



Puppy Buyer Questionnaire

All dogs used in my breeding program have had their hips/elbow certified normal by OFA, have their eyes cleared annually by a board certified ophthalmologist, and have had their hearts cleared by a board certified cardiologist. My own breeding stock have also been DNA tested for prcd-PRA, PRA1, PRA2, and Ichthyosis and had their thyroid levels tested.

My goal is to produce a happy, healthy, and structurally correct puppy with a "True Golden Temperament"; I personally look to place my puppies into homes where they will be in the house and part of the family. Whether they are being placed as show, hunt, and performance dogs or as family companions, my goal is to breed the temperament and character that best suits this lifestyle: gentle, friendly and easy going; but I also strive for a temperament that will be versatile for the show, obedience, and/or field.

Your assistance in completing this questionnaire will help me to place the right puppy in your home. I know it is lengthy; take your time and please put some thought into it. There are no right or wrong answers; please answer as honestly as possible. All information will be kept strictly confidential and used only by me. Thank you for your co-operation and interest in Royal River Retrievers.

About You:

Your Name: _____ Co-Applicant/Spouse/Partner Name: _____

Your Home Address: _____

Mailing Address (if different), or Seasonal Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Mobile Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Best phone number and time to reach you: ☐ Home ☐ Mobile ☐ Work Time: _____

E-mail Address(es): _____

Employer or Occupation: _____

How did you first hear about Royal River Retrievers? ☐ American Kennel Club ☐ DowntownME.com ☐ Facebook

☐ Federation of Maine Dog Clubs ☐ Golden Breeders Resource ☐ Golden Retriever Breeders Directory

☐ Golden Retriever Club of America ☐ Internet search ☐ Maine Golden Retriever Club

☐ Penobscot Hunting Retriever Club ☐ Referred by: _____

☐ Yankee Golden Retriever Club ☐ Other: _____

Family Dynamics:

Number of Adults: _____ Number of Children: _____ Children's Ages: _____

Any other people living with you (roommates, extended family, elderly parents, etc.)? _____

Do you have any other people coming to your home on a regular basis? ☐ Yes ☐ No If so, please explain: _____

Describe your life: ☐ Quiet ☐ Active ☐ Social ☐ Busy ☐ Strict ☐ Casual ☐ Kid-Friendly ☐ High-Style

☐ Neat-As-A-Pin ☐ Organized ☐ Kid-Taxi-Service ☐ Athletic ☐ Flexible ☐ Other: _____

Are all members of your family ready for a new puppy to join the home? ☐ Yes ☐ No If not, please explain: _____

Will this puppy be a gift for someone? ☐ Yes ☐ No If so, please explain: _____

Will there be any major changes in your lifestyle within the next year or two? (Example: Moving, marriage, new baby, etc.) ☐ Yes ☐ No If so, please explain: _____

Do any members of your family have any type of allergies to dogs? ☐ Yes ☐ No If so, please describe: _____

About Your Home:

Type of dwelling: ☐ House ☐ Townhouse/Rowhouse ☐ Apartment ☐ Condominium ☐ Duplex ☐ Other

Do you currently: ☐ Own ☐ Rent/Lease

*****If you own, rent, lease, or inhabit a shared roof residence such as a townhouse, or condo, be prepared to submit a compliant landlord/board letter. Verbage for a compliant letter is detailed on my website at <http://www.RoyalRiverGoldens.com/Shared-Roof-Residences/>***

Is your yard completely fenced with secure fencing? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If so, please describe, i.e. height and type: ☐ Wood ☐ Privacy ☐ Chain Link ☐ Wrought Iron ☐ Height: _____

☐ Invisible Fence ☐ Other: _____

If not, how/where do you plan on exercising your new puppy? _____

Do you have a swimming pool? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you use a lawn care company? ☐ Yes ☐ No If so, what fertilizers/pesticides do you use? _____

About the Puppy You Would Like:

Is your preference a: ☐ Male ☐ Female

If your first preference is not available, would you be willing to get a puppy of the opposite sex? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Which litter are you interested in? _____

Do you have a preference on color? ☐ Dark ☐ Medium ☐ Light ☐ Does not matter

Please select the energy level (drive) that you would prefer in a Golden: ☐ High ☐ High to Moderate ☐ Moderate
☐ Moderate to low ☐ Low

