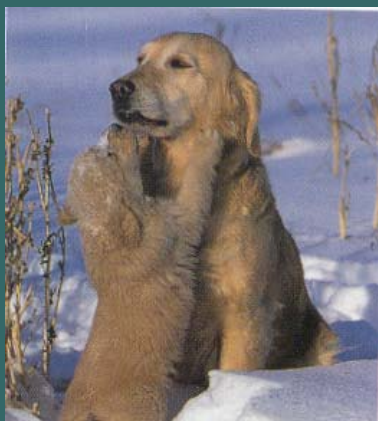




Read about the Breed

Golden Retriever

Sporting Group



The Golden Retriever is One of the Most Popular Dogs in the United States

Breed History:

- Golden Retrievers were developed in the UK in the late 19th Century to retrieve wildfowl on land or in the water.
- Goldens' intelligence and trainability have made them ideal in a number of service roles including guide dogs for the blind, narcotics detection dogs, and search and rescue dogs.
- The first Golden was registered by the AKC in 1925.



Keys to the Breed:

- High Energy Indoors
- Special Exercise Needs
- Special Grooming Needs
- Good Watchdog
- Good with Kids

Breed Characteristics:

- **Appearance** — A sturdy and muscular dog, but neither too massive nor refined. The coat may range from light to dark gold, and has a shiny outer waterproof layer and a dense inner insulating layer.
- **Grooming** — Regular grooming is pretty simple, consisting of brushing and combing the coat to prevent tangles. Expect some shedding throughout the year and more heavily in the Spring.
- **Exercise** — Goldens can adapt to life in the country or the city, but they need plenty of daily exercise. Regular walks and vigorous games of fetch in a fenced yard will keep your dog from getting bored.
- **Temperament** — Goldens are very people oriented and aren't happy alone in a kennel. They are generally friendly to everyone, and make excellent pets that get along well with children and other animals. They are intelligent, gentle, affectionate, and devoted to their family.

Vital Stats:

- **Size** — Dogs (males) stand 23-24", bitches (females) 21.5-22.5"
- **Weight** — Dogs average 65-75 lbs, bitches 55-65 lbs
- **Life span** — 12-14 years on average
- **Common Health Issues** — Pet shop puppies should be avoided due to hip and elbow dysplasia, cataracts, hot spots, hypothyroidism, and lymphoma
- **Breed Clubs** — The Golden Retriever Club of America

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AKC Standard Says:
The Golden Retriever is "friendly, reliable, and trustworthy. Quarrelsomeness or hostility" is not in their character.