

Deer Creek Retrievers

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Thank you for your interest in our Golden Retrievers. We are very proud of the love and attention we give to our goldens and their puppies. Please take a minute to read through these Frequently Asked Questions, you will find our questionnaire at the end.

Please email us at john.mlnarik@gmail.com with a brief introduction about yourself, you will not be considered for one of our goldens without sending us the personal email. Visit our website goldens.pet to see what we have been up and learn more about us.

Why did you start breeding Golden Retrievers?

Our first golden, Lindmar's Kodiak King (Kody) was an energetic male and he had some health problems that meant he didn't live as long as he should have. Our second golden, Jovi Faith of Golden Stone (Jovi) was a gift from Santa in 2017 to our middle daughter, Amelia. Since the day we got her, all our kids (JT, Amelia, and Paulina) have been asking if we could have puppies of our own. Because of our interaction with reputable breeders and in order to have dogs that live a long healthy life, we breed to have healthy goldens, not to just breed a mediocre golden litter. In short, we breed our puppies to the Golden Retriever Standard. We feel it is a breeder's responsibility to breed for quality.

If I email/mail a Questionnaire, does that put my on the waiting list?

No, the Questionnaire is just the first step in the process. The more we know about you the more information we have to the suitability for you and our puppies. Talking to us and or meeting us should be a priority but is not a requirement. Our puppies are in high demand and usually we have potential owners on our list for months ahead.

Does a deposit put me on the waiting list and is it refundable?

A \$500 non-refundable deposit puts you firmly on the waiting list in the order your deposit was received. Your deposit is non-refundable, so please make sure you are comfortable with your decision. If for some reason we cannot supply you with a puppy from the litter you are on the list for, you will be put at the top in the order your deposit came in, to the next appropriate litter. Most times this would be if the litter resulted in fewer puppies than expected, or the sex of the puppy you requested is not available. Once we have received a deposit, we will email you a receipt. When this questionnaire is signed, dated and returned to us, your deposit will be recorded.

How to place a Deposit

When you are ready to place a deposit, you will need to send a check, deliver cash or pay via PayPal or Venmo.

How much is a puppy from Deer Creek Retrievers?

Our puppy prices are in line with the standard costs of a well bred puppy from a responsible and reputable breeder. Please contact us for current pricing and additional information.

I see that you require a 6 week dog obedience class for a puppy before 6 months old.

What does that mean?

As dog owners we have seen how important it is for the puppy and family to start out on the right foot. Our contract requires that a puppy must attend an obedience class before the dog reaches 8 months of age. If you live within a 40 mile radius of the best training facility we know, we recommend that you take that initial class at PrairieWyn from Julie and Holly Simmons at 20382 Ingram Ave, Pacific Junction, IA 51561. If you live more than 40 mile from Prairie Wyn you may take classes from any other **approved** class in your area. You may want to ask us for a recommendation as we usually have good contacts in most cities. Sometimes our lifestyle today is very busy and full due to children's activities and job concerns. IF you are not prepared to commit to at least one 6 week class, you will want to schedule a different litter/puppy, at a time where you can commit to a class.

A boy or girl puppy?

Choosing between a male or female puppy is really a personal choice. In Golden Retrievers, there is really, not a whole lot of distinction between the sexes and they are very interchangeable. The breeder matches puppy to person, so being able to look thru the whole litter and being flexible in that area, is going to help us find the right puppy for you.

Can we come and visit your dogs and the puppies when after they are born?

We love and prefer to meet you before you get your puppy from us. This helps us evaluate if one of our puppies will be a good match for your family. It is not a requirement but a good idea and what we prefer. You are welcome to come out to our home and meet our dogs any time that it is convenient for both of us. Once I have puppies born, we do NOT allow any outside visitation until the puppies are at least 4 weeks old. We do this for the protection of the puppies and moms, as many viruses' and disease can be carried to them. I plan a 'puppy party' sometime around 5-6 weeks of age where all families can come and play with and look at puppies. With the advent of Covid-19 we may require that everyone show proof of vaccination and wear a mask at the puppy party. Be prepared to allow plenty of time to play with the puppies and to join in the discussion about preparing to bring your puppy home.

What happens if I can no longer keep this dog/puppy?

We require that if for some unforeseen reason, you cannot keep your puppy or dog, that you contact us and return the dog to us for evaluation and placement. Your dog's well- being is very important to us and we feel we have the proper resources to be able to find your pet a new home. This will be done by either keeping them ourselves, or finding an appropriate home for them. Since we will be re-homing the dog, we ask that you turn all of their paperwork along with their AKC papers over to us, and we will ask you to sign over the dog's registration to us for no remuneration.

