

Parker Goldens (Retrievers)

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Puppy Agreement

This agreement is between Breeder, Maria Hendrickson, and Owner(s) _____, entered into on _____.

Puppy _____

DOB _____ M/F _____ Purchase Price _____

Limited (Pet) _____ Full (Show/Breed) _____

Breeder verifies that Puppy is a purebred Golden Retriever, registrable with AKC, and agrees to provide Buyer with registration paperwork.

Breeder guarantees puppy until the age of 12 months against crippling (not merely radiographic) hip or elbow subluxation, eye and heart disease, or genetic disease, which presents in such a manner as to render purchased Puppy's quality of life unfit to function as a happy, healthy pet, and which has not been caused by either abuse, neglect, under or over feeding, or over or under exercise, as explained below, and as agreed upon by both the veterinarians of the Seller and Buyer. In the event that these criteria are met, the Seller agrees to accept the Puppy back in exchange for a puppy from the next available breeding, or the buyer may keep the dog and the seller will refund 50% of the purchase price.

Owner(s) agree(s) to provide Puppy with adequate but not excessive high quality nutrition, (first ingredient or two of kibble to be either an (animal identified) meat or meat meal source, between 0.7-1.2% Calcium, fat content 9-12% (or total kcal/kg of food energy in the 3200-3800 range) and protein level between 21-28%. Breeder recommends Diamond Naturals Lamb & Rice Large Breed Puppy Food (Chewy, Tractor Supply Co) until one year and graduating to an adult recipe within the 21-26% range. Brands with a very high protein content are not recommended for large breed puppies, where the goal is moderate, healthy weight gain. Breeder recommends avoiding grain free foods as the starches have been linked to heart conditions. Feeding a grain free diet will void this agreement.

Correct feeding regimen should be 3 times a day until 6 months, 2 times a day after 6 months.

Feeding guidelines should be as much as Puppy eats at one feeding, which is about ten minutes.

Healthy weight guidelines are that Puppy's ribs should be able to be felt but ribs should not be jutting out, when standing over and rubbing dogs sides, vet records should record an age appropriate healthy weight, and food receipts should record a feed within these guidelines.

Failure to provide weight records or food receipts at Breeder's request will void this agreement.

Failure to follow Breeder recommendations will not void this agreement but if Puppy is allowed to become overweight, or fed above recommended protein and caloric amount, this agreement will be void.

Breeder recommends further reading on appropriate large breed dog nutrition at newmanveterinary.com/large.html as well as veterinarynews.dvm360.com/developmental-orthopedic-disease-large-breed-puppies, as well as dog food quality info at dogfoodadvisor.com

Owner agrees to limit the pup's activity level to age appropriate level. High impact activity on rapidly growing joints and delicate growth plates can cause soundness issues later in life. Growing pups "play" and then "crash". Let this be your signal that it is time for them to rest. This means no jumping off furniture, climbing flights of stairs, prolonged walks, hiking rough terrain, over training, or allowing Puppy to "play hard" with older dogs or active kids. Light exercise is crucial, a good rule of thumb is 5 minutes per month of age, twice a day. In other words 10 minutes at 8 weeks old and about 30 minutes of sustained physical activity at 6 months. It is best to hold off on sustained, vigorous exercise, until about 14 months of age. Indicators of overexercise (Strains, sprains, torn ligaments, etc.) will void this agreement.

Breeder recommends that rabies vaccine not be given to pup till at least 6 months, and preferably not until 12 months; and that it be given separately from other vaccines. Breeder also recommends following minimal vaccination guidelines (i.e. rabies every three years not every year). Breeder acknowledges that different laws apply and that timeline is left to the prudence of the Owner(s).

Breeder recommends spaying/neutering be postponed until the dog has reached maturity, preferably after 24 months of age, but at least until 12 months of age. Altering before 12 months of age will nullify agreement. Breeding of Puppy will void agreement. Sex hormones provide key roles in proper skeletal growth among many other things. Much of the conventional wisdom surrounding routine early altering is being questioned, as early altering has been linked to much higher instances of abnormal growth, joint problems, (up to 70% increase in hip dysplasia from early altering!) and various cancers (up to 400% in some cancers!) and cruciate tears. Even the long held idea that spaying protects against mammary cancers is being questioned, as a more recent Purdue study seems to contradict it. Breeder highly recommends Owner(s) educate themselves, and weigh the benefits and risks themselves. Recommended for further reading www.dogsnaturallymagazine.com and www.mercola.com

Other dog food brands which meet all criteria are:

Wholehearted (Petco) Chicken, Beef or Lamb & Brown Rice, Dr. Gary's Best Breed Puppy (Chewy), and Purina Pro Plan Sensitive Skin either Salmon or Chicken flavors, all stages. (Chewy, pet stores)

Notes: _____

Date: _____

Signed: Breeder _____

Owner: _____

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