

**EVERGREEN GOLDEN RETRIEVER RESCUE**  
**ADOPTION CONTRACT**  
**Mandatory Criteria for Adoption**



**This Contract lists the criteria that are necessary to ensure a successful adoption and to provide a safe, secure and happy home for our Rescue Golden. These criteria must be followed. Although repossessing a dog is a very rare occurrence, EGRR is prepared to do so should we feel it necessary.**

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\_\_\_ 1. I agree to keep the dog in my possession as my household pet and companion. Should I be unable to keep the dog for any reason, I agree to not sell, abandon, transfer or dispose of the dog in any way, including to family members but instead to notify and return the dog to EGRR.

\_\_\_ 2. I understand that if I determine the dog I have adopted is not a good match for me or my situation, I am obligated to return the dog to EGRR and will transport the dog to wherever EGRR requests. If I do this within 30 days my adoption donation will be refunded, but I am not entitled to and will not be reimbursed for any other expenses. I also understand that the reason for returning the dog will influence EGRR's decision to place another dog with me.

\_\_\_ 3. I agree to provide quality and sufficient food, clean water, appropriate grooming and humane treatment for the dog at all times and the dog will live with me inside my house as a family pet.

\_\_\_ 4. I agree to ensure the dog's safety by never allowing the dog to run loose without adequate adult supervision. When the dog is outside and unattended, he/she will be in a securely fenced yard or run. The dog will never be tied or chained outside without a responsible adult in attendance.

\_\_\_ 5. I agree to provide regular veterinary care including appropriate vaccinations as recommended by your veterinarian and to obtain veterinary care as soon as possible should the dog be injured or become sick.

\_\_\_ 6. I agree to have the dog surgically sterilized within 30 days of adoption or by an agreed upon date at my expense if the dog is not already altered and to provide proof of sterilization in writing to EGRR within 10 days of the surgery. I will not allow the dog to breed or be bred under any circumstances.

\_\_\_ 7. I agree to use a buckle collar on the dog when not training him/her and to attach the EGRR ID tag and a personal ID tag to the collar. EGRR recommends that I have the dog microchipped as means of permanent identification.

\_\_\_ 8. I agree to license the dog according to the regulations in the community in which I live within 1 month. Additionally, I agree to obey all animal control regulations and to never transport the dog in the open bed of a pickup truck or similar vehicle without proper restraints as stated in Washington state law.

\_\_\_ 9. I agree to assume full responsibility for any and all actions or damage done by the dog from the moment he/she comes into my possession.

\_\_\_ 10. I agree to allow an EGRR representative to examine the dog and his/her living conditions at any time. If the dog's living conditions are deemed unacceptable or if I have violated this Adoption Contract in any way, I agree to immediately surrender the dog to an EGRR representative.

\_\_\_ 11. I understand that EGRR makes every attempt to ensure that the dog being adopted is healthy and to relate any known medical issues. I agree to have the dog checked by a veterinarian of my choice at my expense within 30 days to confirm the health of the dog. I also acknowledge that since most of the dogs have unknown genetic backgrounds, I will not hold EGRR or its representatives responsible for medical afflictions such as with eyes, hips, heart, elbows or allergies.

\_\_\_ 12. I understand that it is my responsibility to see and evaluate the dog before deciding to adopt him/her and I agree to not hold EGRR or its representatives responsible for any behavior that occurs once I take possession of the dog. I understand that EGRR will have no history on a dog that was obtained from a shelter and the information EGRR has from a previous owner may not be accurate. Furthermore, I

understand that EGRR's foster homes are experienced dog owners and that an adopted dog may behave differently in his/her new home than he/she behaved in the foster home. Should the dog demonstrate any type of aggressive behavior I will notify EGRR immediately.

\_\_\_ 13. I understand EGRR has the sole discretionary power to take possession of the dog at any time if it deems the dog is not being cared for in accord with this Contract.

\_\_\_ 14. I affirm that I had the opportunity to review and ask questions as to all points and provisions of this Contract.

\_\_\_ 15. I understand that any controversy or claim arising out of or relating to this CONTRACT or the breach thereof, shall be settled by arbitration in King County, Washington, pursuant to the laws relating to arbitration there in force, before a qualified attorney. The arbitrator may grant any relief and render any award which he or she deems just and equitable and within the scope of the agreement of the parties, including, but not limited to, specific performance. Awards pursuant to this Article may include costs, including a reasonable allowance for attorney's fees, and judgments may be entered upon any award made hereunder in any court having jurisdiction in the premises.

**I acknowledge that I have read and agree to comply with the mandatory criteria of the Adoption Contract as stated above.**

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Signed *Parent must co-sign if applicant is under 18 yr of age* Date

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Spouse or partner signature Date

We recommend that you keep a copy of this signed Contract for your records.

