

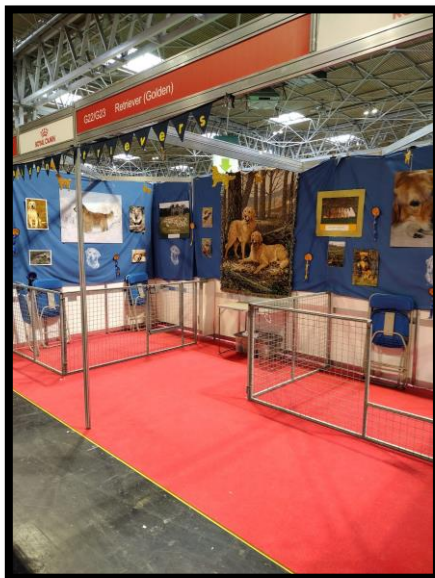


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**MIDLAND GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB**



**DISCOVER DOGS STAND AT CRUFTS 2022**



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### \*\*Membership\*\*

Please be reminded  
membership renewal is  
due on  
1<sup>st</sup> Nov 2022

### • AGM •

Sun 31st January 2023  
To be held 'virtually' via  
"ZOOM"  
2.00 pm  
Details to follow

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## \*DATES FOR YOUR DIARY\*

### • OPEN SHOW •

SUNDAY 21 May 2023  
Tomlinsons Kennels  
Markfield  
Judge: Ruth Byers  
(Balibean)

Fred Hathaway classes Judge:  
Marie Grady (Glenrioch)

### • CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW •

SUNDAY, 4th DECEMBER 2022  
The KC Building, Stoneleigh

Midland Golden Retriever Club on  
Sunday, 4 December 2022  
(fossedata.co.uk)

Dog Judge:

Mrs Sue Pounds-Longhurst  
(Mossburn)

Bitch Judge: Ms Kim Ellis  
(Tenfield)

Referee: Mrs Hazel Gripton

### • WORKING TEST •

SUNDAY 23 APRIL 2023  
Details on Website

# MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRMAN



Dear Members

My first thoughts are the death of Queen Elizabeth and the tremendous outpouring from everyone, and recognition of how she had devoted her life to her country. Through good and bad times and times of great personal difficulty, which run out in the public eye. I think she was a real inspiration, always leaving on a positive note. From the point of view of the dog world, HRH was an animal lover and had her beloved dogs all of her life. I do love some of the more natural photographs of her that have been shown recently. HRH we are thankful that we have had you as such a stable and inspirational light.

As we emerge from the pandemic I feel a great sense that we are moving into a new era in the dog show world. There are smaller numbers attending shows, and many people seem to have drifted away from the dog show world. Breed specialist judges seem to have lost the motivation to move forward with their judging and there seems to be an explosion of all-rounders aspiring to widen their remit.

During the pandemic we learned to use Zoom and other on line platforms to communicate, and that seems to be continuing. In many ways I think it's good to have some meetings like this, it's financially good for the club and we are getting used to logging in and chatting. We are also able to have more frequent meetings.

I missed the Open show, which I was sad about, but had covid and was proper off for two weeks. I hear it went well and people seemed to have a nice time. Win or lose, dog shows should be fun, having a fun day out with like-minded folk, and always taking the best dog home.

I want to welcome with a real cheer our new Working Secretary: Lucy Jenkins. Lucy has served on a few committees from the working perspective but also has a grounding in the show world. I know she will be a real asset to the club. It's a position we have waited such a long time to fill. She hit the ground running and got a team together on our behalf and went to the inter club, where we took 3rd place. There are plans for some taster sessions next April, if you fancy having a go, or even doing your show Gundog working certificate?

There have been a few changes in the committee over the last few years that haven't been noted due to the newsletter not going out. Sandra Birkin-Green has retired from the committee, but we are delighted she has taken the vice president position. Freda Morriss-Garget is now the Vice Chairman, taking over after the sad death of John Truman, who we have missed greatly. Fiona Smithies is on board and it feels like she has been on the committee for a long time, such an experienced committee person. A big welcome to co-opted members, Peter Swaine and David Godding, who we look forward to getting to know and the skills that they bring with them. Gary Foreman has unfortunately had to stand down.

