

Golden Treasures Rescue

ADOPTION APPLICATION

ABOUT THE ADOPTION PROCESS

Thank you for your interest in adopting a rescued Golden Retriever from Golden Treasures. Our application process is designed to match the attributes and personality of our rescued Golden Retrievers to the home best-suited to each dog. If you are able to provide the special home that a rescued Golden deserves, we hope to be able to match you with the right dog, with attributes and personalities that are best suited to your home. Once your application is received, our volunteers do a vet check. If that is satisfactory, your application is assigned to a volunteer for interview. Once an application is approved, we arrange for a home visit. If we match you with a dog, you will be put in contact with the foster home to talk in more detail about that dog. If, after speaking with the foster home, you both agree this is a good match, then a meet and greet is set up. A decision is made after all these steps are taken. The completion of this form does not guarantee adoption of a dog from GT. **Please allow 2-3 weeks for processing. If you have questions, contact us at info@Goldentreasuresrescue.org.**

OUT OF STATE ADOPTION POLICY

We do out-of-state adoptions within a reasonable distance, as long as the entire family (children and dogs included) is willing to drive here for a meet and greet. After an adoption takes place, and the dog is returned at any time for any reason, the adopter must DRIVE the dog back to us.

THINGS TO CONSIDER BEFORE ADOPTION

- Good dog care in our area can cost \$1,200 annually. This includes annual vet care, inoculations, parasite testing, monthly heartworm and flea preventative, quality dog food, toys, miscellaneous equipment, boarding/kennel fees, grooming

and other supplies. This does not include any injuries or illnesses the dog may incur.

- The dogs available for adoption are contingent upon those relinquished to us, so there is an on-going ebb and flow of dogs in our program. If you decided to purchase a Golden puppy instead, please visit www.GRCA.org for a list of reputable breeders.

ABOUT YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

Applicants must be 21 or older

Date _____

Applicant's Name:

First Name _____

Last Name _____

Age _____

Co-Applicant's Name:

First Name _____

Last Name _____

Age _____

Relationship to primary Applicant _____

Applicant's Address:

Street address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

County _____

Primary Phone _____

Alternate Phone _____

Mobile phone _____

Email _____

Employed or retired _____

What is your Occupation?: _____

Names/ages of all other humans in the household: _____

Children – If you do not have children living in your home, will your adopted dog come in regular contact with children (e.g. grandchildren, etc?) _____

If yes, please indicate ages and anticipated contact frequency. _____

Number of Adults _____

Number of children under the age of 21 _____

How should we contact you? Please add Golden Treasures to your email addresses.

What is the best time to contact you? Do you have any trips planned in the near future? If so, when? _____

Home type (single-family, apartment, condo, ranch, colonial, duplex) Are you the owner? If not, do you have written permission from your landlord to have a large dog? _____

Do you own a second home or property? If so what is the address? _____

Do you have plans to move from your current home anytime soon? _____

Do you have a *completely* fenced-in backyard? _____

Fence type and height _____

Do you agree to keep your dog contained in a fenced yard or on a leash when not in a fenced area? _____

Do you have a pool, pond, creek, or any other water on your property? _____

Will the dog regularly be taken to any other family residences, e.g. weekend or vacation home? _____

Are there pets in the home now? If so, tell us a little about them

Are all pets current on vaccines and are your dogs on heartworm prevention? What brand of prevention and where do you obtain it? _____

Do you have any dog doors in your home leading to the outside? _____

If yes, will the dog have access to these when you are not home? _____

Where will the dog be kept or have access to when no one is home?

Is anyone allergic to dogs? _____

Is anyone afraid of dogs? _____

Is anyone in the household a previous GT adopter? _____

Does anyone in the house have a physical disability or serious health condition? _____

CARING FOR YOUR DOG

Who will be primarily responsible for the care of the adopted dog? _____

Is anyone regularly at home during the day? _____

Typically, how long will your dog be alone during the day? _____

Where will the dog reside/have access to when no one is at home? _____

Where will the dog be kept during the day? _____

Where will the dog sleep at night? _____

How do you plan to exercise the dog? _____

Where will the dog stay when you're on vacation? _____

DOG OWNERSHIP AND EXPERIENCE

Will this be your first dog? _____

Please list the names of other dogs you've had within the last 10 years, and the approximate time frame you've had them. _____