Please select your preferences in temperament: ☐ Bold/Confidant ☐ Dominant ☐ Submissive ☐ Independent
☐ Dependent ☐ Playful ☐ Quiet ☐ Aggressive ☐ Reserved with Strangers ☐ Social with Strangers
☐ Outgoing ☐ Demanding/Pushy ☐ Other: _____

List the top 5 qualities you are looking for in your new puppy (for example, protective, loyal, kid-friendly, cat-friendly, athletic, low maintenance, couch potato, outgoing, reserved, playful, etc.):

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Why have you decided that the Golden Retriever is the best breed for you and your family? What attracted you to this breed? _____

Are you working with any other breeder or on a list for a puppy elsewhere? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If so, whom? _____

Have you ever owned a dog before? ☐ Yes ☐ No If so, what breed(s): _____

State your experience/interest in dogs. Please include activities you plan on doing or would like to do with your puppy. (Check all that apply):

- ☐ Agility ☐ Breeding ☐ Cani-cross ☐ Canine Good Citizen ☐ Conformation/Show Prospect
☐ CCA (Conformation Assessment) ☐ Dock Diving ☐ Family Companion ☐ Flyball ☐ Hiking/Running
☐ Hunting/Field Work ☐ Obedience ☐ Rally ☐ Search & Rescue ☐ Skijoring ☐ Therapy/Visitation
☐ Tracking ☐ Weight Pulling ☐ Other: _____

Have you ever completed any AKC or CKC titles on any other dog with regards to conformation, obedience, tracking, hunt/field, agility, etc.? ☐ Yes ☐ No If so, please specify: _____

Do you belong to any dog clubs? ☐ Yes ☐ No If so, please list: _____

Caring For Your Puppy:

Who will be the primary caregiver? _____

Are you aware that most Goldens are active dogs and need to be exercised on a daily basis? ☐ Yes ☐ No

What activities will you plan to meet its needs? _____

Where will the puppy be kept during the majority of the day? ☐ Inside House ☐ Outside (yard) ☐ Outside (kennel)

☐ Other: _____

Where will the puppy sleep at night? _____

Would someone be home during the day to housetrain and feed the puppy? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If no one is going to be home during the day, what kind of arrangements will you be making to feed the puppy and let it out for exercise to keep it on a regular routine? _____

Are you willing to (and familiar with) crate training your new puppy? ☐ Yes ☐ No

How will you contain the puppy when no one is home? ☐ Crate ☐ Loose in House ☐ Outside (yard)

☐ Outside (kennel) ☐ Other: _____

If the puppy will be crated during the day, up to how many hours? Per day: _____ Per week: _____

How many hours on average per day will the puppy be left alone indoors? Per day: _____ Per week: _____

How many hours on average per day will the puppy be kept outside alone? Per day: _____ Per week: _____

What arrangements will you make when you go away for holidays? _____

What type/brand of food do you plan on feeding your puppy? _____

Do you agree to not let this puppy ride in the back of an open pick-up truck? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you agree never to let this puppy run loose in an unfenced area unsupervised where harm may come to it? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you agree never to tie this dog up as a means of confinement? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you aware that Golden Retrievers are chewers and diggers especially when left alone? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you aware that Golden Retrievers shed... a lot? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you willing to contact breeder and keep breeder informed of how the puppy is doing and inform breeder of any problems that may develop during his/her life and send breeder lots of pictures? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Have you put any thought as to who would care for your dog should you become permanently or temporarily incapacitated? ☐ Yes ☐ No Who would that be? _____

Do you agree that if you can no longer keep the dog and need to find a new home for him/her that you will contact me first? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you understand the difference between an AKC Limited and AKC Full Registration? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you intend on spaying/neutering this puppy? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If so, at what age? _____ And do you agree to submit a veterinarian certificate to the breeder as proof of surgery for her records? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you do not intend to spay/neuter your puppy, please explain: _____

Do you intend to breed and/or show this puppy in conformation? ☐ Yes ☐ No *If so, please answer the questions in the following section.*

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### Showing/Breeding:

*The following questions need to be answered ONLY if this puppy is NOT going to be spayed or neutered AND is being sold for show/performance and breeding.*

What would be your reason for breeding? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your experience in showing/performance and breeding? \_\_\_\_\_

It is my policy here at Royal River Retrievers that if a puppy is being placed in a show/breeding home and is not going to be spayed or neutered, then the puppy will be co-owned with me. Would this be a concern for you? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If so, please state your concerns that you would have with a co-ownership with Royal River Retrievers: \_\_\_\_\_

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About Your Pets:

Please describe all the pets You (not your parents, your roommate, your boyfriend or girlfriend) have owned within the past 5 years, living or deceased.

