



2011 GRCA National Specialty Top Agility Golden (TAG)

For the first time in GRCA history, twenty outstanding Golden retrievers competing in agility will be recognized with the presentation of the **2011 GRCA National Specialty Top Agility Golden** (or TAG) awards. The TAG awards will be presented Tuesday, September 27, 2011 prior to the start of the day's agility competitions.

To be considered a Top Agility Golden, the dog must demonstrate not only speed but also consistency. Therefore, in order to be eligible for this honor, *a Golden retriever must first be ranked in the top 50 in both speed points and double q' for the year 2010*. To be ranked on one list and not the other excludes your dog from this honor. The following formula will be used in determining the Top Agility Golden's:

1. The top 50 Golden Retrievers in speed points and double q's will be determined by downloading the AKC *TopDogs* in Agility/Golden retriever report;
2. These dogs will receive TAG (Top Agility Golden) points based on their individual rankings in speed points and double q's. (i.e., A dog in 3rd place in the national rankings will receive 3 TAG points, 10th place will receive 10 TAG points, etc.);
3. TAG points earned by each dog will be combined: TAG/Speed Pts. + TAG/QQ's=TAG Total

The 20 Golden retrievers with the *lowest* TAG point total will receive the Top Agility Golden awards.

Qualifying period for the 2011 GRCA National Specialty TAG awards:

September 2010 through July 2011

Again, to be eligible for this honor, a Golden retriever *must first be ranked in the top 50 in both speed points and double q's* for year end 2010 (minimum 817 pts/17 QQ's) and Jan-July 2011.

To see if your dog is in the running for this award, please visit <http://www.agilgold.com/TAG>

Rankings from Sept-Dec 2010 are posted. Rankings will be updated again in March, May, and June, with the final rankings posted in August.