

# *Back Porch - Golden Retrievers*

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## Puppy Application, Contract, and Agreement

Every family is different, and there is no right or wrong answers. Every puppy family has needs, and this application helps us to identify who needs what information and what homes might make the best fit for our puppies.

Completing this application is only the first step in the process of acquiring a puppy from Back Porch Golden Retrievers. Submission of this questionnaire in no way guarantees you will get a puppy from this litter or any future litters. While it's unlikely, Back Porch Golden Retrievers does reserve the absolute right to refuse any placement at any time.

If this application is approved, you will be contacted to arrange an in person meeting/interview. This is to allow your family to meet the parent dogs, puppies, and our family. This will also be the time when you will be allowed to choose your new puppy. These meetings/interviews will take place once the puppies are four - six weeks old. You may bring with you a small dog collar and an engraved ID tag with your contact information if you would like but not required. Once you have chosen your puppy, we will put your collar on your puppy/ make note of his name and collar color so he/she can be easily identified.

Deposits are now being accepted. You will have puppy choice based on the time your deposit was received. Deposits are non-refundable. If you make a deposit, you are committing to take a puppy from this litter, regardless of whether your gender or color preference is available. Should you elect not to take a puppy from this litter, the deposit is forfeited. The deposit amount is \$500.00. We do accept cash/venmo or personal check for the deposit. Please make checks payable to Theresa Emery. If your personal check is returned, you will automatically forfeit your deposit and your puppy.

Puppies receive preventative deworming treatments at 2, 4, 6, and 8 weeks of age. Puppies will receive their first inoculations between 7-8 weeks of age. Puppies will be ready to go to their new homes at 8 weeks of age. The remaining balance of \$1,100.00 (Limited Registrations) will be due when you pick your puppy up. The remaining balance is to be paid in cash only.

All of our puppies are sold with AKC Limited Registration meaning that they are not eligible to produce any AKC registerable litters. We also require all of our puppies to be spayed/neutered between one year and 18 months of age. Occasionally, we will make an exception to this rule if the puppy has proven himself/herself true to the breed, has obtained necessary health clearances through the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals, the puppy has obtained written approval by a veterinarian, the application for breeding rights has been submitted and approved by Back Porch Golden Retrievers, and appropriate fees to Back Porch Golden Retrievers have been paid in full.

If you are not fully committed to upholding your terms in the contract, please do not bother to submit this application. We are fully committed to our puppies and we expect nothing less from our new owners.

1. Name(s):

Mailing Address:

Home Phone:

Cell Phone(s):

Email Address(es):

2. Puppy gender preference and color – LIGHT or DARK and why:

3. If your preferred puppy gender preference is not available, would you consider the other gender?

4. Have you ever owned a Golden Retriever or have had any previous experience with a Golden Retriever?

5. Please list the breeds, ages, and genders of all of the current pets living in your household.

6. What happened to your previous pet(s)?

7. Are there currently any children living in your home? If so, please list their ages.

8. Do you own your home, rent, lease, live in an apartment, or other? Please understand that if you rent, lease, live in an apartment, or other, you will be required to obtain and provide written consent from your landlord authorizing the approval of a Golden Retriever living in the residence.

9. Describe where your Golden Retriever will be allowed to sleep, play, live, and exercise.
  
10. In the case that you have to be away from your Golden Retriever, who would be responsible for his/her care?
  
11. Do you agree to provide your Golden Retriever a responsible, loving, stable home and environment, and provide routine medical, healthcare?
  
12. Do you understand the physical, mental, social, health, training, and grooming needs of a Golden Retriever?
  
13. What type of personality, characteristics, traits, etc. are you looking for in your new Golden Retriever?
  
14. What plans do you have for or what activities will you and your Golden Retriever be participating in?
  
15. Will you be attending professional obedience classes or will you be doing self-training at home?
  
16. What is your opinion on crate training?
  
17. What kind of respect and treatment do you believe a dog deserves?
  
18. What type of behavior do you expect from a puppy?
  
19. What type of behavior do you expect from an adult dog?

20. What type of training philosophy do you believe in and will be using while training your Golden Retriever?

21. What is your opinion on spaying and neutering?

22. Do you understand that this Golden Retriever is being sold to you with AKC Limited Registration and is to be spayed or neutered by the age of one year, and is not to produce and litters?

23. How many hours each day will your Golden Retriever be left alone?

24. Do you have an established veterinarian? If so, please provide their name and contact information so that we may perform a veterinary check. By doing so, you are authorizing your veterinarian to speak with us regarding your pets.

