

A Tanglewood Goldens puppy starts out his or her life full of love, fun, and loads of potential!

All of our puppy families enjoy the loving companionship of their new Goldens. Some owners simply enjoy the loyal, happy four-legged friend, while others choose to train and work with their dogs to involve them in therapy for children and the elderly, search and rescue, rally obedience competitions, hunt trials, show careers and more.

Our ultimate goal is to see a perfect match between each puppy and his or her new family. During their 8 weeks with us, we socialize our pups and begin the initial adaptations to grooming, potty training and coming-when-called. We also work with our pups individually, giving them a strong training platform that will help them learn more in the future as they adjust to living with their new family.

We sometimes hear that it is the weeks *after* a pup comes home that raise concern for some new puppy owners. After all, this is a big commitment!

The initial weeks and months of training are an important part of a solid foundation for any pup. With the demands of a work schedule, family to care for and a host of activities, maintaining the solid routine necessary to help your new puppy form good habits can be challenging. Those first days of separation from littermates, crate training, proper socialization, dealing with chewing, jumping and nipping all require a steady, patient routine that provides great success. This is sometimes more than one can handle in a weekly class structure.

That is why we offer Tanglewood Training Programs.

Our New Beginnings, Canine Cruisers and Golden Goals training programs have been carefully developed to meet the needs of pup and owner alike, helping your pup with the transition to its new family and home environment. Our training programs offer you the best of both worlds...the joy of a new puppy and long-time companion, with a solid foundation of early training for you to build upon. To some degree, training continues throughout the life of your pet, and a good foundation makes that process much better.

How does it work?

Your puppy, instead of coming directly to your home on “pick up week,” will begin training at the home/facility of our dedicated trainer. Your pup will stay with this trainer for the entire length of the program that you select. The length of your puppy’s stay depends on your personal needs as a new puppy owner. All programs include weekly updates, photos and ongoing care to insure that your puppy remains well fed, stimulated, groomed and up to date on vaccinations and de-wormings while in our care. All programs also include telephone or in-person consultation with your puppy’s trainer prior to your puppy coming home as well as general support after your puppy arrives home. Your puppy will come home with instructions and a detailed schedule so that you can continue the training process.

NOTE: We do not use fear or pain as teaching methods. Such treatment breaks down the necessary trust that makes learning fun and responses reliable. Our training methods are reward-based, using positive reinforcement with an understanding of “pack” language.

Our Programs...

The goal of our training programs is to provide you with a solid foundation for a well-trained, well-behaved member of your family. In short, a dog you can live with. Each situation is as different as each pup. Though we cannot provide for every situation, limited room for “specialized” focus is allowed for within these programs and can be discussed to help “tailor” your pup’s training to meet your needs.

New Beginnings – 2 Week Program

Our New Beginnings program offers just that – the initial training that begins the moment your pup leaves his or her littermates. Weeks 8 to 10 require special care in preparation, patience and positive experiences. Separation (sleeping alone), new smells, and learning to potty on schedule outside instead of just anywhere the urge hits are all new concepts.

Our method of training utilizes a canine's natural instinct and desire to "den," using the space of safe and comfortable canine crate as a training tool. The crate is NEVER used for punishment, but is introduced as a safe, happy space of their own. Use of a crate in this manner also helps the pup begin learning to "hold it" because they naturally do not want to potty in their own "space." New Beginnings lays this foundation for your pup and provides you the schedule/instructions to follow to help you continue his or her training.

During this time your pup will also begin learning basic commands, and will be deterred from unwanted behaviors like chewing furniture, jumping up, biting.

What New Beginnings Covers:

- Initial separation (sleeping quietly in crate through the night)
- Feeding Schedule
- Foundations laid for potty training
- Easy crating
- Learning to respond to name (making eye contact when called)
- Learning not to walk under your feet
- Beginning to learn the meaning of commands like Sit, Down and Off
- Beginning to learn "no bite"
- Limited socialization with calm, (vaccinated) older pets and with people
- Introduction to collar and leash

Remember, this level of training is only 'foundational. No pup can be expected to *master* any of this training by just 10+ weeks of age. You will need to have preparations ready at home to continue building upon these foundations. Purchase and use of a crate (specified more fully below under Fee Structure) will be a helpful tool to guarantee these early house-training foundations continue to flourish.

If you prefer, we can purchase a crate for you at cost, which will come home with your pup (typically \$75-\$85).



10 wk old pup learning "sit" ... "down" ... "stand" ... and waiting patiently in her crate for nap-time.

Canine Cruisers – 4 Week Program

Canine Cruisers builds upon all the New Beginnings training by providing a longer period of consistency and repetition necessary to “cruise” into the next level of maturity. It also adds new commands based on the increasing maturity of your pup. Though you will need to continue the training to see lasting results, Canine Cruisers helps your pup be more geared to become a trusted member of your household.

