



CONSTITUTION OF THE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY

ARTICLE I

Name and Objects

SECTION 1

The name of the Club shall be the Golden Retriever Club of San Diego County.

SECTION 2

The objects of the Club shall be:

- A. To encourage and promote the breeding of pure-bred Golden Retrievers and to do all possible to discourage the breed from becoming split into groups of field dogs and bench dogs; and to strive to keep it forever a "Dual Dog".
- B. To urge members and breeders 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 interest of the breed by encouraging sportsmanlike competition at dog shows, field trials, and obedience trials; and to assist all societies which have for their object the prevention of cruelty to all animals.
- D. To conduct sanctioned matches 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 or residue from dues or donations to the Club shall inure to the benefit of any member or individual.

SECTION 4

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.



BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I

Membership

SECTION 1

Eligibility. There shall be one type of membership open to all persons eighteen years of age and older, who are in good standing with the American Kennel Club and who subscribe to the purpose of this Club.

While membership is to be unrestricted as to residence, the Clubs primary purpose is to be representative of the breeders and exhibitors in the immediate area.

SECTION 2

Dues. Membership dues shall be \$7.50 per year, payable on or before the first day of May of each year. No member may vote whose dues are not paid for the current year. During the month of March, the Treasurer shall send to each member a statement of his dues for the ensuing year.

SECTION 3

Election to Membership. 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 and the rules of the Golden Retriever Club of America and the American Kennel Club. The application shall state the name and address of the applicant and it shall carry the endorsement of one member, who is in good standing and who is not a member of the Board. Accompanying the application, the prospective member shall submit dues payment for the current year.

All applications are to be filed with the Secretary and each application is to be read at the First Board meeting following its receipt. The Board shall act as a membership committee and as such an affirmative vote of 2/3 of the Board present shall be required to elect the applicant.

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

SECTION 4

Honorary Membership. It shall be conferred in the following manner:

A proposal to confer such membership shall be made in writing to the Board of Directors by three or more members, together with a statement of the reasons advanced for conferring such Honorary Membership. Candidates for Honorary Membership shall be voted upon and elected in the same manner as provided for regular Members, except Honorary Members shall not be required to pay annual dues.

SECTION 5

A former member wishing to be reinstated must present his name as a former member, which must be regularly presented and handled in the same manner as a new candidate.

SECTION 6

Termination of Membership. Membership may be terminated:

- A. **By resignation.** Any member in good standing may resign from the Club upon written notice to the Secretary; but no member may resign when in debt to the Club. Dues obligation are considered a debt to the Club and they become incurred on the first day of each fiscal year.



- B. **By lapsing.** A membership will be considered as lapsed and automatically terminated if such members' dues remain unpaid ninety (90) days after the first day of the fiscal year. The Board may grant an additional ninety (90) days of grace to such delinquent members in meritorious cases.

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 VI of the by-laws.

SECTION 7

A membership has no monetary value in that it may not be sold, given, or transferred to another party.

SECTION 8

Any member suspended more than three (3) times shall not be eligible for reinstatement.

ARTICLE II

Meetings and Voting

SECTION 1

Club Meetings. The Club shall hold a minimum of eight monthly meetings per year, to be held in (or within twenty-five miles of) the City of San Diego, California, at such place, date and hour as may be designated by the Board of Directors.

Written notice of each such meeting shall be mailed by the Secretary at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the meeting. The quorum for such meetings shall be 20% of the members in good standing.

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, and shall be called by the Secretary upon receipt of a petition signed by five (5) members of the Club who are in good standing. Such special meetings shall be held in (or within twenty-five miles of) the City of San Diego, California, at such place, date, and hour as may be designated by the person or persons authorized herein to call such meetings. Written notice of such a meeting shall be mailed by the Secretary at least five (5) days and not more than fifteen (15) days prior to the date of the meeting and no other Club business may be transacted thereat. The quorum for such a meeting shall be 20% of the members in good standing.

