

Puppy Questionnaire

This is my "form" questionnaire I send out to anyone considering a puppy from me. Anyone who is in consideration for one of my dogs needs to fill this out so I will have some basic information to help me assess what type dog you would like as well as other pertinent information. The beginning is a bit about me and my objectives for your information, as well. If you are interested in this litter, please send back the lower questionnaire portion with your answers! Thanks!

Questionnaire for Prospective Puppy/Dog Owners

Thank you for inquiring about my Golden Retrievers. I am a dedicated "fancier" who participates in various dog-related events such as agility, obedience and the conformation ring. I breed occasionally to produce what I believe to be quality Golden Retrievers that conform to the breed standard, are intelligent, and have the natural hunting, retrieving, and swimming instincts the breed was bred to possess. I give priority to breeding for health above conformation issues, if the choice has to be made, and have decided not to go to many lines for this reason.

Temperament is my top priority and I strive to breed only Golden's that will make wonderful house dogs that are friendly toward all people and other dogs. I also focus on doing all I can to produce physically and mentally sound dogs.

Through competition, membership in the national Golden Retriever Club, articles in magazines, books, and the information shared via Golden and dog related email lists plus other internet sources, I am exposed to other points of view, educational programs, updated rules and regulations and more importantly have an opportunity to share concerns, information and ideas with other concerned and knowledgeable dog people.

When I have litters, I try to make sure all my puppies are sold to loving committed homes. I do my best to screen the owners to ensure a good match between the puppy and the buyer. Before the puppy leaves my home, it has been well cared for and socialized. I start the pups on a raw diet (no dog food), which is how I feed all my dogs. I highly encourage feeding raw natural foods over kibble but I do not require it. I would be more than happy to share information about this way of feeding.

The puppy does not go to its new owner as a trained, well-mannered finished product, of course. It is up to the puppy buyer to complete the job we have started. The new owner is responsible for the further development of the puppy's personality, through structured discipline, training, guidance, and love. I am available to offer guidance with the care and handling of this pup and both encourage and expect that the new owner will come to me with any questions or concerns.

Before the pups leave here, they are current on their vaccinations, wormed several times, and micro chipped with Home Again microchips for a permanent form of ID. All research facilities are required to scan any dog they get and most animal shelters and dog

pounds have scanners they use also. This will trace the dog back to the owners if they are ever lost.

All of my pet puppies are sold on a Limited Registration, which means that if the dog is bred, the resulting offspring will not be recognized nor can they be registered with the AKC. Pet puppies are required to be spayed/neutered unless at some later date I reevaluate the dog to be of show/breeding quality. At this time, I can reverse the Limited Registration to a full registration and each individual case is handled as the situation deems appropriate in my opinion. I do not sell pups to go out of America unless this is specifically addressed up front. In general, I am more comfortable with having the pups living relatively close by where I can keep in close contact. Any and all transfers must be cleared with me as it is important to me to be in contact with my pup's homes for the life of the pup, and available to all owners to answer any questions and learn about any issues (both good and bad) concerning all PINE MOUNTAIN GOLDENS.

As much as possible I attempt to evaluate each puppy's personality by observing them during their development. I also have fellow dog fanciers analyze the litter and follow structured evaluation and temperament tests. I attempt to match the puppy to the buyer to produce the best fit of puppy and family.

Prior to taking the puppy home you will be given information on training and care of your puppy and a list of the proper equipment and supplies to obtain prior to bringing your puppy home. I also will supply you with a "Puppy Packet" which includes pictures of both parents, a copy of the pedigree, a sample copy of our sales agreement, clearance information on the parents, history of the parent's competition in the breed ring, and other information I wish to include.

I make every effort to ensure that my puppies are free from inherited defects, by screening perspective breeding stock for those problems common to the breed as determined by the Golden Retriever Club of America. However due to complex genetic interactions and environmental factors beyond my control, I cannot guarantee that a puppy purchased from us will be free of genetic disorders. The pup is warranted to be free of genetic or structural faults that would dramatically impact the puppy's quality or length of life. This would include, but is not limited to, conditions such as crippling hip dysplasia or severe heart conditions that would affect the quality and length of this dog's life. It would not include mild problems that may be genetic but will not affect the dog's life as a quality pet.

Please take into consideration the costs of dog ownership and be sure it fits into your budget. You will need to allow for the cost of adequate housing, fencing, quality food and veterinary expenses. Also be aware that this breed requires regular brushing and attention.

In an effort to ensure that my puppies are going to receive the love and care they will require throughout their lives, I ask all potential buyers to complete this questionnaire. If you wish to be put on our waiting list you must complete and return the questionnaire to

me. Please complete the following information and return this to me when done. If you would like to speak to me in person, please feel free to call me at 304-722-2767 or 304-549-2831. Evenings before 10: 00 pm and weekends are the best times to reach me. Thanks for your inquiry!

Golden Retriever Purchaser Questionnaire

You're Name,

Address

Phone Number:

E-Mail Address:

Your birthdates(s):

Please list other family members in this household such as a spouse or roommate and children. If any occupants are children, please also include their ages.

Are your children (if any) okay around dogs and other animals?

Do you rent or own your residence?

Do you have a fenced yard?

If not, how will you provide security for your puppy when it's outside or when you're away?

Is there someone home during the day, or able to get home to "potty" a puppy?

Where will this puppy spend the day?

Will this puppy have regular contact with its family during the day?

Where will this puppy spend the evening?

Will this puppy have regular contact with its family during the evening?

Where will this puppy sleep?

What type of personality are you looking for in your dog?

Please give me any other information you think will help me get to know you and your needs with respect to placing a puppy most suited to your family/lifestyle:

What sex are you interested in?

Would you consider a puppy of another sex if your preference is not available?

Do you want a dog for?

Show

Obedience

Pet/companion

Gift

Guard dog

Breeding

For Child

Other?

If other, please explain:

Do you agree that, if for some reason you are unable to care for this dog, I will be contacted about its relocation and will need to approve?

All my pet quality puppies are sold on AKC Limited Registration and spay/neuter agreements. Do you have a problem with this?

If Yes, why?

Are you aware that Golden Retrievers are large dogs that shed (sometimes quite profusely)?

Are you willing to attend group training classes with this dog?

Have you ever owned a Golden before?

If you haven't owned a Golden before, what other breed of dog have you owned? (If you haven't owned a dog before, please state.)

Do you still own the dog(s) mentioned above?

If not, what happened to the dog(s)?

In the past, have you had any significant difficulties with dogs you have owned? If so, please explain:

Have you ever given up a dog to a shelter or pound? If so, why?

Who will have primary responsibility for the care of this puppy?

Do all family members agree on the addition of a Golden to the family?

If not, who is not in favor of getting a Golden and why?

Please give me the name, address, and phone number of your vet (or one that has worked with you in the past):

Please give me the name, address, and phone number and email address, if available, of two or more references, preferably people who have knowledge about dogs. If this is a show puppy, other active exhibitors are preferable.

How did you find Pine Mountain Golden's? (Referral from another buyer, Breeder Directory, etc.)

Thank you for the inquiry and your time in answering the questions.

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