



ADOPTION APPLICATION

In order to find the best home for our Golden Retrievers, GRRACE asks you to complete this rather lengthy application which takes about 20 minutes. We apologize for the inconvenience, but we have found knowing as much as we can about you, your house, your yard and your family helps us to find you the best match.

Please type in answers to ALL fields. When you are finished, save this file to your computer, and then email a copy to our applications coordinator (jennelson222@yahoo.com). **Application does not guarantee adoption of a dog from GRRACE. Attach a separate note or letter as needed for explanations.**

We will email you with any questions, and with a reply to your application. Please allow 2-4 weeks for processing.

ABOUT THE APPLICANT

Name and age of applicant: _____ Occupation: _____

Name and age of co-applicant: _____ Occupation: _____

Relationship of applicant and co-applicant: _____

Please tell us if the adopted dog will be primarily for an: Adult Child Elderly person Other: _____

Have you previously adopted from GRRACE? Yes No *If yes, dog's name and year of adoption* _____

How did you hear about GRRACE? _____

Are all household members in support of adopting a golden? Yes No *If no, describe* _____

Why do you want to adopt a rescued Golden Retriever? *Please be as specific and detailed as possible*

ABOUT YOUR HOME

Home Address: _____

City: _____ County: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone _____

E-Mail: _____ Best time and way (phone or e-mail) to contact you: _____

Do you live in a: House Townhouse/Condo Apartment Duplex Other (please describe) _____

Do you own or rent your home? _____ If renting, do you have permission to have a dog over 50 lbs? Yes No

Please provide your landlord's name and phone number _____

Does your home have stairs? Yes No *If yes, describe* _____

Do you agree to a home visit from one of our volunteers as part of the adoption process? Yes No

Please describe your home and property briefly

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ABOUT YOUR YARD and ACCESS

Do you have a physical fence or electronic fence that completely encloses your entire yard? Yes No

If yes, Type of fence: _____ *Length:* _____ *Width:* _____ *Height:* _____

If you have an invisible fence, please give area that is enclosed (i.e., entire back yard, entire front yard, or part of yard only), and approximate dimensions: _____

If you do not have a fenced area, are you willing to install one? Yes No

Please describe plans _____

If you do not have a fenced area, what are your plans for exercising your golden, and taking it out for potty breaks? Please describe:

Do you have a doggie door? Yes No *If yes, how is it used (times of access, etc)* _____

Do you have a kennel run? Yes No *If yes, how is it used (times of access, etc)* _____

Do you use a chain, tie out or cable runner? Yes No *If yes, how is it used?* _____

Do you have a pool? Yes No *If so, does your pool have a sturdy cover, or gate-only access?* Yes No

Will your dog regularly be taken to any other family residences, such as a weekend or vacation home? Yes No

If yes, please describe frequency of visits and type of home/yard:

ABOUT THE PROSPECTIVE FAMILY

Who will be primarily responsible for the daily care of the adopted dog? _____

Is anyone regularly at home during the day? Yes No

Describe: _____

Names and ages of all other human members of the household:

Name: _____ Age: _____

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If you do not have young children living in your home, will your adopted dog come into regular contact with children, such as grandchildren, neighbors, etc.? Yes No *If yes, please indicate ages of children and frequency of contact:* _____

Do you provide daycare for children or pets in your home? Yes No *If yes, please describe.* _____

Does anyone in your household have allergies to animals? Yes No *If yes, please describe.* _____

Does anyone in your household have a physical disability or serious health condition(s)? Yes No

If yes, please describe: _____



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ABOUT PREVIOUS AND CURRENT PET CARE

Will this be your first dog? Yes No Your first Golden Retriever? Yes No

Have you ever sold, given away, or surrendered a pet to a shelter? Yes No *If yes, please describe circumstances in the space below.*

Have you ever had a pet die because of age, illness, accident, or euthanasia? Yes No *If yes, please describe below.*

Is / was your dog on heartworm preventative? Yes No How many months of the year? _____

Please list all other **current** pets in your household, attach additional pages if necessary:

Dog: _____ Breed: _____ Age: _____ Sex: Male Female Spayed or neutered? Yes No

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Cat: _____ This cat is primarily Indoors or Outdoors Age: _____ Spayed or neutered? Yes No

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Other animals (rabbits, hamsters, birds, etc.): _____

How do your current pets get along with dogs? _____

If you do not have any current pets, have you ever owned a dog for whom you were the primary caretaker? Yes No

If yes, What breed and gender? _____

Will your adopted dog be in contact regularly with other pets (not in your home)? Yes No If yes, describe pets and frequency of contact: _____

VETERINARY REFERENCE AND/OR OTHER REFERENCES

To ensure that dogs are placed in the best possible care, GRRACE completes a veterinary reference as part of the application process. If you do not currently have a vet, please provide the name and number of the last vet that cared for one of your pets.