Will this be your first Golden Retriever or Labrador Retriever? _____

Have you ever sold, given away or surrendered a pet to another person or shelter? If so, please describe circumstances. _____

Have you ever had a pet die because of age, illness, accident or euthanasia? If yes, please describe the circumstances. _____

Have you ever used a crate to train a dog? _____

What type and brand of dog food do you currently use or have used in the past for your dogs? Do you measure the food or free-feed? Have any of your current or past dogs ever had weight issues? _____

If GT recommends using a higher quality food for your adopted dog, are you willing and able to make that change? _____

Do you plan to groom the dog yourself, or use a groomer or both? If using a professional groomer, how often? _____

How will you exercise your dog? _____

How do you plan to train your dog to be a well-mannered member of the family? _____

Have you or a family member ever completed an obedience course with another dog? _____

Are you aware that *routine* costs of maintaining a dog average \$800-\$1,200 per year? _____

BREED INFORMATION AND PREFERENCES

Are you aware that Golden Retrievers are very active dogs (especially when young) and will require significant daily exercise and ongoing training? _____

Are you aware that Goldens shed year-round? _____

Are you aware that Goldens are large dogs and may jump and knock down young children or the elderly? _____

Do all members of the family want to adopt a GT dog? _____

Some dogs are accustomed to being allowed on furniture/beds, others are not. For placement information purposes, will your dog be allowed on furniture/beds? _____

Why do you want to adopt a rescued dog from GT? _____

What is your age preference? (check all that apply):

0-1 year (adoption fee \$600) _____

2 – 4 years (adoption fee \$500) _____

5 – 8 years (adoption fee \$400) _____

9 and older (adoption fee \$300) _____

No preference _____

Please specify which breed(s) you would consider (check all that apply):

Golden Retriever _____

Golden mix _____

What gender of dog do you prefer? _____

Would you consider adopting a bonded pair of dogs? _____

For applicants with no current dogs, would you consider a dog that does not get along well with other dogs? (We get many wonderful dogs that need to be "the only dog in the household.") _____

Would you consider adopting a special needs dog? (E.g. one with physical or sensory impairment or one that requires medication to control a chronic but controlled condition?) _____

When will you actually be ready for a dog? _____

VETERINARIAN CONTACT INFORMATION

**Please contact your vet(s) within 1 business day and give them
permission to release information to us.**

Current vet's name, address and phone _____

Which dogs did this vet treat? Time frame? _____

Previous vets' names, addresses and phone _____

Which dogs did this vet treat? Time frame? _____

How did you hear about Golden Treasures? _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please provide any additional information that you may feel is relevant and has not already been covered in this application. Also, please include any special requirements or requests you may have that we haven't covered. The more we know about you, your family, lifestyle and existing pets, the better! Keep in mind that this application is just a guideline and other questions and issues will be discussed in more detail during the interview process. Any questions that you may have during the process should be addressed by email to info@goldentresuresrescue.org.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The information I have provided in this Adoption Application Form is accurate and complete.

I understand and accept that Golden Treasures' adoption and matchmaking process involves mutual decision-making between the adopter, the adoption team and the foster home and is based on determining which family or individual can best meet the needs of each dog in the program. Golden Treasures' adoption team will take my preferences regarding age, activity level, etc. into consideration, but the completion of this application does not in any way guarantee that Golden Treasures will adopt a dog to me.

If I adopt a dog from Golden Treasures, it will reside in my home as a pet. I will provide it with adequate shelter, food, water, training, affection and medical care, including monthly heartworm preventatives.

I understand that I must consent to an interview and a home visit before approval to adopt a Golden Treasures dog is granted. Reference checks may also be required.

I understand and agree that Golden Treasures may refuse my application for any reason, at its sole discretion. I also understand that Golden Treasures may not disclose the reason for not approving my application, in order to maintain the privacy of both myself and the Golden Treasures volunteers.

I understand that upon completing an adoption, I must sign a mutually acceptable Animal Adoption Contract, which shall be provided by Golden Treasures.

I have read and agree to the terms and conditions above.

(signature)

Golden Treasures requests what may seem to be a lot of information, but our goal is to find the right fit for you and for our dog. We ask about your home, interest, and lifestyle and then work to have that coincide with our dog's social, exercise and training needs. We want to bring you and a dog together through education and discovery, and accomplish this through our conversations (email and telephone) to make this a positive experience and a permanent home for one of our great dogs.

