

GARDEN STATE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB, INC. CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

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ARTICLE I

NAMES AND OBJECTS

Section 1.

The name of the Club shall be the Garden State Golden Retriever Club, Inc.

Section 2.

The objects of the Club shall be:

- (a) To encourage and promote the responsible ownership, breeding and exhibiting of pure-bred Golden Retrievers and to do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection;
- (b) To urge members and breeder to accept the standard of the breed as approved by the American Kennel Club as the only standard of excellence by which the Golden Retriever shall be judged;
- (c) To do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the breed by conducting training sessions and educational programs and encourage sportsmanlike competition at dog shows, field trials, obedience trials and agility trials,
- (d) To conduct sanctioned matches and licensed and specialty shows, field trials and obedience trials under the rules of the American Kennel Club.

Section 3.

The Club shall not be conducted or operated for profit and no part of any profits or remainder of any residue from dues or donations to the Club shall inure to the benefit of any member or individual.

Section 4.

Hereinafter in the document the Garden State Golden Retriever Club, Inc. will be referred to as the Club and references to it will be capitalized.

Section 5

The members of the club shall adopt and may from time to time revise such by-laws as may be required to carry out these objects.

ARTICLE II

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Eligibility

There shall be two types of membership: individual members and family memberships, open to all persons who are in good standing with the American Kennel Club and who subscribe to the purposes of the Club, and agree to abide by its Constitution and By-Laws and the Club Principles, Responsibilities, and Guidelines.

While membership is to be unrestricted as to residence, the Club's primary purpose is to be representative of the owners, breeders, and exhibitors in its immediate area.

Section 2. Dues

Membership dues shall be fixed at no less than \$20.00 and no more than \$50.00 per individual and per family membership and the amount of the annual dues for individuals and family memberships shall be determined at any meeting on an affirmative majority vote of the members in good standing present and voting; **PROVIDED**, that the entire membership shall be notified in writing of a proposed change to be voted, at least 10 days prior thereto.

During the month of November, either the Corresponding Secretary or the Treasurer shall send to each member a statement of his dues for the ensuing year, payable on or before the 1st of January, and no member may vote whose dues are not paid for the current year.

Section 3. Election to Membership

- (a) Family Membership
A family membership shall be defined and limited to a maximum of two (2) members in a family over the age of 18. Each shall have voting privileges. Children under the age of 18, residing in the same house with a member on a Family membership are considered JUNIOR members and are eligible for all awards presented by the club, but do not have voting privileges.
- (b) Each applicant for membership shall apply on a form as approved by the Board of Directors and which shall provide that the applicant agrees to abide by these Constitution and By-Laws, the Club Principles, Responsibilities, and Guidelines, and the rules of the American Kennel Club. The application shall state the name(s), address and phone number of the applicant(s) and it shall carry the endorsement of two (2) members in good standing and not related to each other. Accompanying the application, the prospective member(s) shall submit dues payment for the current year.

All applications are to be filed with the Corresponding Secretary and each

application to be read and voted upon at the first meeting of the Club following its receipt. Applicants must NOT be present at the business meeting at which their application for membership is to be voted upon. Affirmative votes of 3/4 of the members in good standing present and voting at that meeting shall be required to elect the applicant.

Applicants for membership who have been rejected by the Club may not re-apply within six (6) months after such rejection.

Section 4. Termination of Membership

Memberships may be terminated:

(a)By resignation

Any member in good standing may resign from the Club upon written notice to the Recording Secretary: but no member may resign when in debt to the Club. Dues obligations are considered a debt to the club and they become incurred on the 1st day of January of each year.

(b)By Lapsing

A membership will be considered as lapsed and automatically terminated if such member's dues remain unpaid thirty (30) days after the first day of the calendar year. In no case may a person be entitled to vote at any Club meeting whose dues are unpaid as of the date of that meeting.

(c)By Expulsion

A membership may be terminated by expulsion as provided in Article XI, Section 4 of these Constitution and By-Laws.

ARTICLE III

MEETINGS

Section 1. Club Meetings

Meetings of the Club shall be held within a 40-mile radius of Morristown, N.J. at such hour, place and date as shall be designated by the Board, with a minimum of 5 meetings spaced throughout the year. Written notice of each such meeting shall be mailed by the Corresponding secretary at least 10 days prior to the date of the meeting. Ten (10) voting members in good standing shall constitute a quorum for such meetings.

Section 2. Special Club Meetings.

