience, a JRT named Nifty and off we went.

Without Nifty, flyball in Colorado and Region 19 might never have been born. Nifty was the premier height dog for the RUFF A team, Rapsallions. She can run in any position and by any handler. Nifty, who began racing in 1996 will be 15 this summer, still loves to race and offers kisses to her teammates. Her larger-than-life personality and adorable face enlisted others like her to join our flyball family.

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 19

Dog's Call Name: Mariah	(401) RUFF Nominated by: Denver, CO United States
Dog's Breed: Mini Australian/N American Shepherd	
Dog's CRN: 021443	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (401) RUFF	
Dog's Owner: Lindsey Cooper	

I am nominating Mariah for MVP because of her enthusiasm for and outstanding performance in the sport of flyball. Mariah, a 9 year old mini Aussie who has been racing for 6 1/2 years, is usually her team's sole height dog and she always barks and jumps excitedly as other dogs go by. She always gives 100 percent and is exceptionally consistent, no matter who the other dogs on the team are, whether big (Great Dane) or small (Corgi) or fast (BC) or not or where the racing is taking place. Mariah has raced in most of the western states plus British Columbia and, recently, Alaska. Her consistency always helps her team's performance, with the result that her team often beats faster, but less consistent teams. At her most recent tournament in Wyoming, she reached 40,000 points and she is currently one of the top ranked mini Aussies in NAFA. She is a great ambassador for flyball, having participated in many demos, including in front of thousands of fans at several professional sports teams venues, including football (Denver Broncos) and basketball (Denver Nuggets). She also competes in agility, where she holds many titles in multiple venues.

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 19

Dog's Call Name: Mickey	(719) Hole-In-The-Wall Gang
Dog's Breed: Mix	

Dog's CRN: 060175	Nominated by: Laramie, WY United States
Dog's Club Affiliation: (719) Hole-In-The-Wall Gang	
Dog's Owner: Steven L. Miller	

Mickey was the first flyball dog in Region 19 from Wyoming. Without Mickey, there would no organized flyball in Wyoming. Also known as "the world's tallest border collie", he is a mix of border collie and borzoi, which makes him very large and unusual in appearance, and a curiosity for competing flyballers and spectators alike. That, along with his cheerful personality, his desire for attention and his absolute love of flyball makes him a wonderful ambassador for Region 19 and for NAFA flyball. Mickey received his Onyx in late 2008 and is nearing the 30,000 point mark. Mickey can rightly be considered Region 19's own boy, because with such a small club as HITWG, we have had to call upon nearly every club in the region to run Mickey at one time or another. Fortunately, although large, he is pretty much a point and shoot flyball dog and rarely has faulted in the ring. However, on the rare occasion he is released while still holding a ball from a previous heat, his antics at interacting with two tennis balls by the box are highly entertaining. Hey Mickey you're so fine, you're so fine you blow my mind, hey Mickey!

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 19

Dog's Call Name: Tessie	Nominated by: (675) High Desert Sundogs Cedar Crest, NM United States
Dog's Breed: German Shepherd Dog	
Dog's CRN: 021097	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (675) High Desert Sundogs	
Dog's Owner: Liz Goldwin	

Tessie started her flyball career with the Bay Racers in California, but moved to New Mexico five years ago. Since then, she has been the anchor for developing the High Desert Sundogs flyball club in New Mexico. She has led the way by being the first to achieve each title within the state, just recently earning her ONYX title. She has run as anchor dog most of her career, because she always put on that extra spurt of speed to just beat the dog in the other lane.

Tessie has trained many new dogs and handlers along the way. When a new dog is scared of the box, she goes over and slaps the box for the newbie, letting the new dog chase the ball. When a new handler needs to get the feel of a dog cocked for take-off, they get to run Tessie, and she happily runs for them as long as they have her rubber duck for her to come back to.

Now that she is about to turn 10 years old, and has admitted to a puppyhood injury in her hip, she is planning to run on Vet teams when we can spare her.

