

# **SOUTHERN ARIZONA GOLDEN RETRIEVER RESCUE CODE OF ETHICS AND CONDUCT**

## **PREAMBLE**

The mission of Southern Arizona Golden Retriever Rescue is to give the best possible care and find the best possible homes for the dogs, while valuing the members and volunteers who give of themselves to help the dogs. The dogs come first, but we believe our greatest asset after the dogs is the volunteers. This Code of Ethics is adopted to further this mission.

## **SECTION 1. BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- A. Members of the Southern Arizona Golden Retriever Rescue (SAGRR) shall conduct the business affairs of SAGRR in good faith and with due diligence and reasonable competence.
- B. The Board shall handle the funds belonging to SAGRR in a responsible manner as required by the Bylaws and the Rules of Procedure.
- C. No Board member shall disclose in any manner any confidential information related to the affairs of SAGRR.
- D. Board members shall treat each other with respect and shall address any and all disputes within the Board in a professional manner.
- E. No Board member shall participate in any decision of the Board in which the member has a direct or indirect financial interest.
- F. Upon termination of service, a retiring Board member shall promptly return to SAGRR all documents, electronic files, or other property entrusted to the member for the purpose of fulfilling the member's responsibilities of office. Such return shall not abrogate any obligations of confidentiality with respect to information acquired as a consequence of service on the Board of Directors.

## **SECTION 2. MEMBERS**

- A. All members of SAGRR are expected to maintain a high standard of ethical behavior when engaged in activities of SAGRR or acting on its behalf.
- B. Members are expected to know, understand, and comply with the bylaws of SAGRR.
- C. Members shall respect the rights of the Board of Directors and other members and to treat them with respect.
- D. No member shall misrepresent any bylaw, policy or procedure of SAGRR.
- E. All members shall offer proper respect and care to any golden retriever that is entrusted to or adopted through SAGRR.