

# “LOVE A GOLDEN” RESCUE



## APPLICATION FOR ADOPTION

### Adoption Applicant Requirements

- \$275.00 adoption donation
- Applicant should be at least 18 years old
- Fenced yard
- Children in the home should be at least 4 years old

Please mail this form to the address below.

### ***APPLICANT INFORMATION***

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's email address: (Please print clearly) \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Best time to contact you: \_\_\_\_\_

Who will be dog's primary caregiver (if not applicant)? \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about Love A Golden Rescue? \_\_\_\_\_

### ***WHY YOU WANT TO ADOPT***

Why do you want to adopt a Rescue Dog? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Why do you want to adopt a Golden Retriever? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Is there anyone in the home who may be adversely affected by care of dogs (allergies, etc.)? \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Names and ages of people who will be living with dog: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

If children are in the home, what has been their past experience with dogs? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Do ALL members of the family want this dog? \_\_\_\_\_

If unsure why? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you aware that a Golden Retriever is a large dog and may jump up and knock down children or the elderly? \_\_\_\_\_

**HOME INFORMATION**

Do you live in a... House \_\_\_\_\_ Townhouse \_\_\_\_\_ Apartment \_\_\_\_\_ Duplex \_\_\_\_\_ Condominium \_\_\_\_\_

Do you: Own \_\_\_\_\_ Rent \_\_\_\_\_ Do you have the landlord's permission to have a dog over 50 lbs.? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you live on a busy street? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you plan to move within the next year? Explain \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a fenced yard? \_\_\_\_\_ Type and height of fence: \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate size of fenced area \_\_\_\_\_ Is the fenced area secure for a dog? \_\_\_\_\_

How do you plan to use this area? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

If you have an invisible fence how do you plan to train your dog to use it? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Have you trained other dogs to use the invisible fence area? \_\_\_\_\_

Did those dogs ever escape the invisible fence? \_\_\_\_\_ Can other dogs come in your yard? \_\_\_\_\_

If you do not have any type of fence, have you kept a dog without a fence before? \_\_\_\_\_

If you do not have any type of fence, how do you plan on letting the dog out for potty and to play?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Would you be willing to add a fence to your home? \_\_\_\_\_

**PAST DOG EXPERIENCE**

Will this be your first dog? \_\_\_\_\_ Your first Golden? \_\_\_\_\_ Do you have other dogs now: \_\_\_\_\_

List the names, ages, breed and sex of your current dogs and whether they are spayed or neutered?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

If you have owned other Golden Retrievers, tell us about them: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Other breeds you have owned in the past : \_\_\_\_\_

What characteristics of those breeds did you like? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**OTHER PET INFORMATION**

Do you have cats in your home? If you do, please list the number of cats and how they relate with dogs:

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

If you have cats, how would you introduce them to a new dog? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

If you have cats, where do you feed them? \_\_\_\_\_

If you have cats, Where is the litter box? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

List any other pets you have and if they are spayed or neutered: Do they get along with other pets? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

At what age and how did you acquire your current pets? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Do you plan to get any additional dogs or cats within the next year? \_\_\_\_\_

Have any of your pets ever been diagnosed as having heartworms? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, how was this condition resolved? \_\_\_\_\_

Are all dogs you currently own on heartworm preventative? \_\_\_\_\_ What kind? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever bred a dog? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever sold a pet? \_\_\_\_ Have you ever given away a pet? Have you ever surrendered a pet to a shelter? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, please describe circumstance: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

If you have had a pet die because of age, illness, accident or euthanasia, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**YOUR PLANS FOR A NEW DOG**

How would you exercise the dog? \_\_\_\_\_

Will the dog go outside "off leash" or unattended? \_\_\_\_\_

How often do you take walk or jog now? \_\_\_\_\_

Where will the dog be kept during the day? \_\_\_\_\_ At night? \_\_\_\_\_

Is anyone home during the day? \_\_\_\_\_ Who? \_\_\_\_\_

How long will the dog normally be left alone each day? \_\_\_\_\_

Will your dog have the run of the house, be in blocked-off portions of the house, use a crate, be tied outside or live in the yard? Please be specific: \_\_\_\_\_