The Club has just run its first Breed Appreciation Day, with assistance from The Golden Retriever Club. Dr Ruth Barbour did a great job as usual as the key speaker for the morning. Lots of interaction and hands-on opportunity. We had 15 delegates, of whom 7 took the exam and happy to say that they all passed. In the afternoon there was a group mentoring session. We were so grateful to the people who brought their dogs along for this, there was a good mix of ages, and several champions for people to have the chance of going over.

In the Summer we made a donation, on behalf of the Club, to the Kennel Club Charitable Trust & Kennel Club Appeal For Ukraine Appeal, which was set up to help dogs caught up in the war.

It only goes now to say thank you to the rest of the very hard working committee, who volunteer and give their time and skills to run the club and organise events on your behalf. From my perspective, it's a committee I so enjoy being a part of. If you have ideas of any events we can run for you please get in touch.

I look forward to seeing you at the Championship show.

Penny Gowland, (Chairman)



## **CRUFTS Discover Dogs 2022 – A Newcomer’s Experience**

As relative newcomers to showing Golden Retrievers and as first time qualifiers for the show ring at Crufts, it was a great surprise (and delight) for my wife and I to be asked if we would run the Golden Retriever section in Discover Dogs 2022 on the Friday afternoon. We accepted the invitation.

However, all did not run smoothly as my car broke down at lunchtime on the day, so we phoned to say that we would be late. The morning team kindly agreed to continue until our arrival at about 4.00pm, suitably embarrassed and apologetic! We were also very disappointed that we were only able to man the stand for 1½ hours, but we thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Our disappointment was short lived. When I telephoned Chris Miskin to apologise, she informed me that the people who were scheduled to be there on the afternoon of the following day would not be able to make it and would we like to do it instead. I accepted immediately!

On the Saturday, we arrived in plenty of time to take over the section for the afternoon. The Hall was very busy and once we had settled, it wasn't long before members of the public stopped to look, admire and stroke the dogs, who took to it so well that it seemed as if they had been doing it for years! This says a lot for the breed, as well as our two dogs, particularly the younger one who is only two years old. He was born on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020, which was the first day of the first lockdown and therefore he missed a lot of the early opportunities and experiences for socialisation, both with other dogs and also with people. People were amazed when we told them this because he was so relaxed and happy.

We also thoroughly enjoyed interacting with the general public, talking about our two dogs and the breed in general, especially their wonderful, good nature and character. We shared our experiences of puppyhood, adolescence through to maturity, particularly how both of our dogs have allayed the fears of anxious members of our family. We listened to people's own experiences of dogs and answered many questions. Many were general questions about the breed, but a number were from people who were considering buying a Golden Retriever puppy. We were able to give them advice about buying from a reputable breeder and how to avoid buying from disreputable people or puppy farms.

Overall, we had a wonderful afternoon and at the end of the day returned home tired but very happy. If the opportunity arises, we would love to do it again next year.

Pete & Debbie Swaine

# BREED APPRECIATION DAY



On Saturday 3rd Sept, together with the Golden Retriever Club, we held a Breed Appreciation Day & Mentoring Session at Stoneleigh. It was a very successful day, thank you to Dr Ruth Barbour & well done, everyone passed their MCE

# POINTS OF THE DOG ASSESSMENTS



**\*\*\* We are holding\*\*\***

**Kennel Club "Points of the Dog" Assessments**

**At our Championship Show**

**On Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2022,**

**Trainer: Dr Ruth Barbour**

**Cost £15**

**To book please email: [j.gripton@ntlworld.com](mailto:j.gripton@ntlworld.com)**

# INTRODUCING OUR NEW WORKING SECRETARY



*Hello,*

*Some of you might remember me from the show world in the 90s, but now I have jumped ship and am knee deep in mud with my Golden girls under the affix of Hickorywood.*

*It has been an honour to be invited to join the MGRC as the club's newest Working Test Secretary and I'm on a mission to get the working side as busy and vibrant as possible .*

*One of my passions is to get both the show and working side together, so we can all enjoy our beloved breed whether it be on the clean or dirty side , and enjoy great days out.*

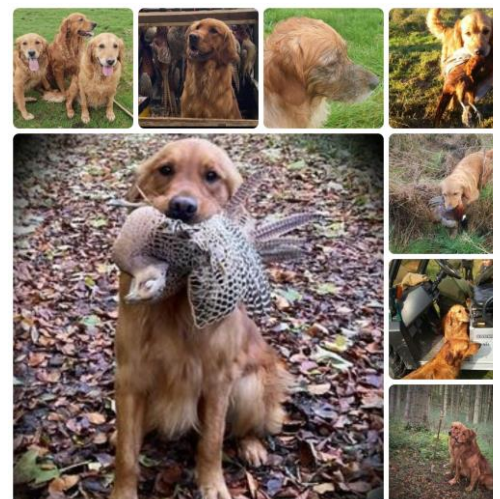
*As you may be aware I have already organised a **Working Test on 23rd April 2023** (details on the web site). This is a great day to come along , lend a hand or just watch our Goldens working, also it's a great time for would be judges to fill one part of the requirements to be a Golden judge.*

