



All About the
**Golden
Retriever**

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Golden Retrievers are one of the most popular dog breeds for many reasons. These beautiful animals are rambunctious, yet a gentle, loving, and versatile breed. It is important to make an informed pet selection and is equally important to make informed decisions throughout the life of your pet. We will take you through the process of bringing home your new family member and lead you all

Average Weight	55-80 pounds	Temperament	Gentle, playful, affectionate, and loyal
Average Height	20 – 24 inches	Good with Children?	Yes, protective and gentle with children
Coat	Double coat with dense undercoat and shiny	Health Concerns	Hip dysplasia, cataracts, heart disease, and prone to allergies and ear infections

the way through their wonderful golden years. We will provide you with an abundance of information and helpful advice. This colorful, informative, complimentary book is packed full of important guidelines to fulfill your dog parenting needs. You will be given access to everything you need to ensure you are taking proper care of your beloved animal, and we will even provide you with beautiful pictures of these lovely, well-mannered dogs. Take a few moments to enjoy this information, and you will spend many years enjoying a loving relationship with your Golden Retriever.

General Golden Retriever Characteristics

Golden Retrievers are happy, loving, loyal, and obedient. They have excellent social skills and interact nicely with children. They have a typical life span of 10 – 12 years. Many happy memories will be created with a Golden Retriever by your side.

Golden Retrievers are the second most popular breed in the United States according to AKC rankings. Their beautiful double coats consist of varying shades of rich and lustrous gold. They tend to be a lighter color as pups and turn a richer shade of gold as they age. This active breed requires a medium-size yard for play or trips outside. They are frequently used as service dogs, hunters, trackers, and of course retrievers. They excel in agility training and their ability to perform tricks. This is a reliable and trustworthy breed, and they tend to have a life style that is suitable for a family pet. Proper diet, exercise, grooming, and veterinary attention will benefit both you and your Golden Retriever.



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Selecting Your Golden Retriever Puppy – Adoption or a Breeder?

It is a matter of personal preference whether to adopt or rescue a Golden Retriever. Another personal choice might be to select your Golden Retriever from a reputable breeder.

A few words about adoption

Look for a pet adoption shelter, or rescue center, in your community by utilizing your community resources, such as your library, newspaper, and any online information to gain some knowledge of the shelter before you go there. Ask questions at the center and talk to people who may have used their services previously. Find out as much as you can about the history of the pet you are considering. Know that some pets are up for adoption because they were left behind due to divorce or families having to relocate. Not all pets in shelters or rescue centers come from abused or neglectful situations. Pet adoption or rescue is less expensive than purchasing from a dog breeder. For families who face economical challenges, this option is worth considering. You have the satisfaction of providing a home for a deserving pet.

A few words about breeders

Perhaps you prefer a Golden Retriever that comes from a reputable breeder. Breeders are very knowledgeable about the breed's overall health and characteristics. You can find dog breeders by looking in the newspaper, searching on the internet, or checking with your local vet. Make sure the breeder is associated with the AKC. Dog breeders can be very particular about the person wanting to purchase one of their dogs. They may want to know what other animals are in your home, if you have a yard for the dog to play in, or if there are any children living in the. Make sure the breeders facilities are clean and always ask to see the mother and father of the puppy you want to buy. The breeder should be able to provide a written health guarantee and all immunization records.

Either option is viable based on your own knowledge, expectations, and personal conviction. The most important thing to remember when selecting your pet is to select the pet that is right for you. Pet ownership is a big responsibility. Select a pet that fits your lifestyle.

How to Choose Your New Golden Retriever Pup

Choosing a dog can be a difficult decision, since there are many different personalities and aesthetic qualities you may want to look for in a dog. Do you prefer to have the runt of the litter or the huskiest brute? On the other hand, would you prefer a kiss of white sugar on the tips of your pup paws, or to have a true golden color from head to toe? Sometimes you can make a decision based on the adorable facial expressions made by a pup. Can you resist those sweet puppy dog eyes that pierce right through to clench hold of your heart? Pet adoptions or rescues are viable options for selecting your Golden Retriever. Of course, finding a



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Selecting a Crate

A dog should be able to stand and turn around inside a closed crate. If you have a Golden Retriever puppy, consider the average height and weight of an adult Golden Retriever and choose a crate based on those specifications. The average size of an adult Golden Retriever is 15 lbs and 16 inches tall. Choose a sturdy steel or plastic crate for medium sized breeds such as the Golden Retriever.

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good breeder is always a good option too. Make sure you look for the following signs of a healthy dog:

- Bright and clear eyes
- Clean ears that are free of parasites
- Healthy coat and skin conditions
- Excellent history and lineage
- Make sure paw pads are soft and well taken care of
- Plump bellies are common in healthy puppies, although they should not be too plump
- Tails and facial expressions can give strong clues about the pup's personality and disposition

Before You Bring Your Golden Retriever Home

It is important to be as prepared as possible in providing a safe and secure environment for your new friend. In an effort to prepare for the care of your new pet, you should create a checklist and learn about their special needs. Make sure that your floors are free of clutter including shoes and electrical cords, as puppies like to chew. Use the rule "out of sight, out of mind" when introducing your puppy to his new environment.