Pet 1 History

Species of Pet: _____ Breed: _____
Pet's Name: _____ Age: _____ ☐ Male ☐ Female
How old was this pet when you got it? _____ How long have you owned this pet? _____
Where is/was the pet primarily kept? _____
Do you still have this pet? ☐ Yes ☐ No If not, what happened, and when? _____

What did you like most about this pet? _____
What did you dislike most about this pet? _____

Pet 2 History

Species of Pet: _____ Breed: _____
Pet's Name: _____ Age: _____ ☐ Male ☐ Female
How old was this pet when you got it? _____ How long have you owned this pet? _____
Where is/was the pet primarily kept? _____
Do you still have this pet? ☐ Yes ☐ No If not, what happened, and when? _____

What did you like most about this pet? _____
What did you dislike most about this pet? _____

Pet 3 History

Species of Pet: _____ Breed: _____
Pet's Name: _____ Age: _____ ☐ Male ☐ Female
How old was this pet when you got it? _____ How long have you owned this pet? _____
Where is/was the pet primarily kept? _____
Do you still have this pet? ☐ Yes ☐ No If not, what happened, and when? _____

What did you like most about this pet? _____
What did you dislike most about this pet? _____

More Pets in the last 5 years? ☐ Yes ☐ No If so, please list: _____
Are all your pets up-to-date on vaccinations and heartworm tests? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Are all your dogs/cats spayed/neutered? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Have you ever surrendered an animal back to the breeder or to a shelter or rescue organization? ☐ Yes ☐ No If so, why? _____
Have you ever had to euthanize an animal other than for old age? ☐ Yes ☐ No If so, please state the reason why? _____

Personal References:

Please do not use family members as references. References will be asked about your interactions with animals and pet ownership skills. If you do not own a pet, choose references who have pets and can speak of your interactions with them. I will be contacting your references, so please inform them that I will be calling.

1. Name: _____	2. Name: _____
Relationship: _____	Relationship: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
_____	_____
Phone: _____	Phone: _____

Veterinarian Reference:

Do not leave this section blank or incomplete. If this is your first pet, please list the vet that you plan on using. Please authorize your vet to release information to **Sandra Walton of Royal River Retrievers** and inform them that I will be calling.

Veterinarian: _____

Clinic/Hospital: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

The name (yours, your spouse, etc.) that your pets' records are under: _____

Dog Training:

Are you willing to take this puppy to puppy socialization and/or obedience classes for a minimum of 18 weeks so that he/she will become an enjoyable companion and an integral part of your family? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Who will train this puppy? _____

Where you will be attending dog training classes? _____

Let me know if you need help finding a dog trainer in your area.

Do you plan on using an electric collar for training (including electric fence)? ☐ Yes ☐ No If so, please explain your experience: _____

If you have any more additional information that would be helpful to me in placing the right puppy with you, or if you have any questions for me, please feel free to add it below: _____

Please list any special questions you have for me below, or just jot them down and save them for our conversation: _____

Thank you for taking the time to fill out this questionnaire to help me in finding the right puppy for you. Please feel free to call me if you wish more information or need any questions answered. If you think you are interested in adding a new family member now or in the near future, please fill out this questionnaire and send it back to me. If you would like to come and visit me and the dogs I would be more than happy to set up an appointment for you. It will also give me a chance to ask you a few more questions so I know exactly what you are looking for in a new family member.

When placing my puppies I do not work on a first come first pick basis but rather look at each family and their home lifestyle and match the right puppy up with you. I do take your preference into consideration when choosing the puppies for their new homes, but the most important thing for me is to place the right puppy with you. I have found this has been the best way and hope the puppy that is chosen for you is a welcomed addition to your family.

If I have a current litter due or on the ground and you are sure you are ready for a new puppy or dog to join your family and this questionnaire is accepted, I do ask for a \$500 deposit (non-refundable). This will show and assure me you are committed, ready, and have seriously thought about a new member joining your family. If for any reason there is not a puppy available from the litter for you, then the entire deposit will be returned to you.

Again, thank you for the interest in Royal River Retrievers!

Do you certify that all of the information that you have provided in this questionnaire is true and complete to the best of your knowledge and belief? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you understand that falsifying answers on this questionnaire or at any other time during the application process will disqualify you from getting any animal from Royal River Retrievers? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Signature: _____ Date: _____