Do you have the White Golden Retrievers or Dark Golden Retrievers?

Most of what we have is classified as medium gold although some are lighter or darker than others. We breed for type, temperament, longevity and intelligence, with color down on our list of priorities. There is really no such thing as the 'Rare White Golden'; they are just extremely blonde dogs. ALL Golden Retrievers despite color are Golden Retrievers.

Do you have both the Sire and the Dam on the premises?

We only have the dames (the puppies mother) on premises. We work with other breeders in the are to get the best stud dogs and look for the best possible match for our girls.

Can I pick out my own puppy?

We pick out the puppy that best matches the home and lifestyle of the family it will be going to live with. We believe this will allow for the most successful placement for the puppy and your family. We know the personality of the puppies they rear and hope you will trust our expertise. However, if you do not feel it is a good match, you are not obligated to take the puppy that is picked out for you. We select these puppy placements, based on several factors. 1) Our evaluations, 2) Deposit Order 3) Gender Preference, 4) Your favorites at the puppy party.

Can I have a puppy that will go home in May or June?

We have no control on the estrus cycles of our girls. They cycle about every 7 months. There are various things that interfere with breeding cycles, and it best to be prepared for whenever that time happens to be. We understand that some time frames are more convenient than others.

We are planning a family vacation around the same time that puppies should be ready to go home!

Puppies will be placed into their new homes between 7 to 8 weeks of age. You will need to be available to pick up your puppy when feel the puppy is ready to go home. The only exception is if we need to hold the puppy for further evaluation. Be prepared to take possession of the puppy within 5 days of our notifying you that your puppy is ready! Exemptions include those that need to book flights/ or live out of state. For best puppy bonding, puppies should be with their families before 9 weeks of age. If you are unable to pick up your puppy in this time frame, we ask that you consider another litter.

Continue to the questionnaire portion below.

Please print sign the questionnaire. Mail it back or scan it in and e-mail it to us.

Electronic Signature via DocuSign are acceptable.

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Client Questionnaire

Your assistance in completing this questionnaire will help us to place the right puppy with the right family. If you feel that additional information would be helpful, please add it on the reverse side. All information will be kept confidential and used only by us. **Submission of this questionnaire is not a guarantee that a puppy will be available.** We reserve the right to screen all applicants. Thank you for your interest in our Golden Retrievers.

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| Name: | | Email: | | Date: |
| Spouses Name: | | Home phone: | | Cell phone: |
| Current address: | | | | |
| City: | | State: | | ZIP Code: |
| INFORMATION | | | | |
| What the Breeder is looking for in her dogs? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This litter will be bred with all possible attention to the standard of Golden Retrievers, and concerns for known health problems of the Golden Retriever in general. Breeding stock will be cleared for hips, elbows, eyes, and heart problems. We are breeding for good temperament, sound health, and attractive looks. | | | | |
| What does the Breeder expect from the purchaser? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We expect the puppy owner to provide one of our puppies with a loving home, for the puppy to be considered a household member, and to provide a safe and secure environment and normal medical attention. | | | | |
| QUESTIONS | | | | |
| How did you learn about Deer Creek Retrievers? | | | | |
| Why have you decided on a Golden Retriever? | | | | |
| Have you owned a Golden Retriever before? Have you owned any other breed of dog before? | | | | |
| What is your preference: | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Male | <input type="checkbox"/> Female | <input type="checkbox"/> No preference, whatever the breeder feels is right for us | | |
| What is the most important reason for you purchasing a Golden Retriever? | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family companion | <input type="checkbox"/> Show dog | <input type="checkbox"/> Obedience trialing | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Field trialing | <input type="checkbox"/> Breeding | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | | |
| Are all members of your family ready for a new puppy? | | | | |
| Ages of children in the home? | | | | |
| Does any member of your family have allergies? | | | | |
| Do you currently own any other pets? | | | | |

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Do you live in a(n):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> House | <input type="checkbox"/> Townhouse |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Condominium | <input type="checkbox"/> Apartment |

Do you own or rent the residence that you reside in?

Is your yard completely fenced in?

Will someone be home with the puppy/dog during the day?

Where will the dog reside?

Where will the puppy/dog be housed during the day when no one is home?

Will you take this puppy to socialization and/or obedience classes?

Have you completed any AKC titles? If so, which ones.

Are you affiliated with any dog clubs?

What are your goals for this puppy?