SECTION 3

Board Meetings. Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held in (or within twenty-five miles of) the city of San Diego, California in the months of February, May, August, and November, at such place, date, and hour as may be designated by the Board. Written notice of each such meeting shall be mailed by the Secretary at least five (5) days prior to the date of the meeting. The quorum for such a meeting shall be a majority of the Board.

SECTION 4

Special Board Meetings. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President, and shall be called by the Secretary upon receipt of a written request signed by at least three (3) members of the Board. Such Special meetings shall be held in (or within twenty-five miles of) the City of San Diego, California at such place, date, and hour as may be designated by the person authorized herein to call such meeting. Written notice of such meeting shall be mailed by the Secretary at least five (5) days and not more than ten (10) days prior to the date of the meeting, or telegraphic notice shall be filed at least three (3) days and not more than five (5) days prior to the date



of the meeting. Any such notice shall state the purpose of the meeting and no other business shall be transacted thereat. A quorum for such a meeting shall be a majority of the Board.

SECTION 5

Voting. Each member in good standing current year shall be entitled to one at which he is present. Proxy voting Club meeting or Election whose dues are paid for the vote at any meeting of the Club will not be permitted at any

ARTICLE III

Director and Officers

SECTION I

Board of Directors. The general management of the Club affairs shall be entrusted to a Board of seven (7) Directors, which shall include the four (4) Officers as described in Section 2. They shall be members in good standing, all of whom are elected to two year terms at the Club's annual meeting as provided in Article IV and shall serve until their successors are elected.

- A. Directors shall not serve continuously for more than two full terms. A husband and wife shall not be eligible to serve on the Board of Directors at the same time.
- B. Terms of the members of the Board of Directors shall be so arranged that the four (4) Officers are elected on every odd year and the three (3) Directors are elected on every even year at the annual meeting.

SECTION 2

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

- A. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club and the Board, and shall have the duties and powers normally appurtenant to the office of the President in addition to those particularly specified in these by-laws.
- B. The Vice-President shall have the duties and exercise the powers of the President in case of the President's death, absence or incapacity.
- C. The Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings of the Club and the Board and of all matters of which a record shall be ordered by the Club and shall have charge of the correspondence, notify members of meetings, notify Officers and Directors of their election to office, keep a roll of the members of the Club with their addresses and carry out such other duties as are prescribed in these by-laws.
- D. The Treasurer shall collect and receive all monies due or belonging to the Club. He shall deposit the same in a bank designated 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 to them at every meeting the condition of the Club's finances and every item of receipt or payment not before reported; and at the annual meeting he shall render an account of all monies received and expended during the previous fiscal year. There shall be an annual audit of the Club's books and an accounting of the Club's property.

SECTION 3

- A. No Officer or Board member shall receive any compensation for services as such.
- B. Any Officer or Director who fails to attend three (3) consecutive meetings of the Board of Directors, without known cause, shall be notified by the Secretary. Unless valid and satisfactory reason for said absences are presented in writing to the Secretary to be passed upon by the membership, the office shall be declared vacant.



SECTION 4

Vacancies. Any vacancies occurring on the Board of among the offices during the year shall be filled for the unexpired term of office by a majority vote of all the members of the Board at its first regular meeting following the creation of such vacancy, or at a Special Board Meeting called for that purpose; except that a vacancy in the office of President shall be filled automatically by the Vice President and the resulting vacancy in the office of Vice-President shall be filled by the Board.

ARTICLE IV

The Club Year, Annual Meeting, Election

SECTION I

Club Year. The Club's fiscal year shall begin on the first day of May and end on the thirtieth day of April.

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 the month of May at which Officers or Directors for the ensuing term shall be elected by secret, written ballot from among those nominated in accordance with Section 4 of this Article. They shall take office immediately upon the conclusion of the election and each retiring Officer shall turn over to his successor in office all properties and records relating to that office within thirty (30) days after the election.

SECTION 3

Election. The nominated candidate receiving the greatest numbers of votes for each office shall be declared elected. The nominated candidates for the other positions on the Board who receive the greatest number of votes for such positions shall be declared elected.

