



Thank you for your interest in the Fort Detroit Golden Retriever Club (FDGRC). We are a not-for-profit organization dedicated to providing a forum for Golden Retriever related activities in the greater Southeastern Michigan area.

Membership in FDGRC is open to any person actively interested in promoting the aims of the Club and in promoting the betterment of the breed in general. The Club primarily meets several times per year to discuss business, communicate news, plan events, and offer education in the form of seminars or presentations on Golden Retriever related topics. At least once yearly FDGRC hosts an AKC sanctioned Specialty Show and Obedience Trial to showcase our Club and our breed in general. An AKC hunt test is usually held each summer, and various field training sessions are held throughout the year. The current roster of members includes people interested in all aspects of Golden Retriever ownership and can provide a wealth of knowledge on numerous dog related topics. We also offer social events such as the Club Annual Banquet in January and an occasional informal Club Picnic in the summer. Our club maintains a website in an effort to bring breed related educational material to a wide ranging audience and is closely allied to Golden Retriever Rescue of Michigan, a charitable organization operating to provide homes for displaced Golden Retrievers.

Requirements for joining our Club are quite simple. Attendance at three club functions within a 12 month period is mandatory prior to making application to join. These functions can be general meetings, assisting at club related functions or providing a service to the club. Attending an event as an exhibitor may not be included in the list of attended events. Once this requirement is met, your completed application is an indication of your intent to join. Prospective members' names are published in our next newsletter as notification to the membership at large of your intent. Your completed application, along with any comments received from the membership is reviewed by our Board of Directors at the next regularly convened Board Meeting. The review includes election to Member status should all requirements be met and it is agreed that you would prove an asset to our organization.

Meetings are typically held at the Leader Dogs For The Blind headquarters in Rochester, MI and usually occur at 7:30 PM on the third Tuesday of the months of March, April, May, September, October and November.

Dues can be summarized as follows:

Individual Member (18 and over) \$20.00 + \$10.00 initiation fee = \$30.00 Total

Family Membership (2 Adults) \$25.00 + \$12.50 initiation fee = \$37.50 Total

Associate Membership \$15.00 + no initiation fee = \$15.00 Total

Junior Members (10-17 years old) No Dues or initiation fee

Associate Membership is available to those persons who do not wish to, or are unable to, actively participate in Club activities and functions. Associate members may not vote or hold office, nor receive annual awards and challenge trophies. They are entitled to notification of Club functions and to attend meetings.

All memberships include subscription to the *Michigolden Newsletter*, a publication used to communicate Club related information. The newsletter is produced several times per year, and you may elect to receive a paper version, rather than an electronic one.

Please feel free to contact any FDGRC Board Member should you have any additional questions.

Once again, thank you for your interest in our club; we hope to see you at an activity in the near future.

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE (Home):** \_\_\_\_\_ **(Business):** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICANT AGREES TO ABIDE BY THE RULES & REGULATIONS OF THE AKC AND THE PURPOSES AND BY-LAWS OF THE FORT DETROIT GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB.

Please check the following as it applies to you:

	Yes	No		Yes	No
Breeder	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Obedience Exhibitor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pet Owner	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Conformation Exhibitor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Field Trainer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Professional Handler	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tracking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Therapy Work	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Agility	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Licensed Judge	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Provisional Judge	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Judge, indicate: Obedience\_\_\_\_, Conformation\_\_\_\_, Tracking\_\_\_\_, Agility\_\_\_\_, Field/Hunt\_\_\_\_

Do you derive any income from dogs other than your own breeding program? (If yes, explain):

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Do you board, groom, train, or handle dogs belonging to others? (If yes, explain)\_\_\_\_\_

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How did you hear about Ft Detroit Golden Retriever Club? \_\_\_\_\_

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Why are you interested in joining Ft Detroit Golden Retriever Club? \_\_\_\_\_

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Indicate other Dog Clubs you belong to, and if you are an Officer or a Director \_\_\_\_\_

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Which dog publications do you subscribe to? \_\_\_\_\_

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List hobbies, occupation, experience in public, community or charitable organizations, which might be useful in your capacity as a member of this Club: \_\_\_\_\_

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Have you bred any litters of Golden Retrievers? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, how many? \_\_\_\_\_

If you own a male, has he been used at stud? \_\_\_\_\_ How many litters? \_\_\_\_\_

How many dogs do you own? List breed, age, AKC registered name, and OFA information.

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List all FDGRC functions or projects you have **WORKED ON** over the past year....include date

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List all FDGRC meetings or functions (not AKC licensed or sanctioned) that you have **ATTENDED** over the past year, not mentioned above

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List three FDGRC members in good standing (one must be a Board member) for references:

\_\_\_\_\_ Time known \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Time known \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Time known \_\_\_\_\_

**Application must be sponsored and endorsed by a member in good standing.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **(Endorser)**

Thank you for filing this membership application form. Your name, as a prospective member, will be published in the next issue of the Michigolden News. Any member in good standing who wishes to contact the Board with information on any prospective member has until the next Board meeting to do so. Any contact must be made to the Secretary in writing and **SIGNED**.

**This application is to be given to the Treasurer (Check website or newsletter for current Treasurer) with payment as follows:**

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(Associate Members may not vote or hold office; will receive newsletter and may participate in Club activities)

\_\_\_\_\_ Junior Members (age 10-17 years) No Dues, No Initiation Fees

Any application processed after October 1<sup>st</sup> each year will be considered paid through the next calendar year.