

## Puppy Info Request

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As a breeding kennel we feel it's important to do our best to produce pups that conform to the American Kennel Club Standards for Golden Retrievers.

Their General Appearance should be of a symmetrical, powerful, active dog, sound and well put together, not clumsy nor long in the leg, displaying a kindly expression and possessing a personality that is eager, alert and self-confident. Primarily a hunting dog, he should be shown in hard working condition.

As far as size the males should stand 23-24 inches in height at withers; females 21 1/2-22 1/2 inches. The animal's length from breastbone to point of buttocks slightly greater than height at withers in ratio of 12:11. The weight for males between 65-75 pounds, and for females between 55-65 pounds.

The head of a golden retriever should be broad in skull, slightly arched laterally and longitudinally without prominence of frontal bones (forehead) or occipital bones. Stop well defined but not abrupt. Foreface deep and wide, nearly as long as skull. Muzzle straight in profile, blending smooth and strongly into skull; when viewed in profile or from above, slightly deeper and wider at stop than at tip. No heaviness in flews. Removal of whiskers is permitted but not preferred.

Eyes friendly and intelligent in expression, medium large with dark, close-fitting rims, set well apart and reasonably deep in sockets. Color preferably dark brown; medium brown acceptable. Slant eyes and narrow, triangular eyes detract from correct expression and are to be faulted. No white or haw visible when looking straight ahead. Ears rather short with front edge attached well behind and just above the eye and falling close to cheek. When pulled forward, tip of ear should just cover the eye. Nose black or brownish black, though fading to a lighter shade in cold weather not serious. Teeth scissors bite, in which the outer side of the lower incisors touches the inner side of the upper incisors

Their topline should consist of a medium long neck, merging gradually into well laid back shoulders, giving sturdy, muscular appearance. Backline strong and level from withers to slightly sloping croup, whether standing or moving. Body well balanced, short coupled, deep through the chest. Chest between forelegs at least as wide as a man's closed hand including thumb, with well developed forechest. Brisket extends to elbow. Ribs long and well sprung but not barrel shaped, extending well towards hindquarters. Loin short, muscular, wide and deep, with very little tuck-up. Tail well set on, thick and muscular at the base, following the natural line of the croup. Tail bones extend to, but not below, the point of hock. Carried with merry action, level or with some moderate upward curve.

Their forequarters should be muscular, well coordinated with hindquarters and capable of free movement. Shoulder blades long and well laid back with upper tips fairly close together at withers. Upper arms appear about the same length as the blades, setting the elbows back beneath the upper tip of the blades, close to the ribs without looseness. Legs, viewed from the front, straight with good bone, but not to the point of coarseness. Pasterns short and strong, sloping slightly with no suggestion of weakness. Dewclaws on forelegs may be removed, but are normally left on. Feet medium size, round, compact, and well knuckled, with thick pads. Excess hair may be trimmed to show natural size and contour.

Their hindquarters need to be broad and strongly muscled. Profile of croup slopes slightly; the pelvic bone slopes at a slightly greater angle. In a natural stance, the femur joins the pelvis at approximately a 90-degree angle; stifles well bent; hocks well let down with short, strong rear pasterns. The back Feet should follow the same guidelines as the front feet. Legs straight when viewed from rear.

A Golden Retriever's Coat is dense and water-repellent with good undercoat. Outer coat firm and resilient, neither coarse nor silky, lying close to body; may be straight or wavy. Untrimmed natural ruff; moderate feathering on back of forelegs and on underbody; heavier feathering on front of neck, back of thighs and underside of tail. Coat on head, paws, and front of legs is short and even.

Their color should be rich, lustrous golden of various shades. Feathering may be lighter than rest of coat. With the exception of graying or whitening of face or body due to age, any white marking, other than a few white hairs on the chest, should be penalized according to its extent. Allowable light shadings are not to be confused with white markings.

In the ring a golden retriever's gait should be free, smooth, powerful and well coordinated, showing good reach. Viewed from any position, legs turn neither in nor out, nor do feet cross or interfere with each other. As speed increases, feet tend to converge toward center line of balance. It is recommended that dogs be shown on a loose lead to reflect true gait.

And of course temperament for a golden retriever is friendly, reliable, and trustworthy.

These standards have been approved and accepted on October 13, 1981 and reformatted August 18, 1990.

These standards were found on the AKC Web Site

"Golden Retriever Breed Standard."

These are our partially trained Golden Retriever puppies and are available now..

We have found many of our clients would like a younger pup that they can finish training themselves.

Each pup is already crate trained & sleep through the night without an accident. We train the pups to come to both a whistle & a snap. They have also learned to: Walk on a Leash, Sit, Stay, High 5 Down, Stay, Come, Wait at the door, Fetch & Drop, Not to jump up on people, Not to chew on anything but toys. They have been well socialized.

Of Course at this age they will have lapses & they need continuing education. They will work well for short times, because like most children they have short attention spans. But in your home you will help them to become the well mannered Canine Citizen that you expect & they will help you become a responsible dog owner.

### Fully Trained

The pups that we choose for obedience training are among the best of the litter. We start with a pup that has outstanding conformation, a sweet temperament & a calm disposition. We begin professionally training the pups at 6 weeks old. With over 17 years experience in Golden Retriever training, we easily train your puppy to be an excellent companion. When they are placed in a home, they will be potty trained, crate trained, walk on a leash, basic obedience training including: come, sit, stay, down, wait, heel & High 5. They learn to chase & retrieve the ball & drop it at your feet. They will learn right from wrong.

Included with all of the above your preschool pup will learn about riding in a car. We take the pups out on field trips while attending sporting events, shopping, picking up kids or doing errands. Here they socialize with a variety of people & new experiences in order to prepare them for the outside world with their new families.

While in training your pup will live in our home with us. We teach the pups not to bite at hands, feet or clothes, taught not to jump up, to come when called, and that digging & barking are not allowed. During the course of obedience training, your pup will also learn to be groomed and how to behave for the bathing, blow drying, nail trimming, teeth brushing & ear cleaning.

Ideally, training time is about 2 months, although some pups take less time & other a bit more, it all depends on the pups personality & how quickly they pick up their obedience training. They are all individuals and we have to take that into consideration with their training.

Before they go home they will have been Microchipped with an AVID Microchip.

We do all of our training, in our home. We believe that in order to train a puppy to become a great companion he/she needs to be trained in the home. They will have been a constant companion to our family. We will have spent many hours everyday working with their obedience training. They will be very well socialized with people and other animals.

We recently became more involved in placing dogs with children with disabilities. We have a number of our trained dogs that are working with children with Autism. As well as several that have gone on to become Canine Companions for

Independence, working in grief counseling & other service & therapy related jobs. While not all of our animals are capable of becoming working companions, we have enough experience in matching dogs with their new homes, that we can assist you in choosing a companion to help with whatever your special needs may be.

We send home all of our trainees with an information booklet and DVD so their new families can continue with the training we have started and helping their new family members to be good, well mannered canine citizens.