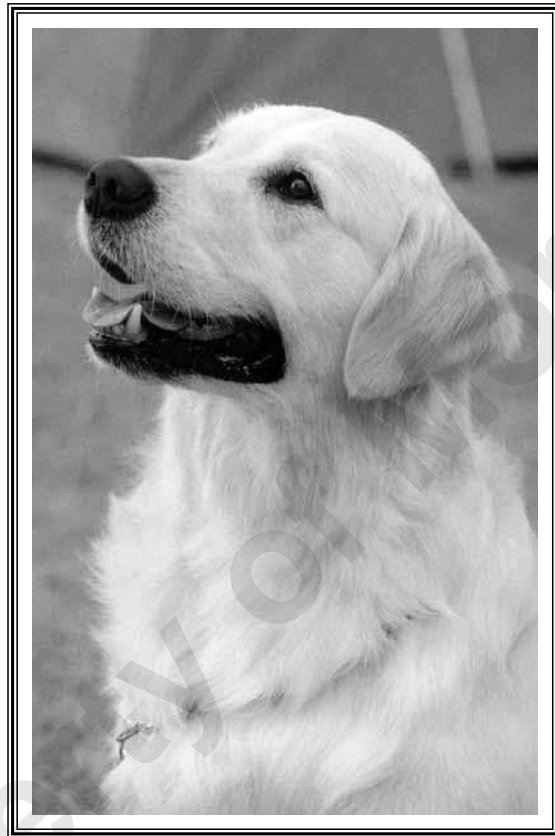


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Aust Ch Ferngold Commodore
By Aust Ch Glennessa Ingot (Imp UK)
Out of Ferngold Crystina (AI)
Bred by Mr and Mrs E J & H A Phillipson
Owned by Beaucroft Kennels



Sir Dudley Coutts Marjoribanks (pronounced Marshbanks).

*My heart's in the highlands
My heart is not here
My heart's in the Highlands a chasing the deer,
A chasing the wild deer and following the roe-
My heart is in the highlands wherever I go*

Robert Burns (1759-1796)



Eng Ch + Ir Ch Cabus Cadet by Beauchasse Jason out of Brecklands Tamaris, bred by S M Harding owned by Mrs Morgan.

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Golden in Canada.

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Foreword

The author of this book, Marilyn Morphett, became deeply interested in the Golden Retriever in 1964 when as a young girl; she met her Aunt Shirley Sullivan's two Goldens, Ruff and Reddy. She fell in love with them and yearned to have one of her own. This dream came true in 1968 and since then Marilyn has never been without one by her side. She had successfully exhibited her Goldens over the years and then decided the next chapter in her life of dogs would be judging. She gained her licence for Gundogs in the late 1980's and since then has continued studying to further her judging career. She is now eligible to judge Gundogs, Terriers, Hounds and Working Dogs at Championship level.

Marilynn's mother also had a deep love of the Breed and it was quite ironic that her last Golden had to be put to sleep on the same day as her funeral. Marilyn was very upset and decided to do whatever she could to help the Breed that she and her mother loved so much. She went back to school and studied pure mathematics and applied mathematics leading to university studies in pure maths, statistics, genetics and animal behaviour. She later completed a research masters in biostatistics. Marilyn then decided to use her skills to look at hip dysplasia inheritance and has created a model which identifies patterns in hip dysplasia. It is hoped this will be published in a scientific paper at a later date.

Marilynn has been Treasurer and Secretary of the Golden Retriever Club of Queensland over the years, on the Library Committee and presently holds a position on the Queensland Canine Health sub committee.

She served a term as Secretary of the National Golden Retriever Breed Council. For many years she has been a resident steward at the Queensland Golden Retriever Shows.

Marilynn felt motivated to write this book for a number of reasons, her belief being that there was a need to acknowledge successful dogs in Australia, as had been done in some other countries. Because she wanted to look at Golden development over time, she felt it appropriate to incorporate other countries in the history as well. Marilyn wanted to acknowledge the breeders, many of them quite elderly, who have quietly devoted their lives to our beloved Breed. The author of this book believes that the efforts of these gers over their lifetime should not go unnoticed.

Unquestionably, this book fills a much needed want in the spectrum of Golden Retriever literature, especially with regard to Australian conditions. I commend the author on her wonderful achievement in gathering information, which has been so all consuming and taken years to put together. I recommend it heartily as a welcome addendum to the library of all Golden Retriever enthusiasts.



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Mr Fred and Mrs Beryl Hession (Goldtreve Kennels, Australia).

