



BELLA MAISE ESTATE • GOLDEN RETRIEVERS

Before You Apply

A short reflection for prospective puppy families

There's no right or wrong here — these are simply the things I like to talk through with every family before a puppy leaves the estate. Jot down whatever comes to mind; we'll go over it together when we speak.

— *Charlotte*

FULL NAME

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DATE

About You & Your Home

The everyday things — who's around, and what your space is like.

- 1 Have you owned a dog before, and what did that teach you?
- 2 Who's in the household, including any children or other pets?
- 3 Who will be home with the puppy day to day, especially in the first few weeks?
- 4 Do you have a securely fenced yard or safe outdoor space for a growing retriever?

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Life With a Golden

Goldens are affectionate, energetic, and famously mouthy as puppies.

- 1 How much time can you give to exercise and company each day?
- 2 Goldens carry a double coat and shed year-round, with a heavier "blow" twice a year — are you ready for regular brushing?
- 3 Are you committed to basic training and early socialisation?

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The Long Road Ahead

A puppy is a short season; a dog is a much longer one.

- 1 Do you understand why Bella Maise only breeds from health-tested parents (hips, elbows, eyes and DNA clearances), and what that means for you long-term?
- 2 Have you budgeted for food, grooming, insurance and vet care over a dog's lifetime?
- 3 Golden Retrievers typically live 10–12 years — what does your life look like over that stretch?

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Bella Maise Estate • Council-approved kennel license • Responsible Pet Breeder No. 16909

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