ADPTION 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 Goldens 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 _______________________________ ______________________

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 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

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

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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._____________________________________________________________
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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? ______

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Have you or a family member ever completed an obedience course with another dog?
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Are you aware that routine costs of maintaining a dog average $800-$1,200 per year?__

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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? _________________________________

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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):
0-3 (adoption fee $400) ______
4-7 (adoption fee $300) ______
8 and older (adoption fee $200) ______
No preference ______

Any dogs we bring over from Turkey are $800, no matter the age.

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.")

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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 __________________________
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Which dogs did this vet treat? Time frame? __________________________

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Previous vets' names, addresses and phone __________________________

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Which dogs did this vet treat? Time frame? __________________________

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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@goldentreasuresrescue.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.*