



CONSTITUTION

- 1) NAME: The Golden Retriever Club of Greater Toronto
- 2) BOUNDARIES: Within 100 mile radius of Metropolitan Toronto
- 3) PURPOSE: The purpose of the Club is to encourage and promote all elements of ownership, breeding, training, and exhibiting of the Golden Retriever.
- 4) AFFILIATION:
 - 4.1) The Club will operate in co-operation with the Golden Retriever Club of Canada in the promotion of common aims and interests.
 - 4.2) The club will operate in co-operation with the Canadian Kennel Club in the promotion of purebred Golden Retrievers.
- 5) OBJECTIVES:
 - 5.1) To encourage the responsible and ethical breeding of purebred Golden Retrievers. The ultimate goal is to produce dogs conforming to the C.K.C. Breed Standard for Golden Retrievers which are trainable and sound in temperament, structure and health
 - 5.2) To do all in its power to protect and advance the interest of the breed by: urging the recognition of the breed standard as approved by the Canadian Kennel Club and the Golden Retriever Club of Canada, as the ideal upon which to base a breeding program; encouraging sportsmanlike conduct in all areas of competition and ensuring that the activities of the members are governed by the Code of Ethics established by the G.R.C.G.T..
- 6) MEMBERSHIP:
 - 6.1) There are 5 types of membership
 - (i) Probationary - no vote
 - (ii) Ordinary (Individual) - 1 vote
 - (iii) Ordinary (Joint Household) - 1 vote
 - (iv) Honorary - no vote
 - (v) Life – 1 vote
 - 6.2) Qualifications for each are described in the By-Laws.
 - 6.3) Acceptance or revocation of membership will be governed by procedures specified in the By-laws.

- 7) **MEMBERSHIP YEAR:** Membership dues shall be payable on or before the first of April each year. Fees paid after the first of January any year shall be deemed for the upcoming membership year.
- 8) **ORGANIZATION:**
- 8.1) **OFFICERS:** The Officers of the Club shall consist of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer; all to be elected by the General Membership at the Annual General Meeting.
 - 8.2) **BOARD OF DIRECTORS:** General management of the Club shall be entrusted to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall consist of the Officers plus three (3) Directors, and the Past-President. All members of the Board of Directors will be elected at the Annual General Meeting and only those Ordinary members present are eligible to vote. Board of Directors have the power to establish standing committees or sub-committees as required. An Officer or member of the Board of Directors shall be a member of any committee or sub-committee.
 - 8.3) The Officers and the Board of Directors of the Club shall all be Ordinary members in good standing and also in good standing with the C.K.C. and G.R.C.C..
- 9) **TERMS OF OFFICE:** All terms of office to be for one (1) year with the exception of the Secretary and Treasurer which will be for a two (2) year term. These two positions are to be filled in alternate years.
- 10) **VACANCIES:** Any vacancies among the Officers or Directors shall be filled for the remainder of the term by a vote of the Ordinary members at the next meeting of the General Membership.
- 11) **MEETINGS:** General meetings and meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held on a regular basis as determined by the Board of Directors, frequency and type to be outlined in By-Laws. All meetings conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order. The Annual General Meeting shall be held after April 1 and before June 30 for the purpose of election of Officers and Directors, Revision of Constitution and By-Laws and for consideration of Treasurer's Annual Report and reports of other Officers and Directors.
- 12) **FINANCE:** Treasurer, President and Secretary shall have signing authority. Withdrawals drawn on Club account require two signatures of the named Officers. No cheques drawn on the Club account may be signed by two members of the same household.
- 13) **ELECTIONS AND REVISIONS:** The President shall appoint a committee for the purpose of accepting nominations and changes to the Constitution, By-Laws and Code of Ethics no later than two (2) months prior to the Annual General Meeting. The committee shall notify the General Membership of the Nominations and changes to arrive no later than thirty (30) days prior to the Annual General Meeting. Changes to the Constitution, By-Laws and Code of Ethics require the consent of 2/3 majority of the Ordinary members present. Election of Officers and Board of Directors requires a majority vote of the Ordinary Members present.
- 14) **DISCIPLINE:**
- 14.1) The Board of Directors shall have the power to expel, suspend, or reprimand any member, who in the opinion of the Board has violated
 - i) The Constitution of the G.R.C.G.T.
 - ii) The Code of Ethics of the G.R.C.G.T.

- iii) Any provision of the Animal Contagious Diseases Act or the Regulations there under relating to the identification, marking or testing of purebred dogs.
 - 14.2) The Board of Directors shall have the power to expel, suspend, or reprimand any member who, in the opinion of the Board, has committed an act which is considered prejudicial to the aims and objectives of the Club, the C.K.C. or the interests of its members or their dogs.
 - 14.3) A person so disciplined shall have the power to appeal decision of the Board of Directors to the General Membership at any General Meeting within three (3) months of such disciplinary action.
 - 14.4) Expulsion, when imposed, shall terminate membership for all time. Suspension, when imposed, automatically deprives the member of privileges of the Club for the period ordered.
 - 14.5) No penalty of any kind shall be imposed until such penalty has been agreed upon by unanimous vote of all members of the Board.
 - 14.6) Any accusations, complaints, and/or charges against a Club member must be submitted to the Board of directors, by Registered mail, care of the Club Secretary, for consideration by the Board of Directors only. A deposit of \$25.00 must accompany such a complaint or charge against any Club member. The deposit, in full, will be returned if such complaint or charge is substantiated. When such complaint or charge fails to be substantiated, the deposit is forfeited and placed into Club funds.
- 15) BENEFIT: The G.R.C.G.T. shall not be conducted or operated for monetary profit either for the G.R.C.G.T. itself, or for any member or individual. No member shall use past or present club position(s) for the purpose of themselves or their kennel.
- 16) DISSOLUTION: The G.R.C.G.T. shall be dissolved when membership falls below seven (7). Upon dissolution all assets shall be sold and profits given to The Canadian Golden Retriever Adoption Services Inc.