Introduction

If you have a copy of this book in your hands it would seem there is absolutely no need to discuss the virtues of the Golden Retriever. You already know that the Golden Retriever is a dog for all seasons and a dog for all reasons. For our beloved Golden Retrievers are beautiful, smart, athletic, gentle and kind. Originally bred to be Gundogs, their intelligence supports a versatility which enables them to accommodate anything their masters desire; be it obedience, conformation, working, agility, assisting the blind and the deaf, therapy, search and rescue, drug detection and a myriad of other skills. Golden Retrievers have the ability to excel in one or many of these endeavours.

The main focus of this book is the Golden Retriever's first century in the show ring and because of its specialised nature, it cannot be found in bookstores. There are already many valuable books written by very knowledgeable people about various aspects of the Breed. Whilst this book does not specifically focus on the importance of maintaining the Golden's natural retrieving instinct and faultless temperament, these two virtues remain of utmost importance for our Breed and must be jealously protected.

In order to set the scene, an overview of the early history is discussed in the early pages. To support this discussion excerpts from the literature are also included in the body of the book. If enthusiasts have not already done so, a wonderful insight into the full history of our Breed is possible by seeking out the book written by Mrs Elma Stonex entitled *The Golden Retriever Handbook*, *The New Golden Retriever* by

Ms Marcia Schlehr and the series of *Five Books of Golden Retriever Champions* by Mrs Valerie Foss.

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From the time Lord Harcourt introduced the first of the Golden Retrievers into the ring at Crufts in 1908 there would be a steady increase in the Breed in the UK. It was the mid 1920s when a whole litter from Eng Ch/Indian Dual Ch Flight of Kentford was imported into New Zealand. The Breed soon caught on in the USA with the importation of a couple of wonderful dogs including the great Ch Speedwell Pluto. By 1940 the USA was holding its first National Show. A few Golden Retrievers appeared in Australia in the 1930s but are thought to have died out and it would be another decade or so before finally becoming established at Royal Shows around the country. Canada saw their first National Show in 1960. After the 1960s in particular, Breed Clubs began to pop up around the world and numbers increased as can be evidenced in the following graphs outlining some examples of the growth of Breed registrations.



Brenda Kent and Gr Ch Imatriever Karubian Jule by Aust Ch Alubyc Dakota out of Aust Ch Imatriever Imacutie, bred by Mr & Mrs S Careless owned by B Kent. Aged 11 years at the 8th Golden Retriever National 2011, Queensland, Australia. Photo courtesy of Miss Carolyn Ryan.

Golden Retriever Registrations in the UK

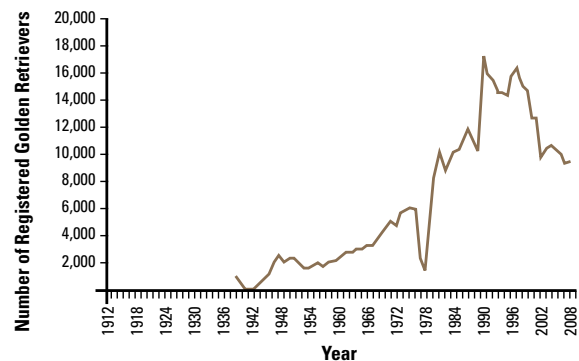


Fig 1.1 Golden Retriever Registrations in the UK 1912-2008.

Golden Retriever Registrations in the USA

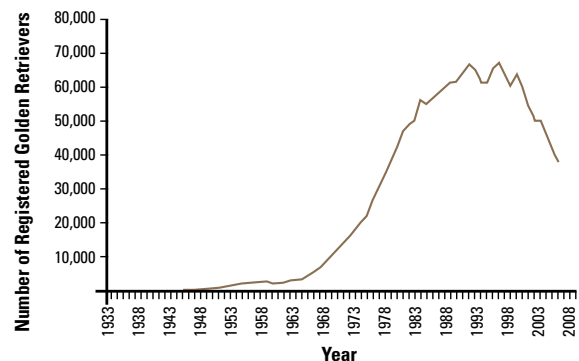


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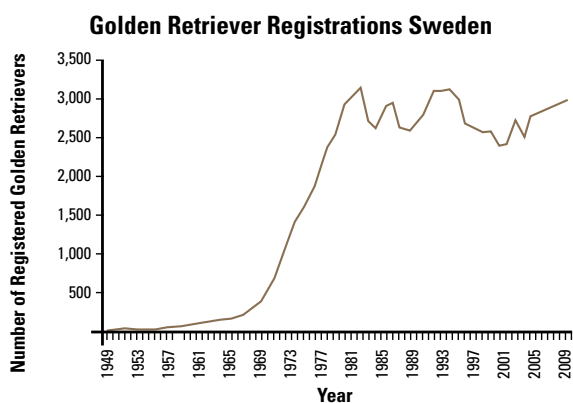


