



Adoption Application

Thank you for your interest in adopting a golden retriever. Please review our Adoption Guide then complete this application to help us match you with a golden. Upon receipt of your application a volunteer will contact you to set up a time to meet with you at your home. Once you have been approved to adopt we will provide you with the contact information of dogs you are interested in meeting. If no golden is currently available we will hold your application for six months and contact you if a golden comes into rescue that might be a good match for your family.

Dogs are placed with the family that best meets the dog's needs and NOT on a "first come, first served" basis. It is not possible to estimate how long it will take for you to find "just the right golden". We are a small rescue and take in less than 50 goldens per year.

You will be asked to complete an Adoption Agreement and to provide an adoption fee of: The Adoption fee is non-refundable. Fees are as follows:

- \$500 for an altered golden retriever under the age of one year.
- \$400 for a golden age one to ten.
- \$150 for a senior or special needs golden
- \$200 additional donation recommended to help defray travel expenses of dogs coming from overseas.

Dogs are spayed/neutered, vaccinated, provided with flea/tick/heartworm prevention and medical needs are addressed. Adoptions are not final until proof of altering no later than age two years or as recommended in writing by your veterinarian. Failure to alter may result in reclamation of the golden. You will be provided with a collar, a 6 ft leash and a golden rescue ID tag. *You should bring a tag with your contact information when you pick up your dog.*

Submit your application to: contact@grrsm.org

or

Golden Retriever Rescue of Southern Maryland
P.O. Box 6
Great Mills, MD 20634

Navigate through form with tab key. Place an X in appropriate boxes.

Tell us about yourself

Name (incl. middle):

Age:

Co-applicant:

Age:

Primary Phone:

Second Phone:

Email:

Home Address:

Ages of Children / Grandchildren:

1. If you do not have small children living in your home, will your Golden come into regular contact with any children under the age of ten? Yes No

If yes, how often and what ages?

2. Are you employed? Yes No

If so, where?

How many hours a day are you away from home including commute?

What are your work hours?

Is spouse/partner employed? Yes No

If so, where?

How many hours a day is she/he away?

What are his/her work hours?

3. Do any members of your household have asthma or allergies to dogs? Yes No

4. Has a dog ever been stolen or lost? Yes No

5. Has it ever been necessary to sell or give a pet away? Yes No

6. Have you ever surrendered a pet to a shelter? Yes No

7. Please explain any of the above questions answered "Yes" :

8. Have you applied to any other rescues? Yes No

9. Please list all pets residing in your household within the past 5 years:

Type/Breed	Age	Neutered/ Spayed?	Does pet currently reside in your home?

Which dog are you applying for? _____

10. What makes you believe s/he will be a good match for your family?

11. What age dog are you looking for? Under 1 1-3 4-7 8+

12. Gender: Male Female Either

13. Energy Level: Active (running, agility) Moderate (walks, fetch) Very Calm

14. Would you consider adopting a bonded pair of dogs who have been together for a long time?

15. Would you consider adopting a special needs Golden with an illness such as epilepsy, diabetes, or severe allergies? Yes No

16. Would you consider a dog with health problems easily treated with medication, such as hypothyroidism, mild allergies, arthritis? Yes No

17. What other attributes you are looking for in a golden?

Tell us about your home

18. Residence (check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Single family house | <input type="checkbox"/> Townhouse / Condo / Apartment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Single story | <input type="checkbox"/> Carpeted stairs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming pool | <input type="checkbox"/> Waterfront |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Doggie door | <input type="checkbox"/> Mostly hardwood floors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Own | <input type="checkbox"/> Rent |

19. If renting, landlord name and phone:

20. Distance from house to nearest road:

Young golden retrievers require a physical fence or a viable exercise plan. Please see our [bylaws](#) and/or [adoption guide](#) for more information.

21. What type of fence do you have?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Vinyl | <input type="checkbox"/> Split rail with wire mesh |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Picket | <input type="checkbox"/> Electronic / Invisible |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum | <input type="checkbox"/> No fence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Privacy | <input type="checkbox"/> Would consider installing a fence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chain link | |

22. Fence height at lowest point:

23. Approximate fenced area:

24. Do you have any of the following?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Outside kennel | <input type="checkbox"/> Overhead cable or tie out |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dog run | <input type="checkbox"/> Dog house |

25. If yes to any of the above, please explain how they will be used:

26. Where will your dog sleep at night?

27. Where will you dog stay while you are at work or out of the house?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Run of the house | <input type="checkbox"/> Yard |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kitchen | <input type="checkbox"/> Dog run / Outdoor kennel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Laundry | <input type="checkbox"/> Crate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Basement | <input type="checkbox"/> Garage |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First floor | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: |

28. Are there any areas of your house that will be off limits to your golden?

Tell us how you'll care for your Golden

29. Where will your dog stay when you travel or vacation?

30. If you have to relocate, what will you do with your dog?

31. What will you do if your dog is destructive during the day?

32. What is the average number of hours your dog will be alone (without human companionship) each day? Please explain.

33. If you are gone all day, what is your plan to let your dog out to go potty?

34. What are your thoughts on using a crate?

Golden Retrievers are very active dogs (especially when young) and will require significant daily exercise and training.

35. How will your dog be exercised? If walked, how many times daily and for how long?

36. What behaviors do you consider NOT acceptable in a dog? (We do not re-home dogs that are aggressive toward people.)

37. How do you plan to train your dog to be a well-mannered member of the family?
Please be as specific as possible.

38. What are your methods for disciplining a dog?

39. Please list any circumstance that would cause you to surrender a dog?

40. Have you or another family member ever completed an obedience class with another dog? Yes No

41. What do you plan to feed your golden? (Please list brand/s, type of food, etc.)

42. What do you consider to be the realistic cost of a dog for one year?

(Food, supplies, routine and unexpected veterinary costs, pet sitter, kennel, grooming...)

Goldens are susceptible to a number of illnesses, including: hip and elbow dysplasia, other joint disease, eye diseases including cataracts, skin problems, allergies, and heart disease. Also, 60% of Goldens die of cancer. We recommend pet insurance for your new family member.

43. What will you do if your dog is diagnosed with a significant, but treatable health condition?

44. Is there any other information you would like us to know?

I/We acknowledge that all information provided on this application is true and correct.

Applicant's Signature:

Date:

Co-applicant's signature:

Date: