

Sandlapper Golden Retriever Club

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

(Please Print or Type)

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES:

Regular members have all the privileges of the Club, including voting and holding office. Because the number of regular members determines the size of the quorum necessary for conducting business at Club meetings, only people who expect to be able to attend most meetings should apply for regular membership.

Associate members enjoy all privileges of the Club, except for voting and holding office. Associate membership is intended for those who geographically are unable to attend meetings, but wish to actively support the club in other ways. Associate members are not counted in a quorum.

Members may change their membership category (regular or associate) at annual renewal time.

Membership is open to individuals 18 years and older or to households. If the membership is in the regular household category, voting privileges are limited to two members of the household who are over 18.

Club dues are per calendar year (January-December) and are due by December 31st of each year. If this application is accepted after October 1 the dues will apply to the following year.

Please check **ONE** of the boxes below and enclose a check payable to the Sandlapper Golden Retriever Club for the amount listed beside that category:

REGULAR INDIVIDUAL (\$25) REGULAR HOUSEHOLD (\$30)

ASSOCIATE INDIVIDUAL (\$15) ASSOCIATE HOUSEHOLD (\$20)

Name _____ Home Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ E-mail: _____

Occupational background and/or skills you'd like to share: _____

If you are applying for a household membership:

1. Name of the other adult member _____ Email _____ Phone _____

2. Junior member(s) of the household: _____

Do you own Goldens? _____ How many? _____

Are you a member of the Golden Retriever Club of America? _____

Are you a participant in the Morris Animal Foundation Golden Retriever Lifetime Study? _____

Are you a member of any other dog clubs, if so, which one(s) _____

Have you bred any litters in the past year? If so, how many? _____

Do you have a kennel name? () Yes () No | Name of Kennel? _____

Name and contact information of the breeder(s) from whom you obtained your Golden Retriever(s):

Have you been involved in () conformation () obedience () tracking () agility () field () therapy () rescue () other _____

Are you interested in participating in () conformation () obedience () tracking () agility () field () therapy () rescue () other _____

CLUB OBJECTIVES

- A. To encourage and promote the limited, responsible and discriminate breeding of Golden Retrievers that possess the soundness, temperament, natural abilities and temperament as described in the breed standard, and to do all possible to bring their natural abilities and qualities to perfection.
- B. To urge members and breeders to accept the standard of the breed as approved by the American Kennel Club and the Golden Retriever Club of America as the only standard of excellence by which the Golden Retriever shall be judged.
- C. To protect and advance the interest of the breed by encouraging sportsmanlike competition at dog shows, field events, tracking tests and obedience trials.
- D. To conduct sanctioned matches and specialty shows, field events, tracking tests and obedience trials under the rules of the American Kennel Club.
- E. To educate members and the public in the selection, care, training and breeding of Golden Retrievers.to be representative of the owners of Golden Retrievers in its immediate area.

CODE OF ETHICS

Each member of the Sandlapper Golden Retriever Club will consider the welfare of their breeds when engaged in any activities involving the breeding, exhibiting and selling of pure-bred dogs and will refrain from any activities which would be prejudicial to the best interest of the breeds and of this club.

- 1. Each member will follow the rules of good sportsmanship when involved in all purebred dog activities. No member shall engage in false or misleading advertising or other misrepresentation of his dogs, nor shall he malign his competitors by making false or misleading statements regarding his competitor's dogs, breeding practices, or person.
- 2. Each member who contemplates breeding a litter shall direct his efforts toward producing sound dogs of exceptional quality. No dog showing a serious inherited defect in type, structure, or temperament shall be used as breeding stock.
- 3. All puppies and adults should be sold in a clean and healthy condition. No puppy or adult shall be sold without proper inoculations. Sellers shall urge all buyers to have a puppy or adult dog examined by a licensed veterinarian within 48 hours of receipt. Said examination to be paid for by buyer as previously agreed. If upon examination the animal is determined to be a poor health risk, said animal is to be returned to the seller for a replacement or refund.
- 4. No member of this club shall engage in the wholesaling of litters or the selling of breeding stock to such places as pet dealers, catalogue houses or other commercial sources of distributions. No member shall engage in the over breeding of his own bitches for profit and/or the excessive use of dogs at stud for profit.
- 5. Each member who sells a dog shall be responsible as previously agreed by both seller and buyer for the care of the dog if the buyer is unable to keep the dog. The seller shall take the dog back and care for the dog until a proper home can be found.

The Sandlapper Golden Retriever Club invites applications from all Golden Retriever enthusiasts whether or not they are involved in competitive events.

I will abide by Constitution & By laws and the Code of Ethics of the Sandlapper Golden Retriever Club and understand that this agreement also includes the participating members of my family.

In order to process your application, two club members in good standing need to endorse you. If you presently do not know two members to endorse your application or you have questions, please contact the membership secretary for assistance (see below for contact info).

Applicant _____ Date _____
(Signature)

Endorsement _____ Date _____
(Member in good standing)

Endorsement _____ Date _____
(Member in good standing)

Please return this to:
Maureen McKowen, Membership Secretary
486 Davis Rd
Piedmont, SC 29673
If you have questions, email: sgrcmembership@gmail.com