

**LIVELY KNOLL GOLDENS**

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**PROSPECTIVE PUPPY BUYER QUESTIONNAIRE**

Thank you for your interest in Lively Knoll Goldens (LKG). Your cooperation in completing this questionnaire will help us place the right puppy with you. We make every effort to evaluate the traits, structure, and temperament of each of our puppies and match him/her with the appropriate individual or family. The more information we have about your lifestyle, preferences and expectations of a pet, the greater the likelihood that we will be able to provide the best puppy for you. All information will be kept confidential and used only by us.

Please note that submission of this questionnaire is in no way a guarantee that a puppy will be available to you. Thank you for your interest and cooperation.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Best times to call \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Number of adults living in the home \_\_\_\_\_

Number and ages of children \_\_\_\_\_

Are your children accustomed to interacting with dogs? \_\_\_\_\_

Does everyone in your household want a puppy? \_\_\_\_\_

Within what time frame are you hoping to add a puppy to your family? \_\_\_\_\_

Does anyone in your family suffer from allergies? \_\_\_\_\_

Is anyone in your home afraid of dogs? Please explain. \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly describe your family's lifestyle, hobbies, interests, and/or activity level. \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have other pets in your home? \_\_\_\_\_

Please list types, ages, sex. \_\_\_\_\_

How do you anticipate those pets will adapt to a new puppy? \_\_\_\_\_

If you have previously owned a Golden, from where did you acquire it? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you on waiting lists with other breeders? \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about Lively Knoll Golden? \_\_\_\_\_

### **GOLDEN PREFERENCES**

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

What would you like to do with your Golden (i.e., family pet, Therapy Dog, Agility, Obedience, Field, breeding) \_\_\_\_\_

What attributes/personality would you like to see in your Golden? \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you have a shade preference? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you prefer a male or female? \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ F Why? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you consider taking the opposite sex? \_\_\_\_\_

### **HISTORY OF PET OWNERSHIP**

What pets have you owned during the past 10 years? \_\_\_\_\_

What happened to those pets? \_\_\_\_\_

Breeds of previously dogs owned? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever raised a puppy? If yes, what breed? \_\_\_\_\_

### **CARE OF YOUR PUPPY/DOG**

#### **Housing and General Safety:**

Do you live in a house, condo, or apartment? \_\_\_\_\_

If you rent your home, does your lease have restrictions on the type of pets you may have?

\_\_\_\_\_

Please describe your community. \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Suburbs \_\_\_\_\_ Rural

Are there neighborhood restrictions on owning a dog? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a fenced area for a dog? \_\_\_\_\_

What kind of fencing? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you padlock the gates? \_\_\_\_\_

If you do not have a fenced area for your dog, how will you insure his/her safety? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Do you agree not to let this dog ride in the back of an open vehicle? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you agree never to let this puppy/dog run loose in an unfenced area unsupervised where harm may come to him? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you agree not to tie this dog up as a means of confinement? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you agree not to use an electric collar on this dog for the purpose of training? \_\_\_\_\_

Goldens thrive on human companionship and cannot be isolated from their humans. This requires a significant time commitment from a new owner. Are you willing and able to make that commitment? \_\_\_\_\_

Will your dog be primarily an outside dog or an inside dog? \_\_\_\_\_

How many hours per day or night will your dog spend alone? \_\_\_\_\_

Where will your puppy sleep at night? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you own a crate, and/or have you ever crate trained a puppy? If you do not plan to housetrain using a crate, how do you plan to accomplish it? \_\_\_\_\_

If you are away during the day for an extended period of time (more than four hours) will you have someone come by to walk and potty your new puppy? \_\_\_\_\_

How will you care for your dog when you travel? \_\_\_\_\_

**Health:**

The continued health of our puppies is extremely important to us. Are you willing to continue our efforts to follow the recommendations provided in your Puppy Pack materials re: diet; supplements; nutrition; weight; exercise; spay/neuter age recommendations; and minimal vaccines? \_\_\_\_\_

**Nutrition and Weight:** Are you willing to feed your puppy high quality pet food? \_\_\_

Excess weight can create significant health issues, such as hip dysplasia, in Goldens. Are you willing to carefully monitor the amount of food your puppy consumes and help her maintain a healthy weight? \_\_\_\_\_

**Exercise:** Golden Retrievers are wonderful companions and can be content inside, as long as they are also provided adequate outside exercise, including walks and fetching sessions. Will you make a commitment to regular exercise for your puppy? \_\_\_\_\_

**Veterinary Care:** Are you prepared to care for your puppy's needs throughout her lifetime, including investment in veterinary costs, both preventative and treatment for acute illnesses? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a veterinarian that you have previously used for care of other pets? \_\_\_\_\_

Is your veterinarian willing to provide immunizations, based on need indicated by immunization titers? \_\_\_\_\_

Health clearances are done on all dogs owned by Lively Knoll Kennels, whether or not they will be bred. The information obtained through those clearances is helpful, not only to help us maintain the highest possible breeding standards, but also to enhance the long-term health of our breed. If your puppy will not be bred, would you still be willing to consider obtaining health clearances on him/her? \_\_\_\_\_

Will you agree to spay or neuter at ages recommended by LKK (after first season for females and after 12 months for males)

Would your veterinarian be willing to provide a reference for you regarding your care of previous pets? \_\_\_\_\_

Do we have your permission to contact him/her? \_\_\_\_\_

**Grooming:** Golden Retrievers are considered a large breed dog, and they shed quite a bit. They require regular brushing, bathing and grooming. Are you willing to either have that done or learn to do it yourself? \_\_\_\_\_

### **TRAINING**

Golden Retrievers are intelligent and energetic dogs who can be either rowdy and annoying or loving and well socialized. In order for your puppy to earn her spot in the latter category, she will need formal training. Puppies, in particular, should never be left alone with small children, as they jump, grab and bite (especially when teething), thereby risking injury to the child. All interactions with small children, throughout the puppy's/dog's life should be closely supervised, and puppies must be taught acceptable behavior through proper formal training. Have you previously taken previous dogs to obedience or puppy training classes, and if so, where and for how long? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever completed an AKC title? i.e., Conformation, Obedience, or Agility \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to take this Golden puppy to puppy socialization classes and then on to obedience classes so that she will become an enjoyable companion and good canine citizen? \_\_\_\_\_

Who in your home will assume responsibility for the training? \_\_\_\_\_

**RELATIONSHIP WITH LIVELY KNOLL GOLDENS**

Lively Knoll Goldens will be available as a resource to you and for support for the life of the puppy you purchase from us. Will you agree to maintain contact with us and to send periodic updates and photos of your dog? \_\_\_\_\_

Will you agree to report any serious illness to us? \_\_\_\_\_

If, at any time, you are unable to keep your puppy/adult dog, do you agree to contact LKG for assistance in re-homing your Golden? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever returned a dog for any reason? Please explain. \_\_\_\_\_

**PET HOMES AND SHOW HOMES**

All of our companion or pet puppies are sold with an AKC Limited Registration and Spay and Neuter Contracts. This means that the dog is registered with AKC, but none of the offspring are eligible for registration. Dogs with Limited Registrations and spayed or neutered dogs can compete in all AKC events, except in Conformation classes.

Are you interested in showing your puppy in Conformation? \_\_\_\_\_

**REFERENCES**

Please provide three references, including your veterinarian, if you have one:

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Please print, complete, and return this questionnaire to:

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