



**GRROWLS-NY, Inc.**  
(Golden Retriever Rescue Operated With Love Statewide-New York)  
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## Adoption Application

Thank you for contacting us about adopting a Golden Retriever. GRROWLS-NY is an all volunteer group active throughout New York State. We take in Goldens and “almost-Goldens” that have been abandoned, lost or given up by their owners. After receiving any necessary medical attention (including spaying or neutering), rescued dogs begin their journey to a new life in a GRROWLS foster home where we get to know the dog’s temperament and work with her/him on any training or behavioral modification needs. As of May 1, 2004, our new adoption fee schedule is as follows: \$250 for puppies up to 3 years; \$200 for dogs 3 years up to 8 years old; \$100 for dogs 8 years up to 11 years old; and no adoption fee required for dogs 11 years and older (although donations are always welcome.) The adoption fee is required at the time of placement to help cover the many costs incurred in the process of caring for and finding homes for our dogs.

The Goldens who come to us include males and females of all ages. As a rule, our orphans make wonderful pets and adjust well to their new families. If you are unfamiliar with the breed, we have included information here about breed characteristics. We also want our applicants to know that rescued dogs come from a variety of backgrounds. Some are older dogs, including well-behaved and cared for pets whose owners have died or become ill. However, many dogs will require continued behavioral work due to a lack of training or neglect or abuse in the dog’s previous environment. A patient and loving owner can make all the difference and the rewards of seeing such Goldens become the loyal and happy pets they were meant to be is unforgettable. Our job is to match the dog’s needs with the best home among our applicants. We encourage our applicants to keep open minds in terms of their preferences; as owners of GRROWLS dogs will tell you, their “ideal” Golden turned out to be the one to whom they opened their hearts and homes for a second chance in life.

Please fill out the enclosed application so that we know a little bit about you and your home environment. This information will assist us in matching one of our rescued dogs with your family. Your application will be reviewed and you will be contacted by phone for a home visit. **We will then contact you if a potentially well-matched Golden is available for adoption. You will then be able to speak with the foster home to learn more about the dog, and if interested, meet the dog prior to the adoption.** Thank you again for your inquiry and we look forward to helping you find a special Golden to adopt.

Return your application to:

Email: Applications@grrowls.org

USPS: Golden Retriever Rescue Operated With Love Statewide  
P.O. Box 6634  
Syracuse, NY 13217

Fax: (877) 477-6957 (toll free)

\*\*Email and Fax are the preferred method. If the U.S. Postal Service is used, it may take 2-3 weeks to contact you.

Whether or not you decide to adopt a dog, we invite you to join our group. Mail the following coupon to the above address.

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

I am interested in:

- Becoming a member of GRROWLS-NY, Inc (\$25/yr. single; \$40/yr. family, 01-AUG through 31-JUL)
- Becoming a foster home for GRROWLS
- Helping transport dogs for GRROWLS
- Helping with fund raising for GRROWLS
- Making a donation to GRROWLS-NY, Inc. in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

## **Do You Really Want To Adopt A RESCUED Golden Retriever?**

Goldens make ideal pets, but they do have some disadvantages! Please consider those listed below before you decide to share your life with a Golden.

**Size:** Goldens are considered medium size. However, males range between 23" - 24" at the shoulder and weigh between 75-95 pounds. Females range from 21" - 22" and usually weigh 55-75 pounds. Their very active tails are best known for clearing low tables of all adornments.

**Exercise:** Goldens require constant, hard exercise to allow them to become the calm housepets most owners expect. Fenced yard and twice daily walks are highly recommended.

**Shedding:** Goldens have long, beautiful coats that shed at least twice a year. Regular brushing and professional grooming can keep the amount of hair lost to a minimum; however, you will always have some dog hair on furniture, rugs, clothing, and oh yes, occasionally in your food!

**Health/ Care:** Most breeds are prone to certain problems. Although Goldens have only a few, we feel it is best for you to know the worst: Goldens may develop skin allergies, dry coats and occasionally hip or eye problems. However, many never experience any of these problems. Feeding one dog will cost \$200.00 - \$300.00 per year. Veterinary expenses have been estimated at \$150.00 - \$250.00 per year. Also keep in mind such expenses as food dishes, leashes, toys, collars, brushes, shampoo, etc.!

**Training:** We highly recommend basic obedience training both for the dogs and their owners. Guard dog training is a waste of time; although they may growl and bark defensively, the bottom line is that they would just as soon kiss the intruder and trade your silver for a few good ball tosses!