Special Club meetings may be called by the President, or by a majority vote of the members of the Board who are present and voting at any regular or special

meeting of the Board, or by the Corresponding Secretary upon receipt of a petition signed by five (5) members of the Club who are in good standing. Written notice of such meeting shall be mailed by the Corresponding Secretary at least 5 days and not more than 10 days prior to the date of the meeting, and the notice shall state the purpose of the meeting, and no other Club business may be transacted thereat. The quorum for such a meeting shall be ten (10) voting members in good standing.

Section 3. Board Meetings.

Meetings of the Board of Directors shall consist of no less than 5 meetings spaced throughout the year. at such hour, place and date as shall be designated by the Board. Written notice of each such meeting shall be mailed to the Board members by the Corresponding secretary at least 5 days prior to the date of the meeting. The quorum for such meetings shall be a majority of the board.

Section 4. Special Board Meeting.

Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President or upon receipt of a written request signed by at least three (3) members of the Board of Directors. Such special meetings of the Board shall be held at such hour and place as may be designated by the President. Notice of such meeting shall be given by the Corresponding Secretary not less than 3 days prior thereto; and said notice shall state the purpose of such meeting and no other business may be transacted thereat. A quorum for such a meeting shall be a majority of the Board.

ARTICLE IV

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. The Administration of Club.

The administration of this Club and the care and custody of its property shall be vested in the Board of Directors comprised of the Officers, two (2) Directors-at-large, and the immediate Past President, all of who shall be members in good standing and all whom shall (with the exception of the immediate Past President) be elected at the Club's annual meeting as provided in Article VI and shall serve until their successors are elected.

- (a) The directors-at-large shall be elected in 2 classes, each class to serve two (2) years.
- (b) The term of Office of one class shall expire each year.
- (c) Each year, one Director-at-large shall be elected.
- (d) The immediate Past President shall automatically become a member of the Board for a period of one (1) year.

- (e) Each member of the board shall have one (1) vote.
- (f) No Officer or Director may hold more than one position on the Board at one given time.

Section 2. Power of the Board.

- (a) General management of the Club's affairs shall be entrusted to the Board of Directors.
- (b) To call its own meeting and special meetings of the Club.
- (c) To appoint person(s) to fill vacancies in its own body in the case of death, resignation, dismissal, or incapacity.
- (d) To suspend or recommend termination memberships as provided in Article II and XI.

Section 3. Eligibility.

All members of the Board must be members in good standing of this Club at the time of their election.

Section 4 Liability of Directors Indemnification

To the fullest extent permitted by the Director's Liability Act and the Non-profit Corporation Law of the State of New Jersey, a Director of the corporation shall not be personally liable to the corporation, its members or others for monetary damages for any action taken or for any failure to take any action unless the Director has breached or failed to perform the duties of his or her office as set forth in the Director's Liability Act and such breach or failure constitutes self-dealing, willful misconduct or recklessness. The provisions of this article shall not apply with respect to the responsibility of a Director under any criminal statute or the liability of a director for the payment of taxes pursuant to local, state, or federal law.

ARTICLE V

OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers.

The Club's officers, consisting of the President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer shall serve in their respective capacities both with regard to the Club and its meeting and the Board and its

meetings.

Section 2. Term of office.

The term of office for all officers shall be one (1) year, except the Treasurer, whose term of office shall be two (2) years.

Section 3. Duties.

(a) The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club and of the Board, and shall have duties and powers normally appurtenant to the Office. He shall appoint all committees and shall be ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee. Pursuant to Article 10 Section 1 all such committee appointments shall be subject to the final authority of the board.

(b) The Vice-President shall have the powers and exercise the duties of the President in case of the President's death, absence, or incapacity.

(c) The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings of the Club and of the Board, and of all matters of which a record shall be ordered by the Club. He shall keep a roll of the members of the Club with their addresses, shall have charge of all papers of the Club and of its seal, and shall carry out such other duties as are prescribed in these Constitution and By-Laws. In the absence of the Recording Secretary, his duties may be performed by such person as the President may appoint.

(d) The Corresponding Secretary shall have charge of all correspondence, notify members of meetings and notify new members of their election to membership.