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## EVERGREEN GOLDEN RETRIEVER RESCUE ADOPTION APPLICATION



The answers that you give on this application will assist us in finding the dog that will be the best possible match for you. Please fill out the form completely and return with a **\$5.00 processing fee** to the address given on the back of this page. **A phone number is required to process your application.** Submitting this application is the first step in adopting a homeless Golden Retriever but it does not guarantee that you will be approved to adopt a dog, as we reserve the right to refuse any applicant.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Day phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Best time to call: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Personal reference: Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ How long known: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Your type of home: House \_\_\_\_\_ Trailer \_\_\_\_\_ Apartment \_\_\_\_\_ Condo \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
 Do you own or rent? \_\_\_\_\_ If you rent, do you have permission to have a dog? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Landlord's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 How long at this address? \_\_\_\_\_ Is your yard fenced? \_\_\_\_\_ Height and type of fence: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Does it completely enclose the yard? \_\_\_\_\_ Could a dog escape your yard? \_\_\_\_\_  
 How far do you live from a busy street? \_\_\_\_\_ Do you have a dog door? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Do you have an enclosed dog run? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, size and height of run: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Do you have a dog crate? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Do you have an in-ground or in-deck swimming pool? \_\_\_\_\_ Is it fenced? \_\_\_\_\_ Steps or ladder? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of adults in household \_\_\_\_\_ Children (list age and gender) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Who will be the primary caregiver for the dog? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Is any family member opposed to adopting a dog? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Do any family members have an allergy to dogs? \_\_\_\_\_  
 List and describe regular visitors (human or animal) to your home: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Do you currently own dogs? \_\_\_\_\_ Breed, age and sex of each: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Are they neutered? \_\_\_\_\_ If no, why not? \_\_\_\_\_  
 What dogs (not listed above) have you owned in the past 10 years and explain what happened to each of them. \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Please give your dog training experience, including basic obedience: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Do you own any cats? \_\_\_\_\_ How are they with dogs? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Do you own other animals? \_\_\_\_\_ List: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Do you have a regular veterinarian? \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 What do you plan to do with your dog: (check all that apply): Pet \_\_\_\_\_ Hunting \_\_\_\_\_ Obedience \_\_\_\_\_  
 Agility \_\_\_\_\_ Therapy work \_\_\_\_\_ Rally \_\_\_\_\_ Flyball \_\_\_\_\_ Search and Rescue \_\_\_\_\_ Service work \_\_\_\_\_  
 What are your preferences (please check one)? Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_ No preference \_\_\_\_\_  
 Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Age range: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Is someone home during the day? \_\_\_\_\_ During the night? \_\_\_\_\_  
 On a scale of 1 to 10 with 1 being extremely mellow and 10 being very, very energetic and active, how active would you like your dog to be? \_\_\_\_\_  
 On average, how many hours per day will the dog be without human companionship? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Where will the dog be when home alone? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Will the dog ever be tied out for any reason? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Where will the dog be when a family member is home? \_\_\_\_\_

Where will the dog spend the night? \_\_\_\_\_  
Where will the dog sleep? \_\_\_\_\_  
Have you applied to adopt a dog through another Rescue group? \_\_\_\_\_  
Have you ever been refused an animal adoption? \_\_\_\_\_  
Would you consider adopting a dog with special behavioral or health needs? \_\_\_\_\_  
Do you agree to have the dog spayed/neutered within 30 days if you adopt a dog that is not already surgically sterilized? \_\_\_\_\_  
Under what conditions would you give up your dog? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you agree that the dog you adopt will reside in the home as a family pet? \_\_\_\_\_  
Do you agree to license your dog and follow the leash laws etc of your community? \_\_\_\_\_  
Do you agree to never transport your dog in the open bed of a pick-up truck? \_\_\_\_\_  
Do you agree to provide appropriate and regular veterinary care to your dog? \_\_\_\_\_  
Do you agree to notify EGRR in the event that you are unable to keep the dog? \_\_\_\_\_  
Do you agree to a home visit by an EGRR volunteer? \_\_\_\_\_  
How did you hear about EGRR? \_\_\_\_\_

Please write one paragraph about why you want to adopt a Golden Retriever on a separate piece of paper and include with your application.

EGRR is a non-profit organization and we depend on donations to continue our work. We therefore request a \$200 donation with each placement except for seniors or special needs dogs. All donations are tax deductible and your check is your receipt.

### TERMS OF ADOPTION

I understand that information provided to EGRR about a dog's behavior or health by a previous home or owner might not be accurate and that no history will be available on a dog that came from a shelter. I also understand that EGRR will provide me with as much information as they have available to them about the dog's medical and behavioral history and that a dog may behave differently in my home than he did in a foster home. I understand that it is my responsibility to see and evaluate the dog before deciding to adopt him and I agree to not hold EGRR or its representative responsible for any behavior that occurs once I take possession of the dog. I agree to indemnify and hold harmless Evergreen Golden Retriever Rescue and it's officers, members and/or agents from any claims for damage arising from actions of a dog adopted by me. Should the dog show signs of aggression after being adopted, I agree to notify EGRR immediately. EGRR has my permission to contact individuals and/or businesses listed in above responses.

I/We acknowledge that all of the above information is true and complete. I/We also acknowledge that I/we have read and agree to comply with EGRR's Adoption Contract and should I/we be found in violation of these Terms of Adoption or the Adoption Contract I/we will, if requested, relinquish the dog to EGRR.

Applicant signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(parent(s) must co-sign if applicant under 18 yr of age)

Spouse or partner \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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