*I am also going to arrange training days for complete novices, to introduce them to the Working side. Hopefully it will start as a "taster day" , this will be a fun day and a chance to ask loads of questions, a have a go session and a Gundog demonstration, just so you can see if you start to train your Golden, what the finished product would be. Then after, if there is a good up take, I will then arrange monthly training days, which will include individual training homework to get any problems sorted out , prior to the next training day. We can then work towards getting your Kennel Club Working Gundog Certificate and once that's achieved, we can then step it up to work towards the Show Gundog Working Certificate. However, I would like to think you would have enough knowledge and Golden training to be able to go picking up on shoots*

*I'm here to help you, like others have helped me open up my eyes to the fun of working your Goldens*

***For information please either ring me on  
tel: 07880 984180 or email me:  
lucyjenkins07@gmail.com,  
to confirm your interest firstly and then  
I can get on to arranging our fun days***

***Cheers***





# BETTER TOGETHER



When it's all about the dogs

## New Relationships

Over the last month we have been lucky enough to be involved in two truly wonderful rehoming projects which started off looking rather bleak, but through the development of a relationship with a non- breed specific rescue in Northamptonshire, has ended up with 3 Golden Retrievers that now have a very bright future.

The contact was a random and rather fortuitous one that started with the rescue, Loki's Rescue, getting in touch with our colleagues in Southern over a completely separate dog. When they realised Loki's proximity to us, an introduction was made to see if they could help with a couple of elderly Golden Retrievers we had on our books and were struggling to rehome.

## Myrtle and Jade



Myrtle and Jade are two elderly Golden Retrievers that were in desperate need of rehoming together. Their owner had been battling cancer for some time, and was now needing hospice care urgently as she was reaching end of life care. She would not go into the hospice until she knew her beloved dogs were safe and settled in a permanent home. The family got in touch with MGRC Rescue in June and we immediately started working through our waiting list. Rehoming a pair is always a challenge, when that pair are 13 and 9, there are very few families that are willing to take on such an ask. The situation was getting desperate, when Southern put us in touch with Loki's Rescue.

After an initial conversation, the Rescue leapt into action. They had recently rehomed a group of Golden Retrievers saved from a puppy farm, so already had a great understanding of the breed, and a number of applications on their books for Golden Retrievers. They committed to find them a home together and support them for the rest of their lives. The rescue operates slightly differently to the breed rescues, immediately flooding social media with the dogs to generate interest and applications. Within a day they had over 30 applications for the girls and worked with us to shortlist down to the 3 best applicants. They drew upon the home checking network to get urgent home checks completed (the use of this national network meant geography became a non-issue). Given the change these girls had already been through, we were all very keen to get as similar a home to their previous one as possible – being rural, quiet, with plenty of land. By the end of day 3 we had found the perfect home – a wonderful 2 acre small holding on the South Coast where the girls would have access not only to a super garden to potter around in, but beach access allowing them to explore the shore line. The rescue then reached out to the rescue transport network to arrange a 4 leg transport run from the owner's home near Northampton down to Eastbourne.

The sensitivity shown to the family by both rescues, the successful applicant, and the transporters who had to collect the dogs in such difficult circumstances was incredible, the speed at which all agencies involved were able to act to give their owner the final gift of knowing her dogs were safe and happy was extremely emotional to watch.

Loki's Rescue is in constant contact with Myrtle and Jade's adopter and both girls are doing extremely well and have coped with the transition beautifully.



Myrtle and Jade at home with their former owner



On the way



In their new home

## .....And along came JP



We were first alerted to the plight of JP a few years ago when the owner considered surrendering him. There had been a few contacts since then, but the family never made the final decision to rehome.

In late June we were contacted by the owner's family to ask us to take JP.

JP is a 5 year old male Golden Retriever whose life so far had been less than ideal. Much loved but with little input, training, exercise or mental stimulation. A number of family changes had made the situation extremely tense and the owners had informed us that JP had bitten his owner when he was 2 years old. As a breed rescue, we were unable to help the family as we are prohibited from rehoming a dog with a bite history.