(e) The Treasurer shall keep regular accounts; collect, receive and disburse all monies due or belonging to the Club and receipt therefore, and shall deposit all monies in a bank approved by the Board, in the name of the Club. His books shall at all times be open to inspection of the Board and he shall report at every Club meeting the condition of the Club's finances and every item of receipt or payment not previously reported. Payment of a bill in excess of \$100.00 must be authorized by the action of the Board. At the annual meeting he shall render an account of all monies received and expended during the current fiscal year. He shall report to the Board any and all members whose dues or other indebtedness remain unpaid.

ARTICLE VI

CLUB YEAR AND ANNUAL MEETING

Section 1. Club Year.

The Club's fiscal year shall begin on the 1st day of December and end on the 30th day of November. The Club's official year shall begin immediately at the conclusion of the election at the annual meeting and shall continue through the

election at the next annual meeting.

Section 2. Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting shall be held in December of each year at such hour and place as designated by the board. Written notice of such meeting shall be mailed by the Corresponding Secretary at least 10 days prior thereto. The quorum for such a meeting shall be ten (10) voting members in good standing. At the annual meeting, officers and directors for the ensuing year shall be elected from those nominated in accordance with Article VII. Those elected shall take office immediately upon the conclusion of the election, and each retiring Officer and Director shall turn over to his successor in office all properties and records relating to that office within 30 days after the election.

ARTICLE VII

NOMINATIONS

Section 1. Nominating Committee

The Board shall appoint a Nominating Committee consisting of three (3) members (a chairman and two (2) members) on or before September 1st of each year, and notify each of the appointees in writing of his appointment. The members of this committee must have been a member in good standing for a minimum of 1 year. The Board shall name the Chairman of the Nominating committee, and not more than one (1) of its members shall be a member of the board.

- (a) The nominating committee shall meet at its convenience and select one (1) candidate for each of the offices to be voted upon at the annual meeting and shall secure from the candidates so nominated their acceptance either in writing or verbally no later than 10 days from the date of their selection. Should any member decline an office proffered by the Nominating Committee he or she shall be barred from running for the same office as a nominee from the floor at the annual meeting, but from no other office.
- (b) The Chairman shall furnish to the Corresponding Secretary the list of the nominees selected by the Nominating Committee no later than November 1st of each year. All candidates must be members in good standing of this Club at the time of their acceptance of the nomination.
- (c) The Corresponding Secretary shall cause the list of nominees selected by the Nominating Committee to be published and mailed to the membership at large at least 14 days prior to the annual meeting.
- (d) Additional nominations which are not in violation of Section I:(a) may be made at the annual meeting by any member in attendance provided that the person

so nominated does not decline when his name is proposed, and provided that if the proposed candidate is not in attendance at this meeting, his proposer shall present to the Recording Secretary a written statement from the proposed candidate signifying his willingness to be a candidate. No person may be a candidate for more than one position, and the additional nominations, which are provided for herein, may be made only from among members who have not accepted a nomination of the Nominating Committee.

- (e) Nominations cannot be made at the annual meeting in any other manner than as provided herein.
- (f) No person may be a candidate in a Club election who has not been nominated.
- (g) The President may not appoint himself to the Nominating Committee, nor is he to be an ex-officio member of this committee.
- (h) If the slate proposed by the nominating committee fails to comply with any of the provisions set forth here, then it will, by a majority vote of the membership be considered null and void. All nominations will then come from the floor as provided herein, with the exception that the provisions of section (d) above restricting nominations to those that have not previously accepted a nomination from the committee shall not apply.

ARTICLE VIII

ELECTIONS

Section 1.

Officers and Directors shall be elected at the annual meeting.

Section 2.

Each retiring officer shall turn over to his successor in office all properties and records relating to that office within 30 days after the election.

Section 3.

The Chairman of the Nominating Committee shall verbally report the candidates selected at the annual meeting and members may at that time make further nominations from the floor. Such nominations must be accompanied by the written acceptance of the person proposed for that office plus a certification that he or she is a member in good standing of this Club. Furthermore, all floor nominations must comply with the regulations on nominations previously set forth in Article VII.

Section 4.

In the event of a contest for any office, voting shall be written, secret ballot and

the president shall appoint as tellers three (3) members in good standing who are not candidates for office. Tellers shall receive, verify, and tabulate all ballots and report the results to the Recording Secretary.

Section 5.

Proxy. There shall be no proxy vote.

Section 6.

Voting. Each member in good standing with this Club shall be eligible to cast his vote at the annual election.

Section 7.

Declaration of Victor. The nominated candidate receiving the greatest number of votes for each office shall be declared elected.

