

GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB OF ILLINOIS, INC.  
MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

1) My Golden(s) and I participate in the following activities (please check all that apply):

- Obedience
- Agility
- Rally
- Tracking
- Field work
- Dock Diving
- Conformation
- Pet Therapy Visits
- Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

2) If you do not currently participate in the activities listed in Question 1, are you interested in getting involved with any of these activities? (Please check all that apply)

- Yes, I would like to get involved with:
  - Obedience
  - Agility
  - Rally
  - Tracking
  - Field work
  - Dock Diving
  - Conformation
  - Pet Therapy Work
  - Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_
- No, I am not interested in getting involved with these activities

3) If you answered "Yes" to Question 2, how could GRCI help you pursue the interest(s) you have identified (please check all that apply):

- Connect me with an experienced GRCI member who would be willing to serve as a mentor
- Provide me with a list of self-teach resources related to my area(s) of interest, i.e., books, articles
- Provide me with a list of local clubs, schools or private trainers specializing in my area(s) of interest
- Offer Club-sponsored programs, seminars and/or classes related to my area(s) of interest
- Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

4) How many GRCI General Meetings did you attend between September 2013 and August 2014? (Please check the applicable response below)

- 5 – 6
- 3 – 4
- 1 – 2
- None

5) What prevented you from attending GRCI General Meetings during the last year?  
(Please check all that apply)

- Transportation issues
- Meeting location was too far from my home
- Wednesday evening meeting time conflicted with other activities
- Program topics did not interest me
- I am not interested in attending Club meetings, regardless of the location, meeting date/time or program topic
- Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

6) Topics that I would like to see included in this year's General Meeting programming include:

- Health problems in Golden Retrievers, i.e., cancer, hypothyroid pigmentary uveitis, epilepsy, cataracts. Your area of interest? \_\_\_\_\_
- Current best practices regarding inoculating dogs
- Preventative care to maintain a Golden's health
- Caring for an aging Golden—addressing special needs, including the dog's changing nutritional requirements
- Canine Hospice Care
- Grooming the Golden Retriever (with hands on opportunities to practice grooming techniques)
- Breeding Golden Retrievers (how to determine whether I should breed my Golden and understanding what is involved in being a responsible breeder)
- Conformation Basics (how to determine whether my Golden is "show quality," conditioning a Golden for the show ring, handling basics)
- An overview of Obedience Competition, including a demonstration of the exercises performed at each level of competition
- An Obedience/Rally Judge's View of AKC's *Obedience/Rally Regulations*, including a discussion on scoring and handling errors
- An overview of Hunt Tests, including a demonstration of the skills required at each level
- Field Basics—what are field dogs expected to do and how would I get started with my Golden?
- Tracking Basics—what are tracking dogs expected to do and how would I get started with my Golden?
- Agility Basics—what are agility dogs expected to do and how would I get started with my Golden?
- Rally Basics—what are Rally dogs expected to do and how would I get started with my Golden?
- Raising a future service dog (how to volunteer, what's involved, etc.)
- Golden Retriever Rescue—what's involved and how could I help?
- Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

- 7) I am experienced in the following area(s) and would be willing to plan and deliver a program at a General Meeting (specify area(s) of expertise below):

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- 8) I would be willing to serve as a mentor to a GRCI member in the following area (s):

- Obedience
- Agility
- Rally
- Tracking
- Field work
- Dock Diving
- Conformation
- Pet Therapy
- Breeding Golden Retrievers
- Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

- 9) Since joining GRCI, I have served the Club in the following ways:

- Served on GRCI's Board of Directors
- Served as the Club's Newsletter Editor
- Served as a Newsletter Columnist

- Served as a Club Event Chair or Co-Chair (please specify the event(s) you chaired or co-chaired):

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- Volunteered at Club events (please specify the event(s) at which you volunteered): \_\_\_\_\_

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- Volunteered at GRCI Public Education events

- Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

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- 10) Currently, I am serving the Club in the following ways:

- Board Member
- Newsletter Editor
- Newsletter Columnist

\_\_\_ Club Event Chair or Co-Chair (please specify the 2014-2015 event(s) you will be chairing or co-chairing):

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\_\_\_ Club Event Volunteer (please specify the 2014-2015 event(s) for which you have volunteered to help):

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\_\_\_ Public Education Volunteer (please specify the 2014-2015 event(s) for which you have volunteered to help):

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\_\_\_ Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_  
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11) If you are not currently volunteering your time and talents to the Club, are there areas in which you would like to get involved? (Please list all such areas below)

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12) How satisfied are you with GRCI's *Golden Moments* newsletter?

- \_\_\_ Very satisfied, I tend to read every issue cover to cover
- \_\_\_ Generally satisfied, I read those portions of the newsletters that interest me
- \_\_\_ Not satisfied, I never or rarely read the newsletters

13) What suggestions do you have for improving the Club's newsletter?

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14) Have you had the opportunity to visit GRCI's website at <http://www.grcillinois.org/>?

- \_\_\_ Yes
- \_\_\_ No

15) Have you set up your Member Account on GRCI's website to provide you with access to the Members Only Section?

- \_\_\_ Yes
- \_\_\_ No

16) Do you have any suggestions for enhancing GRCI's website? (Please provide your suggestions below)

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17) Over the last year, how well did GRCI keep you informed of Club events, activities and issues?

- I felt well informed
- There were times when I did not feel well informed
- I seldom felt well informed

18) I prefer receiving communications from the Club via: (Please rank order your responses with "1" being your most preferred method of communication and "5" being your least preferred method)

- E-mail
- Club's newsletter
- Club's website
- Telephone
- Mail (through the postal delivery service)
- Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

19) How satisfied are you with GRCI's Public Education and Breeders Referral Programs?

- Very satisfied, and have no suggestions for improvement
- Generally satisfied, but feel the programs could be enhanced
- Dissatisfied with the programs and do not feel they are meeting the Public's needs
- I am unfamiliar with the programs

20) What suggestions do you have for improving GRCI's Public Education and Breeders Referral Programs? (Please specify your suggested changes below)

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21) Do you have additional suggestions for how GRCI can better meet the needs of its members? If so, please share your thoughts below:

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You have completed the survey. Thank you for providing your valuable input. If you would like to be entered into the random drawing for a \$100 gift certificate, please print your name below:

Name (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print)

Please return your completed survey using the stamped, self-addressed envelope provided. To be eligible for the drawing, completed surveys must be received by December 31, 2014. Mail surveys to:

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