As the rehoming of Myrtle and Jade was coming to a close, I decided to discuss JP with Loki's Rescue. They also have a "no bite history" preference, as they feel those dogs need specialist input, but as the bite was 3 years prior with no incidents since then, they agreed to do an assessment on him.

After several conversations with the family and the temporary carer who had since removed JP from the family home, Loki's came back to us and said they would take him on. The situation was (again) extremely urgent as JP was tied up in a tiny concrete yard, as the temporary keeper's accommodation could not accommodate a dog. We were a week away from the most blistering heatwave the UK has seen in decades, and there was serious concern that JP would remain in the yard throughout that period. Loki's knew they needed to get him out of that environment before the temperatures rose.

It became apparent within a day or two that a large intact male with a bite history was not going to be an easy one to place. Loki's undertook a 2 hour "virtual" assessment on JP. That assessment convinced Loki's that this bite incident was JP defending his mum, not aggression, They were passionate that JP needed to be saved. What followed was quite unexpected, something we've not seen a rescue offer to fund before – a proposal from Loki's to move JP into a residential training facility for a month.



This would not only get him to safety, but also allow a professional trainer the time to fully assess JP in a number of different environments to see if he did pose any kind of risk to people, dogs, children and other animals. This process would allow the rescue to take their time to find him the ideal home, rather than compromise due to the urgency.

It is worth noting that the estimate for the residential school was £2000 for the month, which is far more than Loki's had in their meagre bank account, so this became a very personal commitment from the owners of the rescue.



Arriving at  
Training

We contacted Emma @ Bark Club near Northampton - [Dog Training | Bark Club](#)), who specialises in personalised (to the needs and character of the dog) residential training. Transport was arranged and again the power of social media was harnessed, something Loki's do extremely well. JP was given his own Facebook and Instagram pages and all Golden Retriever groups were "spammed" with his story. Very quickly he amassed quite a following – Loki's knew that they would need supporters to help raise his training funds and they needed to give JP a personality and show his progress to generate applications for his adoption.

Daily updates were written from JP's perspective and shared with his followers. At some points over 3000 people were seeing JP's posts.

Emma made sure that JP was exposed to every scenario – children (controlled), men, horses, other dogs, cats. It was all done very slowly, at his pace and on no occasion did he exhibit any behaviours that gave Emma or the rescue cause for concern. Not a dog for a novice, as he cannot be allowed to make his own decisions and can be very bossy, but a dog with a good heart.

With the updates coming from Emma to confirm that this was a dog who needed confidence, patience, love and boundaries –the applications started to flood in. Loki's arranged the residential school period into week long blocks – applications would close at the end of week 1, home checks and assessments would happen by the end of week 2 and week 3 his potential adopters would meet JP to see if they were a match. This is not a long time to find the match for a dog than isn't straightforward

When it came to it – one home was an absolute stand out. A long time Golden owner, unfazed by dogs that need “work”, they’d lost their last dog a year ago and just hadn’t been able to face the thought of another dog yet – but seeing JP’s face popping up on every GR facebook group, seeing his progress, convinced them he was the right dog at the right time. Their home is on the west coast of Wales, with a garden that opens out onto the estuary allowing him to swim daily and start to regain some of the condition he’s lost through lack of exercise

JP met his new owners on 2<sup>nd</sup> August, and it truly was love at first sight. He accepted them immediately and they spent a day together bonding, walking, quietly just being. It was an instantaneous yes. JP moved to his new home on 8<sup>th</sup> August, and Loki’s & Emma are supporting the family through the initial settling down period to ensure the work of the last 3 weeks is continued.

Midland Golden Retriever Club Rescue has been part of JP’s story throughout – Loki’s Rescue and MGRC Rescue acted as one advocate for this dog, as well as both rescues supporting him financially.



**A shining example of how much can be achieved when Rescues combine their knowledge, skills and individual talents to make a real difference to dogs in need**

**DEDICATED TO:  
Mrs H BOWLER  
OWNER of  
MYRTLE & JADE  
At peace, 27<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

# SHOULD WE BE DOING MORE ABOUT BRUCELLA CANIS



## MY VIEW

Paula Boyden

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*Brucella canis* is a disease that came into the UK veterinary lexicon in early 2021, following a letter in *Vet Record* from the chief veterinary officer (CVO) (*VR*, 20/27 February 2021, vol 188, p 155), highlighting growing concern about the increase in cases of *B canis*. Although most cases appear to be from imported rescue dogs, the letter noted a recent incident involving a breeding establishment in England in which both imported and UK-bred dogs were found to be infected. Before 2020, cases were few and isolated (three cases identified), but in 2020/21 there were 87 cases, and there have been 20 identified so far in 2022.

