



Maine Golden Retriever Club

*An association of owners, breeders and trainers of
Golden Retrievers resident in the State of Maine*

BREEDER REFERRAL PROGRAM

Requirements to participate in the Breeder Referral Program:

- Be a member in good standing with the Golden Retriever Club of America (GRCA) and Maine Golden Retriever Club (MGRC);
- Read, agree to adhere to, and sign the MGRC Code of Ethics;
- Volunteer for at least 1 club event every 12 months;
- Attend at least 2 club meetings every 12 months;
- Completed breeder referral form; and
- Above information must be submitted every year (January) to stay listed.

Maine Golden Retriever Club recommends that:

- Both the sire and dam were over 2 years old at the time of breeding;
- Health reports are publicly available in an online approved database such as OFA...
 - Eye clearances (CERF certificates) on both the sire and dam, issued by a veterinary ophthalmologist certified by the American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists. Clearances must be current at the time of breeding. Eye clearances on dogs are valid for only one year from the date of exam.
 - Hip clearances on both the sire and dam. Dogs must have final OFA certification or PennHip evaluation, done at or after 24 months of age with no radiographic evidence of hip dysplasia.
 - Elbow clearances on both the sire and dam. Dogs must have final OFA certification at 24 months of age or older.
 - Final heart clearances at 12 months of age or older on both the sire and dam, issued by a veterinary cardiologist who is certified by the ACVIM (Cardiology).
- A fully executed, written purchase agreement setting forth all the terms of purchase be obtained before possession of a puppy is transferred to a purchaser.

Please note: Acceptance of a listing does not guarantee placement of puppies, and does not constitute endorsement by MGRC or any of its members. Neither the Maine Golden Retriever Club nor its Board of Directors assumes responsibility for the quality, health, soundness, or temperament of any litters listed.

Send Litter Referral Form, MGRC Code of Ethics, proof of any titles listed on Sire and Dam, and copy of health reports(not links) to the MGRC Breeder Referral chair either by email or mail:

Leslie Perry mgrclitterlisting@gmail.com 387 Winthrop Rd. Readfield, ME 04355



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In consideration for the Maine Golden Retriever Club listing the breeder

The undersigned agrees to indemnify and defend the Maine Golden Retriever Club for and against any and all liabilities, claims, demands, causes of action, damages, and costs asserted against and/or imposed upon the Maine Golden Retriever Club which are in any manner connect with the forgoing breeding.

The undersigned certifies that he/she:

- Is a member of the Maine Golden Retriever Club and the Golden Retriever Club of America in good standing for a minimum of 12 months.
- Has read and agrees to adhere to the MGRC Code of Ethics (please attach signed copy)
- Has volunteered for at least one club event within the past 12 months (list events)

- Has attended at least two club meetings within the past 12 months (list meeting dates)

- The undersigned agrees to make all health reports (hips, elbows, heart, and eyes) on the above dogs available in an approved online database such as OFA (The Canine Health Information Center, www.ofa.org) The undersigned agrees to provide proof of all health clearances and any titles listed for Sire and Dam to all potential puppy families.

Breeder's Name: _____

Kennel Name: _____

Website: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

City/State: _____

Signature of Member

Date

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CODE OF ETHICS

Responsibilities as a dog owner:

- Members must ensure that their dogs are kept safe, under control and are properly trained.
- Dogs must be maintained in good health - mentally and physically at all times. This includes but is not limited to adequate attention and socialization, grooming, feeding, veterinary care, housing, exercise and training.

Responsibilities as a member of MGRC:

- Members should keep in mind that they and their dogs represent the breed. Take the time to educate the general public about the Golden Retriever and the sport of pure bred dogs.
- Members are required to maintain good sportsmanship at all events and competitions. Good sportsmanship includes but is not limited to the following: Members will not publish or verbally slander or engage in cyber bullying towards any other member, as this is considered defamation of character and will not be tolerated. Any member who engages in slander of any type towards another member will receive 1 written warning and any offense thereafter will be grounds for dismissal of club membership.

Responsibilities as a breeder:

- Members who breed Golden Retrievers are encouraged to follow the breed standard set forth by the AKC.
- Members are expected to be honest and fair with owners, breeders, purchasers of dogs and the general public. This includes all information used for advertising on websites and social media such as titles, achievements, awards earned, show stats and credentials.
- Owners of breeding animals shall provide documentation of all Health Clearances (hips, elbows, heart, eyes) and Certifications on the sire and dam.
- Breeders agree that at no time will they act as a broker or agent for a litter that they did not breed.
- Breeders understand and acknowledge that they will take back any dog that they produce during the lifetime of that dog.
- Members are encouraged to use a written contract that clearly states all guarantees, expectations and any special arrangements, with signatures of both seller and buyer.

I have read, understand and agree to abide by the MGRC & GRCA Code of Ethics.

Signature of Member

Date