Veterinarian's Name _____

Names of pet(s) under this vet's care _____

Hospital Name _____

Hospital Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

If you do not have a veterinarian, please provide the name, email, telephone, and relationship of at least one person who can tell us about your care of previous dogs. *If you have never had pets, please indicate this here.*

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PLANS FOR A RESCUED GOLDEN / YOUR CURRENT PET'S ACCOMODATIONS

How long, on average, will the dog be alone (without humans) during the day? _____

Where will your adopted golden be kept? Inside all times Outside all times Outside in good weather Other, Please describe: _____

Where will your Golden be kept during the day? _____

Where will your Golden be kept during the night? _____

Where will your Golden be kept when you are not at home? _____

What will you do with your Golden when you go on vacation? _____

When no one is home, will your dog have the run of the entire house? Yes No *If no, please describe areas your dog will and will not have access to:* _____

Will your dog be kept in the basement or garage? Yes No *If yes, please describe frequency and circumstances:* _____

Will your dog live outside in a yard or outdoor kennel? Yes No *If yes, please describe frequency and circumstances:* _____

Will your dog be tied outside? Yes No *If yes, please describe frequency and circumstances:* _____

When you walk your dog, do you plan to use a leash? Yes No *If no, why not?* _____

Will your dog be walked daily? Yes No *If yes, approximately how many times and how far?* _____

Will your dog be exercised in a fenced yard? Yes No *If yes, how, by whom and how often?* _____

What other kind(s) of exercise or activities will your dog participate in? *Please be as specific and detailed as possible.* _____

Will your dog be allowed to run or play off leash in unfenced areas? Yes No *If yes, please describe circumstances below.* _____

How do you plan to train your dog to be a well-mannered member of the family? *Please be as specific and detailed as possible.* _____

Have you or a family member ever completed an obedience course with another dog? Yes No *If yes, please indicate how long ago and what kind of training.* _____

Describe any other previous experience you or a family member has had in training dogs. *Please be as specific and detailed as possible.* _____

Have you or a family member ever participated in dog-related activities such as conformation, obedience, agility, flyball, animal-assisted therapy, etc.? Yes No *If yes, please describe.* _____

Are you familiar with the use of a dog crate to train and/or confine the dog while he or she is unsupervised? Yes No

If yes, have you used a crate with a previous dog? Yes No

Do you own a crate? Yes No *If yes, size and dimensions* _____

If your adopted dog requires it, are you willing to crate train and use a crate? Yes No

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YOUR PREFERENCES FOR AN ADOPTED GOLDEN

What age & gender Golden do you prefer? (The more flexible you are, the easier it will be to find you a match.)

Check all that apply: Puppy up to 2 years* 2 years to 4 years 4 up to 8 years 8 years and older

**Please note that we rarely have puppies.*

What do you expect in a golden retriever? family pet hunting dog friend for current dog companionship service dog
 other; please describe: _____

Do you prefer a male or female Golden? Male Female No preference

Would you consider adopting a senior (older than 10 years) Golden? Yes No

Would you consider adopting a pair? Yes No

Would you consider adopting a special needs dog, such as one with physical or sensory impairments or who requires medication for a permanent but controlled condition? Yes No *If yes, please describe what types of medical conditions would be acceptable to you.*

DID YOU KNOW?

- Some Golden Retrievers are accustomed to being allowed on furniture, others are not. For placement information purposes, will your dog be allowed on the bed or other furniture? Yes No
- Are you aware that Golden Retrievers are very active dogs (especially when young) and require significant daily exercise and ongoing training? Yes No
- Are you aware that Golden Retrievers shed year round? Yes No
- Are you aware that Golden Retrievers are large dogs and may jump and knock down children or the elderly? Yes No
- Do **ALL** members of the family want to adopt a Golden Retriever? Yes No
- Do you plan to groom the dog yourself, use a groomer, or both _____
- Are you aware that routine costs of maintaining a dog average \$800 to \$1200 per year? Yes No
- Are you willing to take your golden to a veterinarian for annual physicals and vaccinations? Yes No
- If your adopted dog develops a serious illness, injury, or health condition at some point in his or her life, are you prepared to obtain necessary/appropriate medical care? Yes No

ADOPTION FEES (do not send now)

Puppies up to 5 months old: \$350.00
 Dogs 6 months to 7 years old: \$300.00
 Dogs 8 years old and older: \$200.00

Should you be approved to adopt a golden, are you willing to pay this adoption fee? Yes No

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You will be notified by email upon review of your application whether you are approved or denied adoption status. Please allow 2-3 weeks for review and response. Please add jennelson222@yahoo.com AND applications@grrace.org to your "safe" senders email contacts to ensure our emails reach your inbox.

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SIGNED CONSENT

If you'd like, you may attach a separate note or letter with any additional information about yourself and your family, including any special activities in which your GRRACE dog would be included. We have included space below for you to type any longer answers from the previous pages, or to attach a note or letter. Also, if you have any special requirements or requests for a dog, please let us know so that we can more carefully match a dog to your lifestyle. The more we know about you, your family, and your pets, the better!

- I/we attest we understand the GRRACE Adoption Procedures as described at (<http://www.grrace.org/adoption.html>)
- I/we agree to allow a GRRACE representative to visit my/our home by appointment.
- I hereby authorize my veterinarian(s) to release confidential information about my pets and my pet care.

Applicant's Signature (TYPE NAME): _____ Date: _____

Co-Applicant's Signature (TYPE NAME): _____ Date: _____

SUBMITTING YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION FOR REVIEW

Upon completion of this GRRACE Adoption Application, please SAVE the document to your computer's hard drive. Open your email client, and ATTACH your completed application in an email to Jennifer Nelson at jennelson222@yahoo.com. Please type GRRACE ADOPTION APPLICATION in the subject line.

If you prefer, you may print and fill out this application by hand. Please mail to the address below. Please note that it may take an additional 3-6 weeks to process mailed applications (5-10 weeks total).

GRRACE
Attn: Adoption Application
PO Box 513
Plainfield, IN 46168

Please use the space below to elaborate on answers to previous questions, or to include any other pertinent information not covered on this application. The more we know about you and your family, the better we will be able to match you with a new golden!