**Time:** Goldens are "people" dogs. They thrive on attention and need to be with, around and near humans. Consider your lifestyle and how busy your schedule is now. Do you have time to give the love and attention to a Golden's needs? Many of our dogs have come from less than ideal first homes and it is very important that their permanent homes provide all the love and caring they deserved to begin with but did not get.

**A special note about Rescued Goldens :** Although it does happen, we rarely have "perfect" dogs in rescue. Most come to us *because* they have problems. Those problems could be related to abuse but are more often related to neglect. They simply have not been taught how to be good canine citizens. Often, we get young, strong dogs who are physically full grown but who have received no training. From experience, we know that these dogs can learn as long as their new family gives them the necessary guidance and direction. Love is important, but love alone is not enough. Boundaries must be set and expectations established. Strong human leadership is required.

**If you are still interested, and up to the challenge (and we hope you are), welcome to the family of Rescued Golden Lovers and Admirers!!!.**

REQUEST FOR ADOPTION (REVISED 9/08)

**Unfortunately, at this time we are not processing adoption applications from families with children in the house under the age of 12. We know from experience that few homes with young children would be considered the best match for the dogs we have taken in and, given the large number of applicants we currently have and the relatively low numbers of dogs that would be placed in homes with young children, we have decided to prioritize processing applications for families without young children. If you would like to apply for an exemption to this policy, please write a detailed explanation and send it to our Adoption Coordinator at [adoptions@grrowls.org](mailto:adoptions@grrowls.org).**

Would you consider a (circle one) **male** or **female** or **either**? Why? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you prefer a (circle one) **dominant** or **submissive** dog? Why? \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Age \_\_\_\_ Would you consider meeting a dog over 5 years for possible adoption? \_\_\_\_\_  
Over 7 years old? \_\_\_\_\_ Over 10 years old? \_\_\_\_

Prefer: **Pure Breed** or **Mixed** or **Either** (circle one)

Would you accept two (2) goldens? (we sometimes get pairs who cannot be separated) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Name of Co-Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: Spouse Significant other Child Roommate/housemate Other \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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

Applicant's Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Co-applicant's Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Why do you want to adopt this animal? Companion Gift Guard dog Personal Protection  
Child's companion Other: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Do you live in a : House Townhouse Apartment Duplex Condo

3. Own or rent: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Do you have a fenced in yard? \_\_\_\_\_ What type of fence? \_\_\_\_\_ How high? \_\_\_\_\_

5. Where would the pet be kept during the day? \_\_\_\_\_ At night? \_\_\_\_\_

6. How many adults in the household? \_\_\_\_\_ Ages? \_\_\_\_\_ Children? \_\_\_\_\_ Ages? \_\_\_\_\_

7. Who will be responsible for this pet? \_\_\_\_\_

8. Is there anyone home during the day? \_\_\_\_\_ Who? \_\_\_\_\_

9. How many hours a day will the pet be alone? \_\_\_\_\_

10. We require that all pets adopted from us be spayed or neutered. Do you have any questions or reservations about this policy? \_\_\_\_\_ Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

11. Who will care for the pet when you are on vacation \_\_\_\_\_

12. If you move, what will you do with this pet? \_\_\_\_\_

13. Are you willing to take responsibility for this pet for 10 years or more? \_\_\_\_\_

14. How much do you think that it will cost to take care of this animal each year? Please consider the cost of food, veterinary care, grooming, licensing, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

15. Have you ever participated in obedience training with a dog? \_\_\_\_\_ Would you plan to take part in obedience training with the dog you adopt from us? \_\_\_\_\_

16. Please list all the pets you have owned in the past five years:

Type	Sex	Age & Spayed/ Neutered?	Where is she/he now?
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

17. If you ever had a pet die at an early age or due to an accident of any kind, please give the details:  
\_\_\_\_\_

18. If you do not have adequate fencing (i.e. a totally enclosed, secure fence), how will you exercise the dog. Who will supervise these outdoor activities? (This includes all the time the dog is outdoors)  
\_\_\_\_\_

19. Please give the names and phone numbers of two references (**one should be a vet if you have one and the references should not be family members**):  
\_\_\_\_\_

I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT ALL THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS FORM IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE. I UNDERSTAND THAT ANY MISREPRESENTATION OF FACT MAY RESULT IN THE REMOVAL OF THE ADOPTED DOG FROM MY HOME BY GRROWLS-NY.

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

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