Do you agree not to let this puppy/dog in the back of an open vehicle?

Do you agree never to let this puppy/dog run loose in an unfenced area unsupervised?

Have you ever had to euthanize a puppy or dog other than for old age?

Have you ever had to place a puppy or dog?

Do you realize that all pet puppies will be sold on a spay/neuter contract and [Limited Registration](#)?

Are you willing to take responsibility for this dog and its needs for the next 10-15 years?

Are you willing to invest the considerable time, money and patience it takes to train the dog to be a good companion? Which includes classes and proper socialization?

Do you realize that Golden Retrievers will shed, drool, and have a high activity level?
We DO NOT recommend shaving your Golden.

Are you willing to spend the money it takes for proper veterinary care including but not limited to: vaccines, heartworm testing and preventative and annual checkups?

Are you willing to feed this puppy a good quality dog food? Breeder recommends [Royal Canin Golden Retriever](#) or [ProPlan 30/20 Chicken Sport](#).

Are you willing to accept responsibility for this dog despite inevitable life changes such as: new babies, kids going off to school, moving or returning to work?

Will you be willing to keep in touch with us during the lifetime of your dog, as we "keep tabs" on all of our "kids"?
Please join our online groups to share pictures and talk to other puppy owners!

PRAIRIEWYN DOG OBEDIENCE

We realize that lives are busy these days, but are you ready to make a commitment to attend at least one session of classes? If you live within the local area (40 mile radius) are you willing to take at least one basic obedience class session from our recommended trainers at PrairieWyn?

ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION YOU FEEL WOULD BE HELPFUL IN PLACING A PUPPY WITH YOU?

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REFERENCES

| Name/Relationship | Email | Phone |
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| (Vet) | | |
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THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS NEED TO BE ANSWERED ONLY IF THIS PUPPY/DOG IS NOT GOING TO SPAYED OR NEUTERED AND IS BEING SOLD FOR THE PURPOSE OF SHOWING AND BREEDING ON A CO-OWNERSHIP:

- Are you willing to take full responsibility for all puppies produced by this dog for their lifetime?
- Are you willing to get OFA hip and elbow certifications, and annual CERF eye certification and OFA heart certifications from board certified veterinarians for this dog before you choose to breed it?
- Do you agree that you will not intentionally breed this dog before 24 months of age?
- Do you agree that all *show prospects* will be on a co-ownership with breeder?

SIGNATURES

Once you have reviewed this form and sent it in, we will review all information. If you have any questions or concerns, this would be the time to discuss them.

We like to meet with all prospective owners before placing a puppy. Once your questionnaire is reviewed we like to set up a time for you to come out and meet us and the dogs. At this time we can discuss what you are looking for in your new puppy and what kinds of activities you will be doing with the puppy/dog.

We ask for a \$500 deposit (non-refundable) to secure a puppy for you. This is to show that you are seriously ready to have a new puppy enter your home and have taken the time to think through all the time and commitment that is needed to raise this new addition to your family.

Deposits can be given at any point prior to whelping. You will be put on the list in the order that your deposit was received. Once we have received a deposit, a deposit receipt form will be emailed to sender. Once this form is signed, dated and mailed to breeder your deposit will be recorded. If a litter does not result in any puppies or a puppy is not available, the prospective puppy buyer has the option to transfer their deposit to a future litter. That litter will be decided on by the litter owner and is at the sole discretion of the seller.

Make deposits out to: John Mlnarik
Or PAYPAL (Friends and Family) to john.mlnarik@gmail.com or Venmo to @John-Mlnarik last 4 7700

Show puppy placements will take precedence over companion puppies. The breeder will pick the puppy for the prospective owner. Our pet puppies are sold on a spay/neuter contract and on a Limited Registration.

When the litter reaches 4-5 weeks old, we host a puppy party. This is a MANDATORY event for a puppy buyer to attend. This will allow you to meet us, meet the puppies, and the other puppy owners. We use this time to also host a question and answer session, that will help prepare you to take your puppy home. In order for consideration for a puppy from a litter, you must attend the puppy party. You must also be ready to take puppy home when breeder deems it ready. If you cannot meet these requirements than your deposit will be put towards another litter, until you can meet these conditions.

If you are married, both parties must sign this Questionnaire, which is a prerequisite to the Pet Puppy Contract. You are signing that you have read, understand and agree to the above conditions.
 (Please sign if you have read and understand the above conditions.)

Please place a check mark here that you have read the frequently asked questions section before submitting questionnaire.

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| Signature of applicant: | Date: |
| Signature of spouse: | Date: |