

## How to place your Golden Retriever in a new home through the Evergreen Golden Retriever Rescue



You have considered every option and have come to the conclusion that you have no choice – you must find a new home for your Golden Retriever. How do you proceed?

There are several things that you will need to do before you even contact us for assistance. First of all, if you purchased your dog from a breeder, you must check the contract you signed to determine if you are required to return the dog to them. Even if you are not required to return the dog, a call to the breeder is a good idea as they may be willing to take the dog back and rehome him themselves.

The next thing you need to do is to check the dog's veterinary records and up-date her vaccinations and have a thorough physical examination done at your vet to insure that the dog is healthy and ready to go to a new home. While you are at the vet's office, obtain a copy of your dog's vet records so that EGRR can provide this information to the adopter. If your dog is not yet spayed or neutered, please have that done before contacting us as recovery from this surgery is much easier for the dog if they are in a familiar environment. If these veterinary procedures have not been done when you contact EGRR, you will be asked to have them done or to give a donation to cover these expenses.

Once everything is in order, the next step is to fill out and send in a Listing Agreement along with a \$10.00 listing fee which authorizes us to begin the process of finding your dog a new home. We will not begin the process until we receive the Listing Agreement. You can obtain a Listing Agreement by downloading one from EGRR's website at [www.egrr.net](http://www.egrr.net) or by calling 206-286-5900 and leaving a message. Once your Listing Agreement is received by EGRR's Intake Coordinator, a representative will contact you to discuss the situation and to arrange for one of our volunteers to meet and temperament test your dog. She will also discuss with you if you want to keep your dog until a new home is found or if you would prefer to have the dog placed in a foster home. Please be prepared to give a copy of your dog's vet records to the volunteer who does the temperament test. To insure your privacy, your name will be removed or blacked out on all the paperwork given to the adopter. Requests from relinquishing owners to receive reports on their dog or stay in contact with the adopter are handled on an individual basis and will require adopter approval. If you are interested in placing your dog yourself we ask that you pursue that avenue before enlisting our help.

Please understand that EGRR is composed of volunteers who do their best in their free time to foster and care for Golden Retrievers in need of new homes. If you have a deadline by which you need your dog out of your house for whatever reason please contact us at least a month before this time. We take in at least 6 dogs a month and sometimes we have no foster homes available on short notice which could result in EGRR declining your dog. It is possible that, based on the report given by the volunteer who does the temperament test, the Intake Coordinator may decide that it will be easier to place your dog from a foster home than from your home. In that case, you will be asked to sign a Relinquishment Form and turn the dog over to EGRR. Should EGRR be unable to place your dog, we will, if you wish, notify you and make arrangements for the dog to be returned to you. If your dog is a senior, please understand that it takes us much longer to place a senior than it does a younger dog and when possible we prefer for the dog to stay in his or her original home as we need to keep our foster homes available for shelter dogs and others who have no other option.

If you have questions that need to be answered before sending your paperwork in, you can contact our Intake Coordinator at [intake@egrr.net](mailto:intake@egrr.net).