ARTICLE IX

VOTING

Section 1.

At the designation of the President, business of the Board may be conducted by mail. All business voted by the Board at a scheduled meeting shall be passed by a majority vote of those present. Business transacted by mail shall be passed by a majority vote of the entire Board.

Section 2.

All Club business voted shall be passed by a majority vote of the voting members in good standing present, except as provided in Articles II, XI, XII, and XIV of this Constitution and By-Laws.

Section 3.

Each member in good standing whose dues are paid for the current year shall be entitled to one vote at any meeting of the Club at which he is present.

Section 4.

Junior members (members under 18 years of age) are not entitled to vote.

ARTICLE X

COMMITTEES

Section 1.

(a) Standing Committees -

The Board may each year establish standing committees to advance the work of the club in such matters as dog shows, field trials, obedience trials, trophies,

annual prizes, membership and other fields which may well be served by such committees. The President shall appoint the Committee Chairperson(s) and any Assistant Chairperson(s). The Chairperson(s) shall appoint any additional committee members. Such committees shall always be subject to the final authority of the Board.

(b) Special Committees -

Special committees may also be established by the Board or the General Membership to aid it on particular projects. The President shall appoint the members of such committees. Such committees shall always be subject to the final authority of the Board.

Section 2.

Any committee appointment may be terminated by a majority vote of the full membership of the Board upon written notice to the appointee, and the Board may appoint successors to those persons whose service has been terminated.

PUBLIC AWARENESS/EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Section 1.

Breeder Referral Program

The GSGRC offers to the public a Breeder Referral Program, which will consist of the following.

- * A dedicated telephone line to be used only for GSGRC business.
- * A packet of information to be mailed to persons interested in obtaining a Golden Retriever. This packet will consist of the following:
 - 1) A cover letter providing the person with an overview of the program and issues to discuss with the breeders. This cover letter is to promote education of the person and responsible dog ownership.
 - 2) A list of breeders from the GSGRC. Each breeder on the list must be a current member of the GSGRC, have signed the Principles, Responsibilities, and Guidelines and have been a member for at least one year at the time of application.
 - 3) A copy of the GRCA pamphlet "Acquiring a Golden Retriever".

The Board can by a majority vote approve changes to the content of the cover letter or include or replace the GRCA pamphlet with another, and place any additional restrictions on inclusion in the breeder listing.

The Board maintains the right to discontinue any awareness/education program if it feels to do so is in the best interest of the GSGRC.

ARTICLE XI

DISCIPLINE

Section 1.

American Kennel Club Suspension. Any member who is suspended from the privileges of The American Kennel Club automatically shall be suspended from the privileges of the Club for a like period.

Section 2.

Charges. Any member may prefer charges against a member for alleged misconduct prejudicial to the best interests of the Club or the breed. Written charges with specifications must be filed in duplicate with the Corresponding Secretary together with a deposit of \$10.00, which shall be forfeited if such charges are not sustained. The Corresponding Secretary shall promptly send a copy of the charges to each member of the Board or present them at a Board Meeting, and the board shall first consider whether the actions alleged in the charges, if proven, might constitute conduct prejudicial to the best interests of the club. If the Board considers that the charges do not allege conduct, which would be prejudicial to the best interests of the club, it may refuse to entertain jurisdiction. If the Board entertains jurisdiction of the charges it shall fix a date of a hearing by the Board not less than 3 weeks nor more than 6 weeks thereafter. The Corresponding Secretary shall promptly send one copy of the charges to the accused member by registered mail together with a notice of the hearing and an assurance that the defendant may personally appear in his own defense and bring witnesses if he or she wishes.

Section 4.

Board Hearing. The Quorum for such hearings shall be a majority of the Board. The Board shall have complete authority to decide whether counsel may attend the hearing, but both complainant and the defendant shall be treated uniformly in that regard. Should the charges be sustained, after hearing all the evidence and testimony presented by the complainant and defendant, the Board may by a majority vote of those present suspend the defendant from all privileges of the Club for not more than six (6) months from the date of the hearing. And, if it deems that punishment insufficient, it may also recommend to the membership that the penalty be expulsion. In such case, the suspension shall not restrict the defendant's right to appear before his fellow members at the ensuing Club meeting which considers the Board's recommendation. Immediately after the Board has reached a decision, its findings shall be put in written form and filed with the Recording Secretary. The Recording Secretary, in turn, shall notify each of the parties of the Board's decision and penalty, if any.