While these numbers may seem low, it is important to acknowledge that *B canis* can be difficult to diagnose; concern might be raised if a dog originates from an at-risk area, plus if clinical signs such as abortion/stillbirth or fading pups in females or scrotal/testicular swelling in males are seen. However, cases may be asymptomatic, or the signs seen may be non-specific, such as lethargy, ataxia and lymphadenopathy. Furthermore, diagnosis is not straightforward; depending on the clinical picture, more than one test may be necessary to establish/rule out infection.

The challenges do not stop there. If a positive case is diagnosed, *B canis* is now a reportable disease in the UK. Treatment is not recommended as antibiotics are often unsuccessful at eliminating infection. Therefore, even if treated, a dog may be an ongoing source of infection, both to other dogs and people due to its zoonotic potential.

Recently, I was made aware of a case of human infection of *B canis*, the source being an imported pregnant rescue dog. The infected person was fostering dogs imported from Eastern Europe for a rescue organisation before they could be homed in the UK. They had deliberately decided not to foster dogs from Romania due to the known risk of *B canis* (the risk could be due to the high importation rate rather than *B canis* being more prevalent in Romania). The source dog arrived in late March and whelped/aborted two days later.

The foster carer became ill approximately six weeks later, initially visiting their GP and subsequently requiring a hospital stay due to marked deterioration in their health, for which they are still receiving treatment. Both the foster carer and the dog were subsequently confirmed positive for *B canis*. The dog has now been euthanased, but sadly the story does not end there. The foster carer owned two elderly terriers and was also caring for another dog on long-term foster. All three dogs also tested positive. The owner made the difficult and heart-breaking decision to have all three euthanased. On the day that they found out the test results the owner said: 'I cannot begin to explain how I am feeling at this precise moment, but totally devastated doesn't even come close.'

The importation of dogs from overseas for rehoming in the UK is a discussion for another time, but at the very least we should adopt an approach of 'help or at least do no harm'. Or specifically, 'beware the Trojan dog'. We need to consider what diseases are prevalent in the source country, which are not present in the UK, and test for those diseases before importation of the animals.

In a recent blog post marking World Zoonoses Day, the CVO recommended that any dog imported from countries where *B canis* is present is tested before arrival and also neutered.

I wholeheartedly agree with that approach, but is it enough? Should we actually make testing for *B canis* before importation mandatory?

This case highlights the risk of not doing so – the life of the foster carer has been turned upside down, their health has been compromised and they have lost their own beloved dogs through wanting to help. Equally, there is a risk to the profession and the wider UK population, both human and canine – a risk that could be avoided through mandated testing.

# RETURNING TO THE SHOW RING



## One exhibitor's viewpoint of the show ring today

### ***THE PAST***

Monty is the 3rd Golden I've owned, my first dog I "inherited" when I bought my first house as the seller no longer wanted him! Oscar started my love for Golden Retrievers but was 2 when I got him.

Following Oscar my first puppy was Barney, who lived to 15, I didn't start showing him until he was around 9 months old. I didn't intend to show him, but was encouraged by Mary Potter & Chris Miskin who supported me. I knew nothing about shows or handling & only went to a few ringcraft lessons as Barney wasn't the most well behaved & apart from Chris, nobody there was very encouraging.

We started by going to a few local Companion & Limit shows where we did quite well. I then plucked up courage & ventured into Open shows & the occasional Championship show but was quite taken aback at how I was treated by other exhibitors. I was keen, friendly & tried to chat to people but felt ostracised by these "professionals" who made no effort to even smile let alone speak. I can count on one hand the people who befriended me & not surprisingly these people are still very good friends today. I stuck it out for around 4 years but in the end the atmosphere & lack of personal support made me give up.

### ***THE PRESENT***

I got Monty in March 2022. As he came from good breeding I thought I'd have another go at showing but this time I found a more supportive Ringcraft club (very important) & started attending lessons from 10 weeks old. I was expecting to experience the lack of support again but was older, more thick skinned & much more determined (also a very important character trait to have). Chris Miskin was again very supportive & invited me to bring Monty along to the Puppy Walk at MGRC Open show in May. He looked so small in the line up, but he was months younger than the others so I wasn't concerned & the few friends I'd made from 15 years ago happily were still there!

