

Is a Rescue Golden right for you?

Although Golden Retrievers are wonderful dogs, they are not the right dog for everyone. They are very social and people oriented and because of this, must live inside the home with their family. They require daily exercise and if they don't receive adequate exercise and attention may engage in negative behaviors like barking, digging or chewing. A Golden left unsupervised in a fenced yard may find ways out of the yard making the dog a nuisance in the neighborhood and putting him at risk of being hit by a car or stolen. Although they are intelligent and easily trained, they don't come that way, especially Rescue dogs who have often been socially neglected. Adopters must be committed to taking their dog through obedience training. Being retrievers, Goldens love to carry things around in their mouth so family members need to keep toys and clothing items out of their dog's reach. Goldens have beautiful coats but do shed so if you are a fastidious housekeeper, perhaps you should consider a different breed.

Making an educated decision when you adopt a Rescue Golden will help insure a successful placement and avoid putting your family and the dog through the stress of a failed adoption.



What about a puppy?

If you think that you're more interested in buying a puppy and your lifestyle is appropriate for a puppy, then we suggest that you educate yourself in how to choose a reputable breeder. Goldens are known for their tendency to have certain health problems and reputable breeders have their dogs certified as free of these problems before breeding them. Reputable breeders also require the dogs they sell to pet homes to be spayed or neutered.

To learn what you need to know about choosing a breeder, visit the following websites:

www.egrc.org

www.grca.org



The special joy of adopting a senior

Older Goldens (over 8 years of age) are the sweetest and easiest dogs to bring into your home but the hardest for EGRR to place. Please consider giving a senior, many of whom have never known a loving home, a chance to spend his "retirement" years curled up next to your feet each and every evening. Adoption donations are reduced or waived for seniors and special needs dogs.

Evergreen Golden Retriever Rescue



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What is the Evergreen Golden Retriever Rescue (EGRR)?

EGRR is a non-profit 501c3 organization staffed totally by volunteers who work tirelessly to care for homeless Golden Retrievers in the Western Washington area. As stewards of these dogs many of whom have been forgotten by their owners, EGRR volunteers bathe, feed, transport, socialize, train and care for the needs of these dogs at their own expense. This dedication of our volunteers comes from a love and commitment to this wonderful breed regardless of the origins of the dog.

EGRR volunteers also strive to educate the public in responsible pet ownership in an effort to insure the success of our placements and when possible, avoid the necessity of an owner having to place their dog. It is our goal in this education process to arm people with the knowledge needed to make the best choice for themselves and their dog.

Our operational costs, approximately 85% of which is veterinary expenses, is covered entirely by the adoption donation requested for each dog we place, through our fundraising efforts and by general donations. Since we are a 501c3 organization, donations are tax deductible so please consider helping us in our efforts. If your employer will match your donation, consider EGRR in your charitable giving.



How to adopt a Golden Retriever from EGRR.

The first step on your journey to successfully adding a dog to your family is to make certain that you are ready for a dog and that a Golden Retriever is the best dog for you. Once you've done your research and decided that a Rescue Golden Retriever is what you want, you must fill out and send in an adoption application along with a \$5.00 processing fee. You can obtain an adoption application by going to EGRR's website at www.egrr.net or by calling 206-286-5900. You will be asked to also sign an adoption agreement which outlines our expectations of you as an adopter. A telephone interview and a home visit will be done before we place a dog with you.

What is the cost?

When you adopt a dog, you will be requested to give a \$200 adoption donation. This amount has been determined by averaging our expenses and is asked of every adopter. EGRR depends on adoption donations to continue our work. Prior to adoption, dogs are spayed/neutered, vaccinated and examined by a veterinarian as necessary. The requested donation is reduced or waived for some senior and special needs dogs. In addition to providing quality dog food and vet care, you are responsible for crates, toys and other supplies.

What types of dogs do we have?

We place Golden Retrievers of all ages into permanent homes but the majority are males between the ages of 1-6 years. We rarely get puppies under the age of 10 months. Seniors (dogs over 8 years old) typically have the shortest waiting time and are perfect for working people who are gone for 8+ hours a day. We do not knowingly accept dogs with a history of human aggression or serious aggression toward other dogs. All dogs entering our program are temperament tested and/or evaluated in a volunteer foster home and spayed or neutered.

Where do EGRR's dogs come from?

Most of our dogs come from owners who are no longer able or willing to keep them. The remainder of our dogs come from shelters where EGRR was asked by the shelter to take responsibility for the dog. Infrequently we get dogs turned into or abandoned at vet clinics or boarding facilities.



How long does it take?

EGRR is fortunate to have a waiting list of people wanting to adopt a Golden Retriever. The average wait time is several weeks to several months depending on the type of dog you are interested in. We suggest that you use this time to locate a training center and find out when their classes start and to make sure your house and yard are ready for your new dog.