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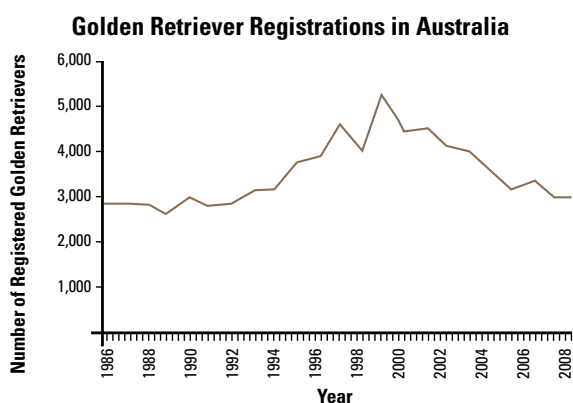


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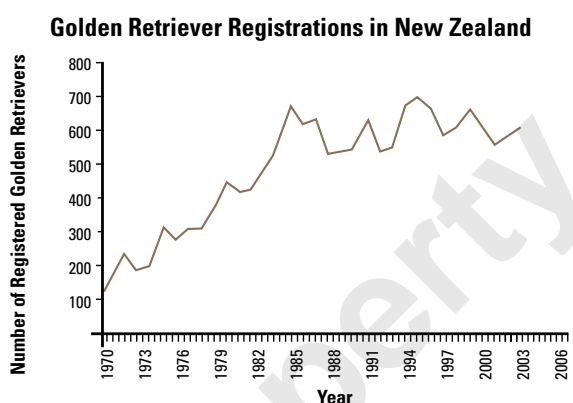


Fig 1.5 Golden Retriever Registrations in New Zealand 1970-2006.

When the idea of writing this book was first mooted in 2007, the task of bringing together and documenting famous dogs seemed quite daunting. What sources were available to obtain this information? How could one compare dogs to determine which were the best in the ring over time? Different countries had different measures of what constituted a Champion. Gaining a Championship in Australia, for example, appeared far less challenging than gaining a Championship in the UK, where hundreds of dogs competed at each Championship Show for the coveted Challenge Certificate (CC). The title of Grand Champion, introduced into Australia in the late 1990s, was originally awarded to Goldens gaining 1000 Challenge points. In contrast, the same title in New Zealand was

awarded to Goldens which had won 50 Challenge Certificates together with at least 3 All Breeds Best in Shows.

Statistics have been gathered from numerous sources and represent varying measures used to determine Golden Retriever achievements upon which this book is based.

Crufts Dog Show, named after its founder Charles Cruft, was held for the first time in Islington in 1891. When Mr Cruft died in 1938 his widow was able to continue to run the world famous show for three years. In the year 1948 it was sold to The Kennel Club. For many years under the auspices of the Kennel Club Crufts was held at Olympia but was moved to Earls Court in 1979 after outgrowing the premises. A further change was necessary in 1991 when the Show was taken out of London for the first time to the NEC in Birmingham and it continues to be held there today. As previously mentioned, Golden Retrievers first appeared at Crufts in 1908. No Goldens have ever taken out the coveted Best in Show award and only two have ever won Best in Group and another two a Runner Up in Group award.

The equivalent of Crufts in the USA is the Westminster Dog Show. This Show was officially formed in 1877, predating the American Kennel Club by seven years. In that Show it drew an entry of 1201. It was not until 1907 however, that the first Best in Show was awarded. Records indicate that a share of the proceeds originally went to the ASPCA in order to open a home for stray and disabled dogs. The first Goldens were shown at Westminster in 1928. Like Crufts, no Golden has ever won Best In Show and only two Golden Retrievers have ever taken out the Best in Group award. There have been eleven Group 2nds, four Group 3rds and seven Group 4ths up until 2010. The Goldens taking the Group are named in the book.