SECTION 4

Nominations. No person may be a candidate in a Club election who has not been nominated. During the month of February, the Board shall select a nominating committee consisting of three (3) members, not more than one of whom shall be a member of the Board. The Secretary shall immediately notify the committeemen of their selection. The Board shall name a Chairman for the Committee and it shall be his duty to call a committee meeting.

- A. The Committee shall nominate one candidate for each office or candidates for the other positions on the Board, and after securing the consent of each person so nominated, shall immediately report their nominations to the Secretary in writing.
- B. Upon receipt of the Nominating committee's report, the Secretary shall on or before March 15th notify each member in writing of the candidates so nominated.
- C. Additional nominations may be made at the May meeting by any member in attendance provided that the person so nominated does not decline when his name is proposed, and provided further that if the proposed candidate is not in attendance at this meeting, his proposer shall have received his prior consent signifying his willingness to be a candidate. No person may be a candidate for more than one office, and the additional nominations which are provided for herein may be made only from among those members who were not nominated by the Nominating Committee.
- D. Nominations cannot be made in any manner other than as provided in this section.



ARTICLE V

Committees

SECTION 1

The Board may each year appoint 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 committees. Such committees shall always be subject to the final authority of the Board. Special committees may also be appointed by the Board to aid it on particular projects.

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.

ARTICLE VI

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 this 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. Written charges with specifications must be filed-in duplicate with the Secretary together with a deposit of \$10.00 which shall be forfeited if such charges are not sustained by the Board following a Hearing. The 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 the hearing by the Board not less than three (3) weeks nor more than six (6) weeks thereafter. The 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 wishes.

SECTION 3

Board Hearing. The Board shall have complete authority to decide whether counsel may attend the hearing, but both complainant and defendant shall be treated uniformly in that regard. Should the charges be sustained, after hearing all the evidence and testimony presented by 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.

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 Secretary. The Secretary, in turn, shall notify each, of the parties of the Board's decision and penalty, 'if any.

SECTION 4

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 date of the Board's recommendation of expulsion. The defendant shall have the privilege of appearing in 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 meeting 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's suspension shall stand.

ARTICLE VII

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 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 of Directors by the Secretary for vote within three (3) months of the date when the petition was received by the Secretary.

SECTION 2

The Constitution and By-laws may be amended by a two thirds (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 two weeks prior to the date of the meeting.

SECTION 3

No amendment to the Constitution and By-laws that is adopted by the Club shall become effective until it has been approved by the Board of Directors of The American Kennel Club.

ARTICLE VIII

Dissolution

SECTION I

The Club may be dissolved at any time by the written consent of not less than two thirds (2/3) of the members. In the event of the dissolution of the Club, 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 IX

Order of Business

SECTION I

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
- Minutes of the last meeting Report of President
- Report of Secretary Report of Treasurer Reports of Committees
- Election of Officers and Board (at annual meeting)
- 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 last meeting
- Report of Secretary
- Report of Treasurer
- Report of Committees
- Election of new members
- Unfinished business
- New business
- Adjournment



PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I

SECTION 1

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Dues. Membership dues shall be set by the Board of Directors, and shall be payable on or before the first day of May of each year.

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ARTICLE II

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AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

VOTED AT JANUARY 4, 1984 GENERAL MEETING TO ACCEPT

ARTICLE II

SECTION 3

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ARTICLE III

Directors and Officers

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- B. Terms of the members of the Board of Directors shall be so arranged that the 5 Officers are elected on every odd year and the 4 Directors are elected every even year at the annual meeting,

SECTION 2

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- D. The Corresponding Secretary shall have charge of the correspondence, notify members of meetings, notify Officers and Directors of their election to office, keep a roll of the members of the Club with their addresses and carry out such other duties as are prescribed in these by-laws.
- E. The Treasurer shall collect and receive all monies due or belonging to the Club, He shall deposit the same in a bank designated 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 to them at every meeting the condition of the Club's finances and every item of receipt or payment not before reported; and at the annual meeting he shall render an account of all monies received and expended during the previous fiscal year. There shall be an annual audit of the Club's books and an accounting of the Club's property,