

Recommendations for your pup from the Clementis'

Food:

Golden Retriever:

Royal Canine is the puppy food I try to feed the mother while she carried them and after birth. It has been a food that meets many special needs for the diet of different breeds, ages and stages of the individual dog. That being said, since Covid I've had a hard time finding the food I need when I need it due to supply and demand. So I have been unable to keep a consistent brand which means my second choice is Purina pro plan if this is unavailable. (try to keep consistent so you can avoid upset stomachs) They make a special food tailored to Golden retrievers. As you search for the food that fits your new pup, as well as your family needs, this is a great option but it does tend to cost slightly higher and isn't readily available on the shelves of most retail stores.

I will attach their website and you can look to see if it's in a store near you, if your interested in continuing this dog food.

Golden Retriever Puppy Dry Dog Food -

Royal Canin

Purina Pro Plan is what I have used most consistently in feeding my pups. My adult dogs eat this brand of dog food. After researching for a different food plan, it had been recommended to me by many veterinarians, breeders and trainers. I like the availability to purchase in many different stores and online. More importantly, it has live probiotics which are good for digestive and the immune system, it also has DHA for brain and vision development and antioxidants for a newly developing immune system.

Chicken:

<https://www.chewy.com/purina-pro-plan-puppy-shredded-blend/dp/52467>

Salmon: (better for skin sensitivity)

<https://www.chewy.com/purina-pro-plan-adult-shredded-blend/dp/114025>

Poodle recommend food

Purina Pro small breed puppy food for the mini poodles

<https://www.chewy.com/purina-pro-plan-puppy-small-breed/dp/52427>

Other food choice:

Diamond Naturals has also been a great choice for feeding your dog. I have fed this to my adult dogs in the past, it is also a good option.

<https://www.chewy.com/diamond-naturals-chicken-rice-formula/dp/34918>

Bottom line- do your own research and you can find what works for you and your pup! When switching mix past food with new over a period of 10 or so days slowly increasing the new food so they don't have upset stomachs and messy poo!

How much to feed them??

Goldens will be close to 12-15lbs give or take a few pounds when they go home and likely 8 weeks old- Split between 3 feeding then 2 times a day and eventually you can go down to one a day.

Poodles (mini) go home about 5-6 lbs but mature weight of 14-17lbs and that will be 1/2 -2/3 cup a day

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You should find directions on the back of the dog food bag for measuring food appropriate to weight and age. It may vary slightly due to pup's activity level.

Always make sure they can have fresh water, but keep in mind you will need to take them out after they drink to use potty. At night it's a good idea to take water bowl away and only offer small amount so they can hold their bladder through the night!

#### POTTY

They are potty trained starting about 4 weeks old in our home in the kennel using pine pellets and a litter box. Having some pine pellets in your home to place outdoors where you desire to train them to go potty is very helpful in reminding them do their spot to relieve themselves. If you catch them relieving themselves indoor clap your hands to catch their attention and bring them outside.

Litter box :

[https://www.amazon.com/Doskocil-Petmate-Litter-Mouse-Jumbo/dp/B00JOZ48KK/ref=mp\\_s\\_a\\_1\\_3?crd=N0P0WVRAOF7Z&keywords=large+litter+box&qid=1675209498&srefix=large+litter+%2Caps%2C111&sr=8-3](https://www.amazon.com/Doskocil-Petmate-Litter-Mouse-Jumbo/dp/B00JOZ48KK/ref=mp_s_a_1_3?crd=N0P0WVRAOF7Z&keywords=large+litter+box&qid=1675209498&srefix=large+litter+%2Caps%2C111&sr=8-3)

Pine pellet :

<https://www.chewy.com/dr-pol-pine-pellet-cat-litter/dp/610870>

Flea and Ticks- yuck!

Ask your vet and then you can sign up for online ordering but need a prescription first.

Simparica (oral medication-must be over 4 months in age)

<https://www.chewy.com/simparica-chewable-tablets-dogs-221/dp/173126>

NexGard (can be given orally at 8 weeks old)

<https://www.chewy.com/nexgard-chewables-dogs-101-24-lbs/dp/173248>

Bravecto (given orally every 12 weeks)

<https://www.chewy.com/bravecto-soft-chews-dogs-99-22-lbs/dp/172904>

You will need to get prescription from vet or ask for approval for online ordering. It is given by weight. You'll need to be certain on your puppies current and accurate weight. These are both given orally once a month and it's easy and clean to use. If you don't use this, please find a different solution as lymes disease is very common in dogs without protection.

\*\*\*\*\*You should ask your vet about a lymes test and vaccine. Our dogs have been tested and received the vaccine. If it comes back negative when they first get tested (so do early) the company that manufactured the shot will cover any lyme treatment in the vet office, should they get lymes AFTER they are given the shot.

Heart guard

<https://www.chewy.com/heartgard-plus-chewables-dogs-26-50/dp/173232>

Protects your dog from heartworm and hookworm parasites. Ask your vet for more information on this. It's given orally.

Other worms- yuck!

Your puppy has been dewormed and stool will be checked for worms before they leave to your home. Ask your vet about worms, they should recommend you deworm them every 3-6 months and when they are older once a year.

We do our best to ensure they are parasite free when they leave our home. It is unfortunately very common to have parasites in puppies (it's estimated 95% of pups have them)

There is the chance that dormant parasites can be "awoken" due to the stress of leaving and entering a new environment. They can also be easily picked up in any indoor and outdoor environment as they are in the grass and ground outside.

We test their waste before they leave and if a possible case arises we will send them home with medicine. It's worth a recheck on their fecal when you bring them in for their first visit to be sure they haven't become infected.

Don't worry, it's a easy treatment and much more effective when they aren't among their litter mates!