Every year, in all States of Australia a major agricultural show is held in the capital city. One of the major attractions at each of these Shows is the All Breeds Dog Show. Many canine enthusiasts enjoy travelling to a number of these events annually thereby ensuring the quantity and quality within each breed. Arguably the most prestigious of these shows are the Melbourne and Sydney Royals. Over the years Goldens have done very well at these shows at Group level and it was a great day indeed for all Golden Retriever lovers at Sydney Royal on General Specials day in 1981 when the state bred Golden Retriever took out the top award of Best Exhibit in Show, the only dog of the Breed to have done so.

When interpreting the statistics in the book the reader is urged to bear in mind the contrast in rules for gaining numerous titles in different countries around the

world: in addition, it is important to remember that some breeders/owners campaign very much more than others. No system is perfect, one can only work with the documented information and bear in mind the many shortcomings of an analysis such as this.

In this book the following are summarized;

- ***In the UK:*** Crufts CC winners, GRC CC winners, dual champions, full champions and show champions, all breeds best-in-show (BIS) winners, outstanding sires and dams by number of champion Offspring and winners of the most number of CCs over time.
- ***In Ireland:*** Irish Champions and Show Champions.
- ***In the USA:*** all National Specialty winners, outstanding show dogs and bitches in the Show Dog Hall of Fame (SDHF), dual champions and outstanding dogs and bitches in terms of the number of champion ‘get’ (Offspring).
- ***In Canada:*** National Specialty Best in Show (BIS) winners.
- ***In Australia:*** Royal winners [(CC, Best of Breed (BOB) or Runner-up Best of Breed (RUBOB)] and Specialty winners [(CC, BIS or Runner-up Best in Show (RUBIS)] in New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia and Western Australia, Specialty winners in Tasmania, National Shows, Grand Champions, Dual Champions, All Breeds

BIS winners and outstanding sires and dams in terms of number of champion Offspring.

- ***In New Zealand:*** Specialty CC winners in GRC Inc–New Zealand, Central GRC Inc – New Zealand and Southern GRC, grand champions, All Breeds BIS winners and outstanding sires and dams in terms of the number of champion Offspring.

In terms of the Canadian Golden Retrievers, the statistics have not been as easily accessible so the list of great dogs from that part of the world has not been exhaustive.

The author has analysed pedigrees and created flow charts in an attempt to identify clusters of successful lines across various countries.

With regard to the photographs used throughout the book there have been some restrictions in terms of copyright availability and associated expenses. In addition, a number of images appear in the book somewhat smaller than the author would have liked. This was due to the low resolution of the original shot. The overall aim, however, was to include as many as possible as an historical record for others to enjoy both now and in the future.

Historic events and such things as movies, television shows and songs have been included as the decades unfold, both within the chapters and interspersed with Golden Retriever events in timelines to immerse the reader in the particular period. Readers are encouraged to browse through the timelines as information is



Former Australian Prime Minister Mr Kevin Rudd with his Golden Retriever Abby at the Lodge in Canberra.

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included here which is not necessarily included in other parts of the book. Inserted throughout the book are favourite poems and quotes which either relate to the Breed or are inspirational. Perhaps, if taken on board, some of these quotes may even help us to become as nice as our Golden Retrievers think we are.

When the Breed first began with Lord Tweedmouth in Scotland in the 1860s, all the dogs were jealously guarded by members of the aristocracy and landed gentry. They were never sold, only given away to family and close friends. So it appears that Golden Retrievers were born with silver spoons in their mouths, as they say. More recently, as evidenced by photographs in this text, Golden Retrievers have graced the White House in Washington DC and The Lodge in Australia, home of our former Prime Minister.

Some of the first pictures of Golden Retrievers the author recalls as a child were on Christmas cards showing these beautiful gentle dogs lying beside a cosy fireplace. Christmas is always a lovely time of the year and one can only imagine (being Australian) that it would never be more so than when it is a White Christmas and having a Golden Retriever sharing in family festivities. This is the reason behind the little section in the book depicting this special time of the year.

As we all know, the very worst part of having our beloved pets is that their lifetime is not as long as ours, and at some time we must say goodbye. Included is a section which gives a brief explanation of the grieving process in an attempt to help us understand why we feel as badly as we do when we lose our pets.

The final section is more academic and includes canine terminology, a comprehensive Breed Extension developed by Australia's National Retriever Council, simple genetics, a section on colour inheritance, discussions on key Golden health issues and the author's model used to analyse the hip dysplasia statistics which were published by famous geneticist Dr Willis (2005).

In addition, there are many silhouettes of Golden Retrievers which breeders may like to identify. Almost all of these dogs can be found somewhere in the book. The book concludes with some self-test questions on the historical information about the Breed, all the answers of which can also be found in the body of the book.