Section 5.

Expulsion. Expulsion of a member from the Club may be accomplished only at a meeting of the Club following a Board hearing and upon the Board's recommendation as provided in Section 3 of this Article. Such proceedings may occur at a regular or special meeting of the Club to be held within sixty (60) days but not earlier than thirty (30) days after the Board's recommendation of expulsion. The defendant shall have the privilege of appearing on his own behalf, though no evidence shall be taken at this meeting. The President shall read the charges and the Board's findings and recommendations, and shall invite the defendant, if present, to speak in his own behalf if he wishes. The membership shall then vote by secret, written ballot on the proposed expulsion. A 2/3 vote of those present and voting at the meeting shall be necessary for expulsion. If expulsion is not so voted, the Board' suspension shall stand.

If one member of a family membership is expelled, the remaining family member may continue as a single member. Any member so expelled may not reapply for membership, and is no longer eligible for a single or family membership.

ARTICLE XII

AMENDMENTS

Section 1.

Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws may be proposed by the Board of Directors or by written petition addressed to the Recording Secretary signed by 20% of the membership in good standing. Amendments proposed by such petition shall be promptly considered by the Board of Directors and must be submitted to the members with recommendations of the Board by the Recording Secretary for vote within three (3) months of the date when the petition was received by the Recording Secretary.

Section 2.

The Constitution and By-Laws may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the members present and voting at any regular or special meeting called for the purpose, provided the proposed amendments have been included in the notice of the meeting and mailed to each member at least 14 days prior to the date of the meeting.

ARTICLE XIII

PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Section 1.

The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order (Revised) shall govern the Club in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with

the by-laws or special rules of this Club or the American Kennel Club.

ARTICLE XIV

DISSOLUTION

Section 1.

The Club may be dissolved at any time by the written consent of not less than 2/3 of the members in good standing. In the event of the dissolution of the Club other than for purposes of reorganization whether voluntary or involuntary or by operation of law, none of the property of the Club nor any proceeds thereof nor any assets of the club shall be distributed to any members of the Club but after payment of the debts of the Club its property and assets shall be given to a charitable organization for the benefit of dogs selected by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XV

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Section 1.

At meetings of the Club the order of Business, so far as the character and nature of the meeting may permit, shall be as follows:

- Roll Call
- Reading of minutes of the last meeting
- Report of the Board
- Report of the President
- Report of the Recording Secretary
- Report of the Treasurer
- Report of the Corresponding Secretary
- Report of Committees
- Election of Officers and Directors (Annual meeting)
- Election of new members
- Unfinished Business
- New Business
- Adjournment

Section 2.

At meetings of the Board, the order of business, unless otherwise directed by majority vote of those present, shall be as follows:

- Reading of minutes of the last meeting
- Report of the Recording Secretary
- Report of the Treasurer
- Report of the Corresponding Secretary
- Unfinished Business
- New Business
- Adjournment

GARDEN STATE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB, INC.

PRINCIPLES, RESPONSIBILITIES and GUIDELINES

Adopted December 1994

These **PRINCIPLES** represent fundamental values that are expected to govern the conduct of Club members within the Garden State Golden Retriever Club, Inc. and within the community as a whole.

The **RESPONSIBILITIES** reflect standards of behavior that are expected from Club members.

The **GUIDELINES** offer standards that may be applied in the appropriateness of future courses of action; nevertheless, particular situations often require judgments that may not be directly addressed here. Judgments about ethical behavior in such situations are expected to be made in a context of honesty and full disclosure, in the impartial opinion of professional peers, taking into account the worth and dignity of all persons concerned as well as their rights, identity and self-esteem.

I. GENERAL

- A. All members will exhibit a high standard of sportsmanship, goodwill, integrity and friendship and will act solely in the best interest of the Club and the Golden Retriever breed.
- B. No member of the GSGRC, its Board of Directors, delegates, or committee members, will use their position within the Club to further their own interests.
- C. All members will comply with all Federal, State, local and AKC laws, ordinances, rules and regulations. Whenever the provisions of this document shall conflict with any governmental and/or AKC edict, the appropriate Federal, State, local and/or AKC edict shall govern, however, the remaining provisions of this document shall remain in full force and effect.

II. COMMUNITY RELATIONS

- A. Members should ensure that their dogs are not a nuisance to their neighbors or the community in general and that they are properly controlled, inoculated, licensed and supervised at all times.
- B. Members should try to do all they can to foster good relations among dogs, their owners and the community.