After the fun at this event, I thought I may as well dive straight in to showing again, so Monty's first time in the ring was at Leeds Championship Show, a few days after he was 6 months old. I was thrilled to qualify for Crufts 2023 with third place!

This time around I really feel more welcome at shows, mainly because I now make more effort to chat to people who I'm sitting by, or make a point of saying hello. There ARE still exhibitors who don't seem interested in new people like me but this time I don't let it affect me, that's life I suppose.

The biggest change has been the lack of Golden Retrievers on the benches, before there would be people all around you who would chat & watch your dog because they were "parked" near you. Now, with the trend for crating dogs by your chairs & setting up "camp", people naturally sit with their own circle of friends. Very different from a situation where you would strike up an acquaintance with someone in the same alphabetical benching area as you!

Also there are seemingly far fewer people entering shows. The classes were numerically huge in the past, whereas now many entries are in single figures. It surely is incredibly important to support new exhibitors these days, to avoid more Societies closing through lack of entries.

My advice to other new exhibitors is say hello to people you don't know, chat to the person next to you & learn as much as you can from more experienced exhibitors if they are willing to help, so many are. It takes a lot of courage to go to shows on your own without any other support when you arrive, so to those who are seasoned show people I would say if you see someone new sitting on their own, maybe pass the time of day & find out a little more about them, it could encourage them to return. As the puppy's breeder, if possible, it would be good to arrange for a friend/mentor to meet up with the new exhibitor at their first few shows to give them some tips & both moral & practical support if you can't be there yourself.

Social media has flourished since I was last in the ring & there's now a host of helpful Groups & Pages on Facebook particularly for those wanting to dip their toes in the show ring.

### ***THE FUTURE***

I'm doing moderately well with Monty, qualifying for Crufts 2023 at 6 Championship Shows so far. My best moment, which gave me so much joy & confidence was winning the minor puppy dog class at the Welsh KC Championship show under Judge Jacqui Ward. She said some kind supportive words which meant so much to me. Maybe judges need to say just a couple of encouraging words to those not placed too so they don't give up?

The show world should be a family of breeders, exhibitors, judges, ringcraft clubs, breed clubs & mentors all there to support & encourage potential new exhibitors. In reality unless you're thick skinned & determined, you may feel alone, bewildered & wondering why you thought you could compete with these established long standing exhibitors who can seem aloof at times & yet very friendly with each other.

Entry numbers are getting less and less. This isn't just because of entry fees, travel expenses, hotel costs etc, sometimes attending your first show alone is so daunting and rather than face being out your comfort zone as a new entrant, you just don't have the courage to take that first step.

I'll hopefully be soon setting up a Facebook group for exhibitors travelling alone who may want a "buddy" or company when eating out whilst staying over at a show so I'm trying to do something positive to help & encourage the social side of showing. Could you do something to encourage others to show too?

Finally, I'd just like to thank Caron French for encouraging & supporting me with her words of wisdom & great sense of humour!

***Sarah Moore (& Monty)***



# MEMBERSHIP



**\*\*\*Could we kindly remind\*\*\*  
**Members that their subscription amounts should be updated  
to reflect the latest increase in fees****

## MIDLAND GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB

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| <b>Proposer</b> |                   |                  |             |
| <b>Seconder</b> |                   |                  |             |

I/We hereby apply for Single / Joint Membership of the Midland Golden Retriever Club and enclose a Cheque / Postal Order to the value of £10 single or £12 joint, being the Annual Subscription from 1<sup>st</sup> November to 31<sup>st</sup> October.

1<sup>st</sup> Applicant Signature

2<sup>nd</sup> Applicant Signature

Date

Working info Yes / No

**When completed please send to the Membership Secretary :**  
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# AND FINALLY



## ***Online Links to Useful Websites & Pages***

### **Midland Golden Retriever Club**

[midlandgoldenretrieverclub \(midlandgrc.wixsite.com\)](http://midlandgoldenretrieverclub.com)

### **The UK Kennel Club**

[The Kennel Club | Welcome to The Kennel Club website](http://www.kennelclub.org.uk)

### **British Veterinary Association**

[BVA - British Veterinary Association](http://www.bva.co.uk)

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