Dr Willis stated that *"all breeders, however good, are transitory, whereas the dogs live on in their progeny long after men who bred them are forgotten"*. It is a hope that this book will go a small way towards recording the efforts of both the breeder and the wonderful dogs which have been instrumental in the development of our beautiful Breed in the show ring.

It is also a hope that the reading of this Golden journey is as pleasurable as the researching of it has been. To those who follow, please pay special tribute to all those dedicated breeders and the dogs who, over the years, have developed the Golden Retriever Breed, making it what it is today, arguably the most beautiful and admired Breed in the world.

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Former US President Ford with Liberty in the White House. Photo courtesy of Ann Chase Honor Golden Retrievers USA.



Fred Hayton in front of HM The Queen at Crufts 1969. Photo courtesy of Mr Fred Hayton Bellemount Golden Retrievers.



Aust Ch Golden Nicholas of Yeo CD (Imp UK) by Eng Ch Camrose Nicolas of Westley out of Yana of Yeo, bred by Mrs L Sawtell owned by K Bright & B J Westbury, with Sir Billy Snedden former leader of the Opposition Aust. Photo courtesy of Mrs Barbara Westbury.

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- Multi Ch Orange-Juice of Glen Sheallag (holder of 14 titles) begging. Bred and owned by Marie-Noelle Terlinden.
- A Golden Nicholas of Yeo (imp UK) collecting for the Dalwood Children's home (Aust).
- NZ Gr Ob Ch Benlea Class Act CDX bred/owned by Nancy Wilson.
- Briden the Comedienne bred by Denece Hutcheson(Aust) and owned by Taumac Kennels (Aust) watching children play in the park.
- Preston, a Dobro bred Golden working as a Guide Dog for the Blind (Aust).
- Carterton Andromeda with Sth Aust Miss Dog World entrant Photo courtesy of Peter Andrews.
- Golden jumping through a hoop Photo courtesy of Daniel West UK.
- Golden Retrieving courtesy of David Tomlinson Shooting Times UK.
- The Mowatt family Goldens in the snow.
- Barbara and Tom Savary's Goldens sitting on the stairs waiting for Santa.
- Aust Dual Ch Riangold Rembrandt bred by Miss Carolyn Ryan and owned by Miss Margaret Sullivan retrieving.
- Therapy Golden Rustledene Hobit bred by Esme Russell (NZ) with his owner.
- Beacroft Sweet Surprise owned by Greg Johnson and Deb Robins (Aust) Sitting half way up the stairs where she likes to sit.
- Miss Olive asleep (Aust).
- A young Aust Ch Ferngold Commodore in the official party at a wedding.
- Dobro Goldens at a creek (NSW Aust).
- Unconditional love Photographer unknown.
- Gr Ob Ch and NZ Ch Speyside Chauvinist CDX with owner/breeder Pat Munro (NZ).
- Marlene Sillence (UK) with her Canina Champions.
- Sandra Charlesworth's 4 generations of Charlesworth Golden.s
- Karrell Beau Brockwell CDX (Aust)holder of the Jack Goldstein Medal Exc bred by Mrs J Trout owned by Mrs C Perry.
- Liz Molnars' Goldens (Dobro) enjoying Jervis Bay (NSW Aust).
- Annette Strand (Sweden) with her Champion Floprym Goldens.
- Buffalo Rustic Memories UD HTM.A DWDF.1 and her owner Miss Gay Westmore entertaining the crowd at Brisbane Royal Show (Aust).
- Can Ch Cheek to Cheek Steve Macqueen (imp FR) bred by Marie-Alpais Bazin and owned by C Brechbill after winning the Canadian National Specialty.
- Aust Ch Buffalo Rustic Scotsman CDX DWDF.S HTM.S bred by Buffalo Kennels and owned by Miss Gay Westmore ready to dance
- Bailey enjoying his first Christmas with his owners The Osmond Family (Aust).
- Shirley Sullivan's car full of Goldens at a show in Australia in the 1980s.



A Boy and a Dog

I want my boy to have a dog
Or maybe two or three.
He'd learn from them more easily
Than he would learn from me
A dog will show him how to love
And bear no grudge or hate
I am not so good at that myself
But dogs will do it straight
I want my boy to have a dog
to be his pal and friend
So he will learn that friendship
Is faithful to the end
Never has there been a dog
Who learned to doublecross
Who catered to you when you won
Or dropped you when you lost.

Author Unknown