

# The NGRA Meredith Trust

Registered Small Charity XT21814

The Meredith Trust was inaugurated by the legacy of Mabel Kate Meredith who was an NGRA member in the early days of the Association. In 2009 the bequest provided £50000 for the good of the Golden Retriever breed, to be administered by the Northern Golden Retriever Association. The trust was sent up to honour the wishes of Mrs Meredith and trustees appointed to manage the funds. The trustees invested £50000 to earn interest from which disbursements could be made towards suitable projects. The capital is protected so that the future of the Trust is assured. Any disbursements are made from other accounts into which the interest accrues. The AGM is held in conjunction with the NGRA AGM each year, when the Trustees are appointed.

## **THE AIMS OF THE TRUST ARE:-**

- (1) To advance education by provision of advice to members of the public who wish to own a Golden Retriever in all aspects of the care and wellbeing of such dogs.
- (2) To support research to improve the health and welfare of The Golden Retriever
- (3) To alleviate distress caused to the breed of dogs known as Golden Retrievers which may be ill- treated, abandoned or neglected.
- (4) In cases where Golden Retrievers are abandoned or unwanted or can no longer be cared for at their present homes, to re-home the Golden Retrievers, to ensure their future well-being and where possible to keep in contact with them for the duration of their lives.

**Management.** The charity is managed by a committee of trustees who are appointed at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the charity. Members of NGRA who support the work of the charity, can become members of the Trust by attending the Trust AGM or by application to the Trustees. The Trustees meet as required to administer the funds, and consider any requests for grants. Over the last five or six years the principal disbursements have been:-

- To Golden Retriever rescue, either through Northern Rescue, Midland GRC Rescue and Eastern Counties GRC Rescue. Some of these grants were specific to a particular case and others were for the general support of the rescue organisation.
- To Health Research projects either at the Animal Health Trust or as recommended by the Golden Retriever Breed Council. Projects have included the Ectopic Ureter and Epilepsy genetic test, Cancer research, Glaucoma, and the Give a dog a Genome scheme.

**Further grants.** The Trust capital continues to earn interest, though low rates of interest have limited the money generated. Nevertheless there are funds available to support worthy causes. Any requests for support should be made to the Trust Secretary, for consideration by the Trustees.

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## **10 SETTING UP THE CHARITY**

This constitution was adopted on \_6 March 2010 by the people whose signatures can be obtained from the Trust Secretary. They are the first members of the charity and will be the trustees until the AGM, which must be held within one year of this date.