What Canine Cruisers Covers:

- Name (Should make eye contact when called)
- Come when called
- Easy crating on command
- Following a lure (hand)
- Sit
- Down
- Off
- Stand
- Wait
- Leave it
- Stay
- Touch
- Walk comfortably on loose lead
- Intro to following closely on walks off leash
- Retrieving
- Socialization and respect of humans and other dogs
- Calm down
- Handling for examination/grooming
- Riding in car calmly
- And of course, potty training—learning to go immediately (before play) when taken outside.
- Remaining calm for nail trimming and feet trimming.
- Your pup will receive his 2nd shots, (Intervet Distemper/Parvo)
- In summer months, your pup may begin monthly heartworm treatment.



10+ wk old pup practicing “sit-stay” ... “down-stay” ... loose-lead walking ... off-lead “come”

Golden Goals – 8 Week Program

This longer program works well for those who may be traveling during the time their pup would first come home, or those who wish to have more of a solid foundation laid for their new companion. It provides for more intensive training and repetition so that your pup can truly be counted on to know what he or she has been trained to do. By the end of the Golden Goals program, your pup should be ready to pass his AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy Program Test and eventually the Canine Good Citizen test with flying colors.

What Golden Goals Covers:

- Builds upon and reinforces EVERYTHING learned in New Beginnings and Canine Cruisers
- New “life application” elements are introduced to basic commands such as waiting to walk through a door, waiting while food/water is placed on floor, etc.
- Fetch/retrieve distance is increased
- Stay distance and time is increased
- Down/stay command taught from a distance
- Socialization is increased
- Potty training is nearly mastered! (New environments and lack of supervision could still lead to an “oops” moment, but by now your pup should be nearly a pro!)

Should you decide to seek an early title for your new pup, AKC offers two options:

The AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy Program Test is the preliminary to the AKC Canine Good Citizen Test. The CGC test can be taken when you feel your pup is ready to pass and Golden Goals will lay the groundwork for achieving this title. Typically 6 months to 1 year is a good time to try. Age requirement is sometimes based on the individual evaluator (you can find more on the AKC site). Earning the CGC title is a great “first” achievement. Test includes:

1. Accepting a friendly stranger
2. Sitting politely for petting
3. Appearance and grooming (easily inspected and groomed)
4. Out for a walk (walking on a loose lead)
5. Walking through a crowd (without stopping/jumping up)
6. Sit and down on command and Staying in place (left 20ft away)
7. Coming when called (from 10ft away)
8. Calm reaction to another dog approaching
9. Calm reaction to distraction (10-15ft away)
10. Supervised separation (calm when owner walks out of sight)

Just visit the AKC.org site for more information, and to find a test opportunity in your area.

Fee Structure*

- **New Beginnings** 2 Week Program \$600
- **Canine Cruisers** 4 Week Program \$1000
- **Golden Goals** 8 Week Program \$1800

Additional days charged at \$50/day (24hr period).

Additional week (7 day period) beyond initial 2 week program charged at \$250/week.

Additional week (7 day period) beyond initial 4 week program charged at \$200/week.

The above fees cover overall board, feeding, grooming, vetting (scheduled shots and any deworming administered by trainer) and training. The above fees do not cover purchase of a crate. It is recommended that you purchase or have available at least a 24x36 (minimum for females/small males) or 28x42 (larger males) Midwest-style metal folding crate, preferably with 2 doors and a puppy 'divider' which allows you to 'grow' the crate with your pup. A crate can be purchased by our trainer for you at cost, which is typically \$80-\$95, and will be delivered to you with your pup already acclimated to his or her crate. The above fees do not cover delivery of your puppy to a location of more than 60 miles.

Signed Waiver, ½ of training fee and crate expense (if trainer is purchasing) are due the week prior to scheduled puppy pick-up. Remaining fees due upon completion of program.

*[*Our fee structure takes into consideration typical boarding facilities that charge between \$30 - \$75 per 24hr stay for pups—most offering boarding only. With our programs, your pup will live in the home of its trainer, receiving the same type of care and attention as her own pets, plus training, grooming, vetting, etc.]*

Additional Notes:

The number of puppies enrolled in a training program at the same time is limited in order to maximize each individual puppy's time with the trainer. Therefore early enrollment is recommended for all programs.

A signed liability waiver is required for the time that the puppy is in training to authorize emergency vet care if needed.

Thank you for your interest in our Tanglewood Training Programs!

Whether you choose to use the training we offer, or to enroll in training programs in your own area, we believe this is a very important decision to ensure that your new puppy will be a happy, well rounded and loved member of your family for years to come.

Sign Me Up!

If you are interested in one of our training programs for your new pup, or if you have any questions, please let us know. As the breeder, I would be happy to answer whatever questions I can, or I will connect you directly to our trainer.