

## **Louise Waldron-Smith**

My love of golden retrievers began at home in 1991 when my parents brought home our first golden retriever Oscar. Since then as a family, we have always had a constant presence of goldens in our home.

Following my university studies, I relocated to the West Midlands and soon convinced my husband that we needed a golden of our own and in 2008 we brought home our first golden Harvey. Shortly after, I sought a groomer for Harvey and I was fortunate to meet Melissa Loverock (Lovissa) and through that friendship forged on a mutual love of our fantastic breed soon found myself part of the golden community.

In 2014 my first show golden Buddy (Lovissa Space Dust) was born, he was not initially supposed to stay but fate intervened and this special dog became the foundation of my involvement in dog showing. To date, I have been incredibly fortunate that my dogs have achieved great success in the show ring obtaining 4 stud book numbers and 2 show champion titles.

In terms of my education and work experience, I have a strong academic background with a BA in Management and Law. During my career I have worked across a number of roles and industries, generally finding myself working in large corporate organisations. I have previously worked for Ernst & Young, DTZ (now Cushman & Wakefield), Hibu (Yellow pages) and Honeywell.

I have been in my current role with DPD for almost 9 years and currently work with our elite sales team who target large, mainly corporate clients. My role is primarily focused on complex integrations and contractual negotiations, providing proposal or bid information and coordinating the various team members and departments to achieve a successful onboarding of new customers to enable our team to consistently deliver our multi million pound target.

My current and previous roles have enabled me to build up a broad set of skills and experience which I am confident would be of benefit to the GRC and I am keen to contribute to the goals and objectives of the committee in any way I can to support the future success of the club as it continues to evolve.