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# Wyoming Goldens

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## **PUPPY BUYER QUESTIONNAIRE**

The following questionnaire is to help us to be sure that you will be getting a puppy that you are happy with, and equally important, is to assure us that our puppies will be going to TERRIFIC homes! Please be as candid as you wish in your responses.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name (s): \_\_\_\_\_

Children names/ages (if applicable)

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Why have you decided to buy a Golden Retriever?

Your Plans for your Golden include; family companion \_\_\_\_\_

show dog \_\_\_\_\_ Obedience competition \_\_\_\_\_

hunting/field work \_\_\_\_\_ agility/fly ball \_\_\_\_\_ pet therapy \_\_\_\_\_ breeding \_\_\_\_\_

Do you prefer male or female? \_\_\_\_\_ Why? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a fenced yard? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If not fenced, would you be willing to do so before bringing home a new puppy/dog? \_\_\_\_\_

How do you plan to exercise your dog?

Do you have a swimming pool? Yes/No - if so, is it fenced? Yes/No \_\_\_\_\_

Do you live in a house or an apartment? If you rent, have you checked with the landlord about getting an animal? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you currently, or have you ever owned any other pets? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

If yes, what type?

Have you ever had to put a dog to sleep? If yes, why, and how old was the dog? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you looking for a young puppy or an older dog? \_\_\_\_\_

Do other members of your family also want to get a puppy? \_\_\_\_\_

Who would be the primary care giver? (feeding, training, grooming, etc.)

Where would your dog be housed when no one is home?

Have you ever thought of how you will housebreak a puppy?

What is your lifestyle? (normal day, hours home, % of travel etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

When this puppy is purchased as a "family companion" do you agree to have it spayed (females) or neutered (males) at or around 12 months old, and submit a veterinarian certificate to the breeder as proof of the surgery? (I prefer not to have puppies spayed/neutered before this age.) Do you have a veterinarian? If so, who?

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Do you agree to only feed your puppy/dog purchased from Wyoming Golden's, Life's Abundance All Stages Puppy/Dog Food for its Lifetime? Yes/No **(Feeding Life's Abundance Dog food is something we do require in order for you to purchase a puppy from Wyoming Golden's)**

How much do you expect to pay for a puppy? \_\_\_\_\_ How about an older dog? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you aware: That Golden Retrievers need lots of exercise to keep them happy? That they shed copious amounts of hair twice a year and smaller amounts throughout the year? That they require regular brushing to keep the shedding and tangles under control? That they need periodic grooming to prevent matting? That even with regular brushing and grooming you will always have a bit of dog hair on your clothing and furniture? That the breed matures slowly and some Golden's are forever puppies in attitude? That Golden puppies have a huge amount of energy and unless that energy is discharge they can become destructive? That Golden's are high-energy dogs and require a great deal of your time and attention daily? That Golden's are an orally fixated breed and have a real need to carry, therefore they will carry whatever you leave on the floor? That they need the company and companionship of people; and are happiest when they are with people? That even though the breed is noted for being good with children it is not to say that they should be left unsupervised with small children?

That even though the breed is noted for being calm, easy-going, people-loving dogs they are still dogs and behave like dogs? That even though the breed is known for being well behaved and intelligent, good behavior from a Golden's requires training on your part and that many Golden's believe that they are far more intelligent than their owners and can be quite stubborn? Even though every precaution has been taken to prevent health problems, Golden's are subject to hip dysplasia and joint disease, epilepsy, heart disease, allergies, thyroid problems, cataracts, and retinal atrophy, and cancer? And lastly we breeders are seeing a rise in temperament problems in the breed and once again every precaution has been taken to prevent this but you should be aware that it can occur and that early training and proper socialization is an important factor in any Golden Retrievers life.

Anything else you'd like to tell us about you? The more the better.....

**Our goal is to produce dogs that are of sound mind & body, of excellent temperament, intelligence, beauty and that are true to the type as described in the breed standard.**

**We require a \$500.00 non-refundable down payment for a puppy to be reserved in your name.**

**Total cost of a puppy from us varies from liter to liter and is dependent on if you are getting a puppy of show quality to work with in various events or strictly as a "family companion". We do not grade puppies until they are between 6 and 8 weeks old, and at that time we will determine the number of show/pet puppy prospects. The "family companion" puppies will be ready to go home with you at approximately 7-9 weeks of age.**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_