2009 Regional MVP Nominees - Region 21

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 21

Dog's Call Name: Chloe	Nominated by: (532) Skidmarkz Columbus Junction, IA United States
Dog's Breed: Australian Shepherd	
Dog's CRN: 001029	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (532) Skidmarkz	
Dog's Owner: Jo Pearson	

Nine years ago I picked up a young aussie from a vet's office in Iowa. An elderly woman brought Chloe to the vet to be euthanized, the reason, because Chloe was too active! Luckily, the vet contacted Aussie

Rescue instead. Chloe was a rather plain looking black tri but she was sweet and happy. It wasn't until I got her home and let her run that we saw her true potential! She was blazing fast and loved to tug. We took her to a tournament hoping someone would notice her. Someone did, Jo Pearson fell in love with this plain dog and a great partnership started! Chloe has been a powerhouse, earning 70,000 points, and currently ranked as the #7 Aussie in NAFA. At the age of 10 Chloe is still running 4.3 in the pack, with a less than beautiful turn. While she could run on veterans, she's much happier on our fastest lineup, trying to beat the pants off her competition. Chloe has been a steady force on the Skidmarkz team and not only a fabulous dog to have on our roster, she proves that someone else's trash can truly be a treasure!

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 21

Dog's Call Name: Ruckus	(099) Hawkeye Hustlers Nominated by: Marion, IA United States
Dog's Breed: Mix	
Dog's CRN: 021024	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (099) Hawkeye Hustlers	
Dog's Owner: Andrea Taylor	

Ruckus has been a loyal and devoted companion to Annie Taylor for over 7 years. He is a great swimmer, awesome bedmate, fantastic co-pilot, and annoying 'fur-brother'. In addition to being the world's foremost barker, Ruckus is an amazing flyball dog.

When Ruckus first joined the Hawkeye Hustlers, he served as first team height dog, at 12 inches! He ran for years in the low 4s as height dog and helped us break into the 18s, the 17s, and the 16s. Time has passed, he is no longer needed as height dog, but he is still an integral and irreplaceable part of our team. He is unflappable, able to be run by anyone, in any position, into any dog. As we all know, this is a valuable feature in any dog. The fact that Ruckus has been doing this for over 7 years makes him MVP, in my opinion. He is now the old man yet continues to run in the low 4s, loves flyball and isn't afraid to let his feelings be known. "Ruckus, quiet!" – can be heard at every flyball tournament we attend. Join me in giving Ruckus the accolade he so richly deserves. Ruckus for MVP!

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 21

Dog's Call Name: Scooby	(299) Omaha Speedracers Nominated by: Omaha, NE United States
Dog's Breed: Border Collie	
Dog's CRN: 040545	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (299) Omaha Speedracers	
Dog's Owner: Crystal Cappel	

I would like to nominate Scooby for region 21 MVP. Scooby was the number one pointed dog of all NAFA dogs in 2007. Scooby has always been a valuable staple on our team. He started by helping our team achieve new best team times tournament after tournament. His fastest time is a 3.801 as a start dog. He currently has 78,000 points and is still going strong. He is the most consistent dog on our team as our top pointed team start dog. Scooby is loved and owned by Crystal Cappel from Atlantic, IA.

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 21

Dog's Call Name: Sketcher	(505) Bi-State Performance Dogs Inc. Nominated by: Saint Charles, MO United States
Dog's Breed: Mix	
Dog's CRN: 011389	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (002) Animal Inn	
Dog's Owner: Jessica Love	

I would like to nominate Sketcher owned by Jessica Love for MVP of Region 21. She is an amazing little borderjack who gives it her all every heat of every race.

Sketcher will run for anyone in any position with tireless enthusiasm. She has taught several junior handlers how to start and pass, and will come back to anyone that her "donut tug" just as fast as if they of 4.1 seconds and 4.2 seconds.

She started her flyball career in 2001 in Region 2 and since that time has accumulated over 35,000 points racing with Border Patrol, ToughSpun, Animal Inn, and now Bi-State Performance Dogs. Not only is Sketcher herself an amazing little dog, she has several of her kids that are also valuable members of multiple teams. Some of Sketcher's kids include RazR (Bordering on Insanity) and Dyna (Hawkeye Hustlers).

Sketcher deserves to be MVP of Region 21 because she has been a huge part of every team she has raced on even if she is only a little dog.