How Do Dogs and Puppies Get Coccidia?

Dogs can get coccidia by ingesting the oocyst (immature coccidia) from a contaminated environment, such as soil or feces that contains coccidia.

Young puppies are more likely to become infected with coccidia when they are exposed to contaminated dog feces due to their underdeveloped immune system. This is why it is so important for puppies to have multiple fecal exams throughout their puppy visits with their veterinarian.

Stressful situations (traveling or moving to a new home environment), immunosuppression, or additional chronic diseases can make dogs more susceptible to coccidia infection.

A note to add on another type of parasite called Coccidia.

Can Humans Get Coccidia?

Coccidia is not a zoonotic disease, which means that humans cannot contract coccidia from a dog.

Ammonia is the best cleaning product to use as it eliminates the parasite.

Puppies try often to eat their poop. Quickly clean up so they can't get at it!

Kenneling

It is best to crate train for sleep and when you leave the house.

It helps with potty training and gives them a quiet place to feel secure. I recommend using a crate big enough to fit your puppy when he/she is full grown but is adjustable to keep them in half of the crate when they are small. They don't like to urinate and poo where they sleep, if it's a large area they may use half for potty and help for sleep and that will discourage outside potty training!

Also a pen is what we often have set up for playtime for the puppies. It's a safety play and nap areas that's nice to set up in a certain room of your choosing. It can keep the puppy safe from chewing on electrical cords and such, also to help prevent them from having accidents while your attention is turned to something else.

We set it up with a litter box with pine pellets and you can put the crate inside or attached. I'll attach the website below:

Amazon.com: Regalo 192-Inch Super Wide Adjustable Baby Gate and Play Yard, 4-In-1, Bonus Kit, 4 Count (Pack of 1 : Baby

Golden Retriever

They say 42 inch for a full grown golden retriever is a good fit. You decide what works in your space. You might stop using the crate earlier and won't need that big of one!

[https://www.amazon.com/dp/B000QFT1RC/ref=twister\\_B07DKNPMQM?\\_encoding=UTF8&psc=1](https://www.amazon.com/dp/B000QFT1RC/ref=twister_B07DKNPMQM?_encoding=UTF8&psc=1)

Mini Poodle

24 inch crate for poodle

Amazon.com : MidWest Homes for Pets Newly Enhanced Single & Double Door New World Dog Crate, Includes Leak-Proof Pan, Floor Protecting Feet, & New Patented Features : Pet Supplies

Walks-

Collars:

Golden's Neck size about 10-12 inches and size small, however they grow SOOO fast, so be ready for the next size up:)

Poodles that are minis necks can be 7-8 inches and can fit into cat collar or xs collar when they come home.

Harnesses- PLEASE USE HARNESS WHEN TAKING WALKS, AS PUPS DO NOT KNOW HOW TO WALK ON LEASH YET.

Sporn and Halti:

Both harnesses are very easy to use and I highly recommend them! You'll have to buy appropriate sizing. I use large size on my full grown Golden's and small on mini poodles. I assume small would work at first but they would grow fast into a medium and so on.

[https://www.amazon.com/dp/B002AV3NGA/ref=dp\\_cerb\\_2](https://www.amazon.com/dp/B002AV3NGA/ref=dp_cerb_2)

HALTI No Pull Harness- Non Pull Harness for Dogs, Ideal for No-Pull Training, Obedience, and Walks, Stops Leash Pulling and Choking, Comfortable, Adjustable, Humane, Durable, Safe

Amazon.com : HALTI No Pull Harness Size Large, Bestselling Professional Dog Harness to Stop Pulling on The Lead, Easy to Use, Anti-Pull Training Aid, Adjustable, Reflective and Breathable, for Large Dogs : Pet Supplies

Bones-

DON'T use rawhides- I don't recommend it, they can cause digestive issues and cause them to choke among other possible health issues.

DO- ask your local butcher or grocery store for bones. Or purchase roasted bones, deer/elk antlers or a kong to fill with peanut butter and keep them entertained.

Lots of chew bones and toys since they lose baby teeth this first year and grow adult teeth- they love to chew and better a bone than a shoe!!

Amazon.com : Amazing Dog Treats - Stuffed Shin Bone for Dogs (Bully Stick Flavor, 3-4 Inch - 5 Count) - All Natural Dog Bones : Pet Supplies

Amazon.com : Natural Farm Cow Hooves (6 Pack), Odor-Free, All Natural Sourced from Farm-Raised Beef Hoof Dog Treats, Great Alternative to Bully Sticks or Rawhide, Dental Chew for Small, Medium, Large Breeds : Pet Supplies

Find a good vet by asking around, word of mouth typically can give you good results! Find a trainer or puppy class, if you think you'll need some direction! These dogs will train beautifully, if you put the time in and use positive reinforcement!

Spay (female) & neuter (male)

What age to spay and neuter has become a topic of discussion for many breeders, owners and vets over the years. In the past it was said to have the procedure done before they go into sexual maturity to avoid unplanned litters. However, studies have shown it is beneficial to wait and let the dogs hormones and physical development to each a age closer to maturity. The recommended age is for a male is 12-14 months and a female is 8-10 months old, after she has he first heat cycle. I will attach a link with further information on some of the pros and cons of waiting to spay/neuter.

<https://www.my-golden.com/best-age-to-neuter-a-golden-retriever/#:~:text=What%20is%20the%20Best%20Age%20to%20Neuter%20a,12%20months%20of%20a%20ge%20and%20after%2012%20months.>

ALL IN ALL- I hope to just help you on your way to enjoying your new family friend! They are going to love you and your family! Have fun! Please DON'T hesitate to ask for help or any other questions!

Thanks again! 😊

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