Will your dog be allowed on the furniture or bed? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you aware that Golden Retrievers are active and that they shed all year long? \_\_\_\_\_

Will you groom the dog yourself? \_\_\_\_\_ Use a groomer? \_\_\_\_\_

Will the dog be walked daily? \_\_\_\_\_ Exercised in a fenced yard? \_\_\_\_\_ Be allowed to run free? \_\_\_\_\_

In what activities would your dog participate (e.g. jogging, camping, agility classes, therapy dog, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Do you plan to take an obedience course with your dog? \_\_\_\_\_ Have you ever taken one? \_\_\_\_\_

Where would you take obedience training? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you aware that routine costs of maintaining a dog average \$600 - \$800 per year? \_\_\_\_\_

**REFERENCES AND CONTACTS**

May we contact your veterinarian? \_\_\_\_\_ Please provide name, full address and phone number of most recent veterinarian(s):  
\_\_\_\_\_

I hereby authorize my veterinarian \_\_\_\_\_ to release confidential information about my pets and my pet care.

*If you are a current or recent pet owner, during the application process, you may be asked to request that your veterinarian Fax a copy of your pet's vet records to Love A Golden Rescue. Our Fax number is 314-576-2775. Or we may ask to contact your veterinarian directly.*

May representatives of Love A Golden Rescue visit you home prior to an adoption? \_\_\_\_\_

After adoption? \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please note that a home visits are a requirement of adoption.)

If you adopt a dog from Love A Golden Rescue, may Love A Golden Rescue print your name as an adoptive home and tell others that you have adopted a dog from us? Yes No

If No, what are your concerns \_\_\_\_\_

If you adopt a dog from Love A Golden Rescue, are you willing to provide Love A Golden Rescue with periodic updates about the dog? YES NO

If No, what are your concerns? \_\_\_\_\_

If you adopt a dog from Love A Golden Rescue, are you willing to release the dog back to Love a Golden Rescue, if you no longer wish to care for the dog? YES NO

If no, what are your concerns? \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide 2 personal references that we may contact:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**ADOPTION PREFERENCES**

Rescued Goldens range in age: Are you interested in adopting:

Any Age \_\_\_ Puppy (1 year or less) Young adult (1-3 years) \_\_\_\_\_ Adult \_\_\_\_\_ Senior (9+ yrs) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Note: we rarely have puppies)

Do you prefer: Male: \_\_\_\_\_ Female: \_\_\_\_\_ Does not matter: \_\_\_\_\_

Size \_\_\_\_\_ Color preference \_\_\_\_\_

Activity level: \_\_\_\_\_ low energy (couch potato) \_\_\_\_\_ medium energy (some exercise but not intense)  
\_\_\_\_\_ High energy (lots of daily exercise)

Picture yourself coming home from work or an all-day outing. How would you like your dog to greet you?

\_\_\_\_\_

How would you greet the dog? \_\_\_\_\_

What would you do if the dog had made a mess in the house \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

How soon would you like to have an adopted dog in your home? (Please note that the adoption process can take several weeks and its length depends on scheduling the home visit and on the availability of dogs currently have in foster homes.)

\_\_\_\_\_

How far would you be willing to travel to pick up a dog for adoption? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you want to consider a special needs dog, such as one who requires medication for a permanent but controlled condition?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Describe the personality characteristics which you would like your dog to have: \_\_\_\_\_

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

If you adopted a dog that chews, digs or has other bad habits, what would you do?

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

If your dog developed a serious health problem, what do you think your limitations would be?

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

Please tell us about yourself and your family, including any special activities in which your dog would be included:

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

If you are interested in any particular Love A Golden foster dog, please list the dog(s) here: Listing a dog does not guarantee adoption of that dog.

\_\_\_\_\_

What about this dog appeals to you? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Rescue groups often work together. Have you applied for a dog with another Rescue? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

If yes, please give name of another Rescue: \_\_\_\_\_

If you have any special requirements for a dog, please let us know so we can more carefully match a dog to your life-style:

\_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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