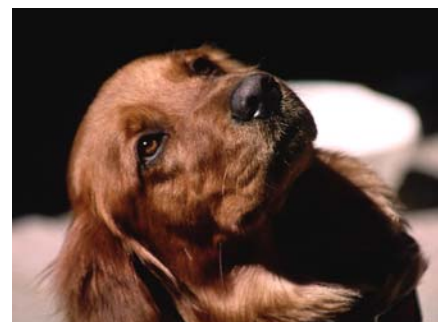
Your Golden Retriever Puppy

Each stage of your pet's life will be characterized by special needs. Puppies' lives are full of learning experiences. Enjoy the time you spend with your puppy. Use chew toys, or balls, to keep your puppy active and know that you can use these toys not only to play with but as a training tool for your pet. Puppies learn quickly and can develop bad habits if they are not properly positively stimulated. Conversely, they can learn good habits if trained lovingly and early on.

It is important to start your pup with a good health regimen. Keep accurate health and immunization records throughout the life of your pet. This will make it much easier for you to maintain proper health standards for your animal. Be sure to introduce him early to his vet and his grooming process. These are good practices for new owners as well as the pups. Of equal importance is a healthy diet for your pet. It is a good idea to follow your breeder or vet's guidelines for all of your pet's nutritional needs. Puppy food has different nutrients than adult or senior foods. Allergy sensitive animals require special dietary ingredients as well. Your Golden Retriever should have clean bowls for food and water. Sometimes it is helpful to place the bowls on a non-slip surface to avoid tipping. There are many decorative bowls and placemats available to make your pet's feeding time special for him. Take extra time to get your pup used to regular grooming. Use shampoos, nail clippers, brushes, and toothbrushes to keep your pup shiny and squeaky clean. When you introduce a new grooming device to your puppy, it is important to remember to let the pup become acquainted with the item before using it. Remember to put the item away when you are no longer using it or the pup might mistake it for a toy.

Your Golden Retriever Adult

As your dog begins to age, his needs begin to change. Keep surprises to a minimum by being prepared. Keep your dog active and healthy. Change his toys often to keep him interested in play. Sometimes adult dogs develop allergies. If your pet develops allergies you will see changes in his coat, skin,



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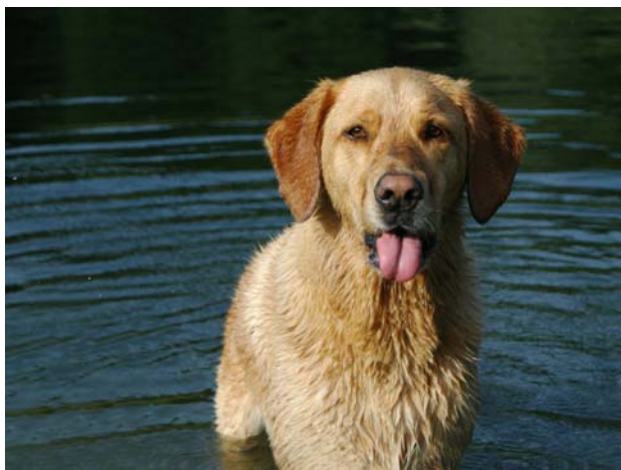
eyes or ears. If you notice changes in the skin or fur, you may need to change his diet. If you suspect your dog has allergies, the best thing to do is take your dog to the vet. There are excellent remedies that will become an important part of your dog's routine.

As your dog ages, his nails, paw pads, coat, skin, eyes and ears need special attention. Make grooming a happy time for your dog. You should keep the coat clean and free of dander, fleas, and tangled or matted hair. Also, keep nails trimmed, check the pads on his paws frequently for spurs, and keep tooth tartar under control. Keep up with all of your adult pet's needs by frequently checking supplies and making sure that you have the most efficient tools handy to maintain your Golden Retriever's good health.

Your Golden Retriever Senior

When your pet climbs the hill into his senior years, his needs will change again. Dietary changes are the most prevalent at this life stage. As your dog ages, so does his digestive system. Make sure your Senior Golden maintains a proper diet and receives proper nutrients by starting him on a daily vitamin. Keep abreast of the latest trends in dental products. There are many tartar control products on the market today to help maintain good dental hygiene in your pet. There are bones, toys, and toothbrushes essential to older dogs' health and happiness. Golden Retrievers are pre-disposed to certain health concerns like hip dysplasia, so be aware of any changes in the gait of your senior. If your dog moves slower than usual or limps, it could be a sign of a joint problem. You may want to provide a more appropriate sleeping and lounging area for your pet, such as an orthopedic dog bed. Maintaining a regular exercise routine and proper diet may help ward off aching joints. You can help your pet manage aches and pains with proper pet healthcare aids, knowledge, and care.

Senior pets have many changes in disposition and may become stressed by active young children. They can show signs of irritability when eating or when encouraged to do something they would rather not do. Retrievers are genuinely loving animals and are not known to cause harm, but grumpy seniors have a way of making sure that you are aware when they are unhappy. It is important to know that senior animals tend to do things their own way and in their own time. Care for your senior in a loving, gentle manner mixed with a little patience and understanding.



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