III. EDUCATION

- A. The Club encourages all members to become informed about all aspects of the Golden Retriever breed. Indeed, this is a fundamental principle of the Club. Discussion, even diversity of opinion, is encouraged as an integral part of the education process.

- B. Members are encouraged to contribute and share their knowledge and practices with one another.
- C. Members are expected to recognize the presence of a diversity of goals and fundamental differences of opinion among colleagues, but are expected to treat such diversities and differences with fairness and to treat each other with courtesy and respect.

IV. BREEDING and HEALTH

Breeding is an art as well as a science. Delineating the principles of an art is not always easy so some leeway must be left to the breeder's judgment. One must look at the sum total of the dog, not just to the medical facts. It is recognized that while there is no genetically perfect breed, one should attempt to reduce the problems recognized to exist in the Golden Retriever. To a majority of breeders the following are necessary components of a sound breeding program:

- A. All breeding stock will be in good health, of sound temperament and should be free from known major hereditary defects at the time of breeding.
- B. The sire and dam will be carefully and knowledgeably selected so that each litter will be appropriately planned with parents of quality, as described in the AKC Official Standard.
- C. The hips, eyes and heart of all breeding stock should be evaluated by a qualified veterinarian.

It is highly recommended that the appropriate clearances for hips, eyes and heart be obtained:

1. The hips radiographically by either a Board Certified Orthopedic Veterinarian and/or OFA;
 2. The eyes by either a Board Certified Ophthalmologist and/or CERF;
 3. The heart by a Board Certified Cardiologist and/or a sonogram or an echocardiogram performed by a qualified veterinarian.
- D. Consideration should also be given to other defects or problems with a genetic component that sometimes may occur in the breed, including but not limited to: skin hypersensitivity, low thyroid activity, epilepsy and cancer.
 - E. Only mature dogs and bitches should be bred; preferably after 18 months of age.
 - F. Breeding stock and litters will be kept under sanitary conditions and health protection will be given through a program of inoculations, worming, veterinary care and proper nutrition.
 - G. Socialization of the litter will be given to encourage sound temperament.

V. SALE and REGISTRATION

- A. The breeder will carefully screen prospective purchasers in order to place puppies into safe and healthy homes.

- B. Members will not sell or consign puppies or dogs to pet shops, commercial brokers or raffles.
- C. Members will not provide puppies or dogs for any promotions wherein the placement and care of the animal is not being strictly supervised.
- D. Puppies should not leave the breeder before seven (7) weeks of age.
- E. Puppies should be sold with full disclosure of the strengths and weaknesses of the breeding pair and the clearances obtained, as well as the condition of the puppy.
- F. All puppies will be sold with written contracts specifying the terms of the sale, including any guarantees and restrictions, as well as indicating applicable responsibilities of the buyer. The contract will ensure that the breeder will be contacted whenever an owner can no longer keep a dog at any time in the dog's life and it will be the obligation of the breeder to assist in the placement or disposition of the dog.
- G. It is recommended that the AKC Limited Registration be used when appropriate.
- H. Spaying and neutering should be encouraged for those puppies, which for any reason are not to be used for breeding.
- I. In addition to the contract, the breeder will provide the purchaser with the following:
 - 1. AKC registration papers;
 - 2. A pedigree of three (3) or more generations;
 - 3. A health certificate from a veterinarian;
 - 4. An inoculation and worming record;
 - 5. Written instructions on puppy care, feeding schedule and housebreaking methods;
 - 6. Information about the care, raising and training of the Golden Retriever and their assurance that they will be available to answer future questions.
- J. Breeders will keep accurate records of all their dogs, breedings, litters and pedigrees, as well as owner's names, addresses and telephone numbers for each litter, in accordance with AKC rules and regulations.

Amendments to the Clubs Principles, Responsibilities and Guidelines may be proposed by the Board of Directors or by written petition addressed to the Recording Secretary signed by 20% of the membership in good standing. Amendments proposed by such petition shall be promptly considered by the Board of Directors and must be submitted to the members with recommendations of the Board by the Recording Secretary for vote within three (3) months of the date when the petition was received by the Recording Secretary.

The Clubs Principles, Responsibilities and Guidelines may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the members present and voting at any regular or special meeting called for the purpose, provided

the proposed amendments have been included in the notice of the meeting and mailed to each member at least 14 days prior to the date of the meeting.