

# Tanglewood Goldens ■ New Owner Questionnaire

(Please download and print this PDF form. Please print your responses neatly.)  
Mail to: Tanglewood Goldens, c/o Joanne Cava, PO Box 1391, Harrisburg, NC 28075

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Work/Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Puppy Desired:    \_\_\_ Male        \_\_\_ Female

Sire: \_\_\_\_\_ Dam: \_\_\_\_\_

## Purchasing Questions:

Do you plan on picking up your pup (driving) or having us ship your pup to you? Which airport is the closest to you?

**Questions about you, the buyer.** We kindly ask that you reply to the following questions. These questions are not meant to be judgmental in any way, but will allow Tanglewood Goldens to have some insight into your situation and expectations. Please feel free to add any additional comments, and use the back of the form for additional space. Completion of this questionnaire is in no way a guarantee that a puppy will be sold/reserved to/for you.

- 1 Number of Members in your family?
- 2 Do you have children? (please include ages)
- 3 Are all members of your household away during the day?
- 4 If so, what provisions will you make for your puppy at that time?
- 5 Does anyone in your family suffer from allergies?

- 6 Does anyone who lives in your home, or who is a frequent visitor, a smoker?
- 7 Do you own a swimming pool?
- 8 If you own a swimming pool, is it fenced separately from the yard, with no entrance under it?
- 9 Have you put a deposit on a puppy with anyone else at this time? If so who?
  
- 10 Do you own your own home or do you rent?
- 11 If you rent, does your landlord allow dogs?
- 12 Have you owned a dog before?
- 13 What breed/type did you own and what happened to it/them?
  
- 14 Do you currently have any pets (list types and ages)?
  
- 15 Will they adapt to another animal in the family?
- 16 How did you decide on a Golden Retriever?
- 17 Why do you want a puppy?
- 18 What will you do with the puppy if it does not work out for you?
- 19 Do you agree that if at any time you are unable to keep your puppy or dog, for whatever reason, you will need to contact Tanglewood Goldens for assistance in placing your dog in the manner that is best suited to your particular needs?
  
- 20 Where will your dog live, sleep, eat, and play?
  
- 21 Do you have a fenced yard, or fenced exercise play area for your dog?
  
- 22 If not, are you willing to construct one of these before puppy comes to live with you?

- 23 Do you understand that we will not allow a puppy obtained from Tanglewood Goldens to be tied in any manner?
- 24 Do you understand why we insist on this?
- 25 Do you understand that Goldens thrive on human attention and cannot be isolated from the rest of the family?
- 26 Do you understand that a puppy purchased from us must be a part of the family and not be a dog that lives outdoors all the time?
- 27 What Veterinarian do you plan to use? (Please list name, address, & phone number).
  
- 28 Please list 2 references of people that know you, your family/work life, and any past relationships with pets (with address/phone #'s).
  
- 29 Do you plan on using a crate to help house-train your pup?
- 30 If not, how do you plan on house-training?
  
- 31 Who will be responsible for the care, grooming, and training of your dog?
- 32 Are you interested in doing any other type of training with your dog? (Obedience, Agility, Hunt Trials, Tracking etc.)
- 33 Briefly tell us about your family's lifestyle, hobbies, and interests:
  
- 34 Briefly tell us the attributes you would like your puppy/dog to possess?
  
- 35 What do you expect from us, the breeders of your pup?

- 36 Are you prepared to feed a premium dog food to your dog? (We can give you recommendations of foods).
- 37 Do you understand that your dog must be neutered/spayed?
- 38 Do you understand that we sell all of our puppies on a non-breeding contract as required by the Golden Retriever Club of America, that it may not be bred unless this contract is removed by mutual consent?
- 39 If you decide to purchase a pet puppy from Tanglewood Goldens, we do require a \$200 deposit to reserve a puppy for you, which will be deducted from the purchase price.
- 40 Do you have any problem with natural care and supplements for your dog?
- 41 Will you allow a home visit by the breeder or breeder's representative (if too far away) before a puppy is placed in your home?

**By signing below, you agree to all the conditions listed above and state that the information you have provided is accurate and true.**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

## **WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO BE AWARE OF THE FOLLOWING TRAITS OF THE GOLDEN RETRIEVER BREED:**

### **ARE YOU AWARE...**

That Golden Retrievers need lots of exercise to keep them happy?

That Goldens shed copious amounts of hair twice a year and smaller amounts throughout the year?

That Goldens require regular brushing to keep the shedding and tangles under control?

That Goldens need periodic grooming to prevent matting and hot spots, as well as ear infections?

That even with regular grooming, you will always have a bit of dog hair on your clothing and/or furniture?

That Goldens mature slowly and some Goldens are forever puppies in attitude?

That Golden Retriever puppies have a lot of energy and unless that energy is discharged through activity and interaction they can become destructive?

That Goldens require a great deal of your time and attention daily?

That Goldens have a real need and desire to carry things in their mouths; therefore, they will carry/chew and/or swallow whatever you leave on the floor?

That they need the company and companionship of people and are happiest when they are with people? They were developed as a breed to have this characteristic.

That even though the breed is noted for being good with children, they should not be left unsupervised with small children?

That even though the breed is noted for being calm, easygoing, people-loving dogs, they are still dogs and behave like dogs?

That even though the breed is known for being well behaved and intelligent, good behavior from a Golden requires training on your part?

That some Goldens believe that they are more intelligent than their owners and can be quite stubborn?

That Goldens do not come fully trained?

That Goldens will become your best friend?

That Goldens do not think like human beings?

That Goldens learn by repetition so it is very important to be consistent when training?

That even though every precaution has been taken by Tanglewood Goldens to prevent health problems, Goldens are subject to hip dysphasia, joint disease, epilepsy, heart disease, allergies, thyroid problems, cataracts, retinal atrophy, and cancer?

Goldens are excellent companion dogs, however, we do see the occasional temperament issues arise. Once again, Tanglewood Goldens takes every precaution in selective breeding, early socialization and temperament testing in order to prevent such issues. However, you should be aware that temperament problems such as stubbornness, food/toy possessiveness (demonstrated by growling) etc., could occur and that early training and proper socialization are crucial factors in any Golden Retriever's good behavior. We recommend several books that will help you with early training on our web site.

**I have read the above and understand fully the implications as written:**

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dated:** \_\_\_\_\_