25. Please list the names and contact information for three references who are not relatives.

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26. If the need would to ever arise, would you agree to seek the advice, opinion, and help from your breeder, veterinarian, and/or obedience trainer for your Golden Retriever?

27. Do you understand and agree to notify Back Porch Golden Retrievers first if you are no longer able to care for this dog and need to rehome this dog?

28. Do you understand and agree that this dog is not to be sold to, given to, rehomed to, or transferred to any other individual, shelter, rescue, or pet store before first contacting Back Porch Golden Retrievers?

29. In the event that this dog is returned to Back Porch Golden Retrievers, do you agree to sign and provide the necessary documents to return the dog to Back Porch Golden Retrievers as the sole owners?

30. Have you ever been in a situation where you had to find one of your previous pets a new home? Have you ever had to surrender one of your previous pets to a shelter or rescue? Please explain the circumstances.

31. Do you intend to use this dog for breeding?

32. Do you agree to provide the proper nutrition, exercise, training, shelter, grooming, routine health care, and professional medical care during times of sickness, disease, or injury for this dog?

33. Do you understand and agree that this dog is not to be kept permanently outdoors, chained, kept kenneled, or run freely unsupervised?

34. Are you financially committed to this Golden Retriever and understand the financial costs of owning a Golden Retriever?

35. Do you agree to have your dog permanently identified with a microchip, wear a collar with an identification tag at all times, and have them registered with the city in which you reside?

36. Please provide any other relevant information you feel would assist us in placing a Golden Retriever puppy in your home.

37. Do you know Golden Retrievers shed - ALOT? Strands of GOLD ☺

### **Health Guarantee Statement**

Back Porch Golden Retrievers guarantees our puppies to be healthy at the time of sale. Once they leave our home and care, we cannot control factors that can affect their health and well-being. It is the owner's responsibility to properly care for their new puppy by providing a stable and safe home and environment, proper nutrition and exercise, regular and preventative veterinary care, routine grooming, and professional obedience training.

This puppy is being sold with AKC Limited Registration, and is to be spayed or neutered between the age of one and 18 months years old.

Back Porch Golden Retrievers is not responsible for any expenses incurred after the sale of this puppy.

This guarantee does not cover any health or behavioral issues caused by neglect or injury from the buyer.

This puppy will have been weighed and received preventative deworming treatments at 2, 4, 6, and 8 weeks of age.

This puppy will have been weighed weekly, and received its first inoculations between a at 7-8 weeks of age. The buyer must continue the puppy's vaccination series with a veterinarian. Please do not expose your puppy to other animals and unfamiliar environments until its vaccinations are complete.

Back Porch Golden Retrievers strongly recommends and encourages that your puppy receive a monthly heartworm preventative and a monthly flea and tick preventative year around for life.

Back Porch Golden Retrievers will provide the buyer with this puppy's AKC Limited Registration papers, and its medical and vaccination records.

The buyer has 72 hours to have this puppy examined by a licensed veterinarian at their own expense. If the veterinarian finds this puppy to be unhealthy, the puppy may be returned to Back Porch Golden Retrievers for a full refund provided that this puppy was not injured or neglected after the sale. This return and refund expires after 72 hours. A complete medical report from the veterinarian must be provided in order to return the puppy for a full refund. This guarantee does not include or cover minor illnesses or physical faults. The definition of minor illnesses and physical faults will be defined by Back Porch Golden Retrievers or the veterinarian, and will be left to Back Porch Golden Retrievers or the veterinarian's discretion. However, Back Porch Golden Retrievers will disclose any known illnesses, health issues, and flaws prior to the sale of the puppy.

If for any reason the buyer is unable to keep this puppy, the buyer agrees to return the puppy to Back Porch Golden Retrievers along with the puppy's AKC Limited Registration papers that have been signed to release ownership back to Back Porch Golden Retrievers and the puppy's medical and vaccination records from the veterinarian. This puppy is not to be ever sold, given to, or transferred to any other individual, shelter, rescue, or pet store without first contacting Back Porch Golden Retrievers. No refund in part or in full will be given.

By signing below, you agree that you have thoroughly read through the entirety of this application and understand its contents and are in agreement with its contents.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for completing this application! At first glance, you might have thought, "Sheesh, this is a little long. Are all of these questions really necessary?" We get this question all of the time and the answer is YES! This is an opportunity for us to get to know our puppies' new families, and the information you provide here will help us to determine if a puppy from us is right for you. All of our puppies are hand-raised in our home with our family and other pets. This will forever be their home. They will always have a place here because we love them, and we hope that you love your new puppy too.