



BELLA MAISE ESTATE · GOLDEN RETRIEVERS

Settling-In Guide

For your Golden Retriever's first weeks at home

Before Pick-Up

- ☐ Puppy-safe fencing or barrier gate
- ☐ Chew-safe teething toys
- ☐ Crate with soft, washable bedding
- ☐ Extra-large crate sized for their adult frame
- ☐ Food & water bowls
- ☐ First vet visit booked
- ☐ Bella Maise puppy food pack, to ease the transition
- ☐ Microchip & council registration confirmed
- ☐ Collar, ID tag & lead
- ☐ Car harness or travel crate

A Golden's Care Rhythm

Less a checklist, more a rhythm — most of it becomes second nature within a week or two.

CADENCE	WHAT TO DO
Every day	Fresh water topped up, short gentle exercise and play, and a few minutes of training (sit, come, leave it).
Every day	Quiet settling time in their crate or safe space — a puppy needs to learn to be calm alone, too.
2–3× a week	Brush the coat — daily during a seasonal "blow" — using a slicker brush and undercoat rake.
Weekly	Check and gently clean their ears (floppy ears trap moisture), and check nails.
As prescribed	Worming and flea/tick prevention, on the schedule your vet sets.
Per vet schedule	Vaccinations, and later a hip & elbow assessment once your puppy is fully grown.

Training Basics

CUE	HOW TO TEACH IT
Sit	Ask, wait, and reward the moment they sit.
Come	Use a happy voice and reward every single return, even a slow one.
Down	Lure gently to the floor and reward once they've settled.
Leave it	Swap for something better rather than taking it away — reward the swap.
Drop it	Trade for a treat; never chase or grab.



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Your Puppy's Health Diary

Fill this in together at pick-up, and keep it somewhere handy for your first vet visit.

Feed puppy how many times a day

Raised on which puppy food

Worming / parasite prevention due

Flea & tick treatment due

Next vaccination due

Hip & elbow assessment due (post-growth)

Kit List

A few extras worth having on hand, beyond the essentials.

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| ☐ Gentle dog shampoo | ☐ Dental chews or a chew brush |
| ☐ Ear cleaner | ☐ Long-line lead for recall practice |
| ☐ Food storage container | ☐ Enzymatic stain & odour cleaner |

Extra Notes

Bella Maise Estate is here for the life of your puppy. If you ever have a question, or circumstances change and you're no longer able to care for your dog, please contact us first — before anyone else.

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