



DES MOINES GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB

Member Club of the Golden Retriever Club of America

Licensed by the American Kennel Club, Inc

Application for Membership

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Email: _____

Occupation: _____

Spouse Occupation: _____

RESPONSIBILITIES AS A GOLDEN RETRIEVER OWNER

Members of the Des Moines Golden Retriever Club must ensure that their dogs are kept safe and under control at all times. Members should properly train their dogs so that they are an asset to their community and not a nuisance. Dogs must be maintained with their safety and good health in mind at all times, including adequate and appropriate attention and socialization, grooming, feeding, veterinary attention, housing, routine care, exercise and training.

- Do you currently own a golden retriever? If so, please list the AKC name of each dog in your home with all titles and call name.

AKC NAME OF DOG

TITLES

CALL NAME

<u>AKC NAME OF DOG</u>	<u>TITLES</u>	<u>CALL NAME</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

- Have you ever participated in an AKC licensed trial or show? _____

If so, what kind? _____

- My golden retriever(s) and I are interested in having fun and in the following activities: (Please check as many as apply)

_____ Basic pet care, grooming, general health	_____ Hunt Tests
_____ Canine Good Citizen	_____ Pet Therapy
_____ Participate in DMGRC fun activities	_____ Tracking
_____ Golden Rescue	_____ Field Tests
_____ Agility	_____ Conformation
_____ Other (please list) _____	

- I am willing to be a committee member or chairperson for:

_____ Responsible pet ownership	_____ Public Awareness
_____ Fundraising	_____ Agility
_____ Specialty	_____ Picnic
_____ Rescue Foster Home/evaluator	_____ WCWCX
_____ Tracking Test	_____ Newsletter
_____ Meeting/Event/Hospitality	_____ Awards
_____ Other skills or interests _____	

- Have you been, or are you now, a member of other dog clubs? _____

If so, list past and present affiliations: _____

- What benefits would you like to receive from a membership in the Des Moines Golden Retriever Club?

- The Des Moines Golden Retriever Club (DMGRC) is dedicated to preserving, protecting and improving healthy, loving, multipurpose golden retrievers. Membership in the DMGRC is open to any person interested in the aims of the club, which are:

1. To promote the careful and restrictive breeding of genetically sound, instinctive, and temperamentally balanced golden retrievers.
2. To promote the exhibition of golden retrievers through conformation shows, obedience trials, hunting tests and field tests, and tracking tests governed by the rules and regulations of the American Kennel Club;
3. To do all in its power to protect and advance the golden retriever as a breed and to extend to each member the advantages of the organization.

Membership includes a subscription to the club's newsletter, *Retriever Report*. Prospective members must attend at least one monthly meeting for introduction and offer a reference.

With these objectives in mind, please sign if you are joining as a responsible dog owner. If you are joining as a breeder, please complete section A and section B.

I, the undersigned, do hereby apply for membership in the Des Moines Golden Retriever Club. I agree to abide by the constitution and bylaws of this club and the rules and regulations of the American Kennel Club, Inc.

Membership dues of \$15.00 for one year must accompany this application. Your money will be refunded if your application is not accepted.

SECTION A

Sponsor: _____

Sponsor: _____

Signature of Applicant: _____

SECTION B

Des Moines Golden Retriever Club members who breed golden retrievers are encouraged to maintain the purpose of the breed and are expected to demonstrate honesty and fairness in dealing with other owners and breeders, purchasers of dogs and the general public. Owners of breeding animals shall provide appropriate documentation to all concerned regarding the health of dogs involved in a breeding or sale, including reports of examinations such as those applying to hips, eyes and heart clearances. If any such examinations have not been performed on a dog, this should be stated.

Breeders should understand and acknowledge that they may need to take back, or assist in finding a new home for any dog they produce at any time in its life, if requested to do so.

Members who breed should sell puppies, permit stud service and/or lease any stud dogs or brood bitches only to individuals who give satisfactory evidence that they will give proper care and attention to the animals concerned, and who may be expected generally to act within the intent of the states of this Code of Ethics.

Members are encouraged to use clear, concise written contracts to document the sale of animals, use of stud dogs, and lease arrangements, including the use, when appropriate, of non-breeding agreements and/or Limited Registration. Members will not sell dogs at auction, or to brokers or commercial breeders.

DMGRC members are expected to follow AKC requirements for recordkeeping, identification of animals and registration procedures.

Animals selected for breeding should:

1. Be of temperament typical of the golden retriever breed; stable, friendly, trainable, and will to work. Temperament is of utmost importance to the breed and must never be neglected.
2. Be in good health, include freedom from communicable disease.
3. Possess the following examination reports in order to verify status concerning possible hip dysplasia, hereditary eye or cardiovascular disease:
 - a. Hips – appropriate report from Orthopedic Foundation for Animals; PennHip; Ontario Veterinary College; BVA/KC Hip Score (Great Britain) or at least a written report from a board-certified veterinary radiologist (Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Radiologists).
 - b. Eyes – appropriate report from the Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Ophthalmology (ACVO) or from a BVA/KC approved ophthalmologist (Great Britain).
 - c. Hearts – appropriate report from a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Medicine, Cardiology Specialty.

Consideration should be given also to other disorders that may have a genetic component, including, but not limited to, epilepsy, hypothyroidism, skin disorders (allergies), and orthopedic disorders such as elbow dysplasia and osteochondritis.

4. Assuming all health and examination reports are favorable, the age of the breeding pair also is of consideration. Generally, a golden retriever is not physically and mentally mature until the age of 2 years; an individual dog's suitability as a breeding animal is difficult to assess until that time.

- BREEDING HISTORY (PLEASE COMPLETE THIS SECTION)

Do you raise golden retrievers? _____

If yes, how many stud dogs do you own? _____

How many brood bitches do you own? _____ Puppies _____

How many litters do you breed in a year? _____

Do you ever sell dogs or puppies on consignment or act as an agent therein?

If yes, please explain. _____

Are your dogs registered with the American Kennel Club? _____

If not, please explain. _____

I, agree to abide by the constitution and bylaws of DMGRC and AKC, and further to promote the objectives of the Golden Retriever Club of America by (1) breeding golden retrievers that possess the soundness, temperament, natural ability and personality as reflected in the standard of the breed, and doing all possible to advance and promote the perfection of these qualities; (2) following the rules of AKC; (3) agreeing to the Golden Retriever Club of America's Code of Ethics.

SECTION B

Signature of applicant: _____

Date: _____

Return complete application and check for dues to:
DMGRC Corresponding Secretary
312 Grand Avenue
West Des Moines, IA 50265