

# GOLDEN RETRIEVER RESCUE AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION

## ADOPTION APPLICATION



Please type in answers to ALL fields. When you are finished, save this file to your computer, and then email a copy to our applications coordinator ([jennelson222@yahoo.com](mailto:jennelson222@yahoo.com)). **Application does not guarantee adoption of a dog from GRRACE. Please allow 2-4 weeks for processing. Attach a separate note or letter as needed for explanations.**

### ABOUT THE APPLICANT

Name and age of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and age of co-applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship of applicant and co-applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Please tell us if the adopted dog will be primarily for an:  Adult  Child  Elderly person  Physically challenged person

How did you learn about GRRACE? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you previously adopted from GRRACE?  Yes  No *If yes, dog's name and year of adoption* \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you want to adopt a rescued Golden Retriever? *Please be as specific and detailed as possible*

### ABOUT YOUR HOME

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Best time and way (phone or e-mail) to contact you: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you live in a:  House  Townhouse/Condo  Apartment  Duplex  Other (please describe) \_\_\_\_\_

Do you own or rent your home? \_\_\_\_\_ Please describe your home briefly \_\_\_\_\_

If renting, do you have permission from your landlord to have a dog over 50 lbs?  Yes  No

*Please provide your landlord's name and phone number* \_\_\_\_\_

### ABOUT YOUR YARD and ACCESS

Do you have a physical fence that completely encloses part or your entire yard?

*If yes, Type of fence:* \_\_\_\_\_ *Length:* \_\_\_\_\_ *Width:* \_\_\_\_\_ *Height:* \_\_\_\_\_

*If no physical fence, do you have an electronic (invisible) fence that completely encloses part or your entire yard?*  Yes  No

*If yes, please list manufacturer, area that is enclosed (i.e., entire back yard, entire front yard, or part of yard only), and approximate dimensions:* \_\_\_\_\_

*If you do not have a fenced area, are you willing to install one and provide GRRACE with proof of an estimate/work order?*

Yes  No Please describe plans \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a doggie door?  Yes  No *If yes, is it open to the yard all the time (24 hrs a day)?*  Yes  No

Do you have a pool?  Yes  No *If so, does your pool have a sturdy cover, or gate-only access?*  Yes  No

Will your dog regularly be taken to any other family residences, such as a weekend or vacation home?  Yes  No

*If yes, please describe frequency of visits and type of home/yard:*

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### ABOUT THE PROSPECTIVE FAMILY

Who will be primarily responsible for the daily care of the adopted dog? \_\_\_\_\_

Is anyone regularly at home during the day?  Yes  No Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Names and ages of all other human members of the household:

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

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If you do not have young children living in your home, will your adopted dog come into regular contact with children, such as grandchildren, neighbors, etc.?  Yes  No *If yes, please indicate ages of children and frequency of contact:* \_\_\_\_\_

Do you provide daycare for children or pets in your home?  Yes  No *If yes, please describe.* \_\_\_\_\_

Does anyone in your household have allergies to animals?  Yes  No *If yes, please describe.* \_\_\_\_\_

Does anyone in your household have a physical disability or serious health condition(s)?  Yes  No

*If yes, please describe:* \_\_\_\_\_

### ABOUT PREVIOUS AND CURRENT PET CARE

Will this be your first dog?  Yes  No Your first Golden Retriever?  Yes  No

Have you ever sold, given away, or surrendered a pet to a shelter?  Yes  No *If yes, please describe circumstances in the space below.*

Have you ever had a pet die because of age, illness, accident, or euthanasia?  Yes  No *If yes, please describe below.*

Please list all other **current** pets in your household, attach additional pages if necessary:

Dog: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Spayed or neutered?  Yes  No

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Cat: \_\_\_\_\_ This cat is primarily  Indoors or  Outdoors Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Spayed or neutered?  Yes  No

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Other animals (rabbits, hamsters, birds, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

How do your current pets get along with dogs? \_\_\_\_\_

If you do not have any current pets, have you ever owned a dog for whom you were the primary caretaker?  Yes  No

If yes, What breed and gender? \_\_\_\_\_

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PLANS FOR A RESCUED GOLDEN / YOUR CURRENT PET'S ACCOMODATIONS

How long, on average, will the dog be alone (without humans) during the day? \_\_\_\_\_

When no one is home, will your dog have the run of the entire house?  Yes  No *If no, please describe areas your dog will and will not have access to:*

Where will your dog sleep at night? In other words, when you are sleeping, where will your dog be? *Please list and discuss all possibilities.*

Will your dog be kept in the basement or garage?  Yes  No *If yes, please describe frequency and circumstances:*

Will your dog live outside in a yard or outdoor kennel?  Yes  No *If yes, please describe frequency and circumstances:*

Will your dog be tied outside?  Yes  No *If yes, please describe frequency and circumstances:*

Does your city/town have a leash law? *If yes, please describe* \_\_\_\_\_

When you walk your dog, do you plan to use a leash?  Yes  No *If no, why not?* \_\_\_\_\_

Will your dog be walked daily?  Yes  No *If yes, approximately how many times and how far?* \_\_\_\_\_

Will your dog be exercised in a fenced yard?  Yes  No *If yes, how, by whom and how often?* \_\_\_\_\_

What other kind(s) of exercise or activities will your dog participate in? *Please be as specific and detailed as possible.*

Will your dog be allowed to run or play off leash in unfenced areas?  Yes  No *If yes, please describe circumstances below.*

How do you plan to train your dog to be a well-mannered member of the family? *Please be as specific and detailed as possible.*

Have you or a family member ever completed an obedience course with another dog?  Yes  No *If yes, please indicate how long ago and what kind of training.* \_\_\_\_\_

Describe any other previous experience you or a family member has had in training dogs. *Please be as specific and detailed as possible.*

Have you or a family member ever participated in dog-related activities such as conformation, obedience, agility, flyball, animal-assisted therapy, etc.?  Yes  No *If yes, please describe.* \_\_\_\_\_

Are you familiar with the use of a dog crate to train and/or confine the dog while he or she is unsupervised?  Yes  No

*If yes, have you used a crate with a previous dog?*  Yes  No

Do you own a crate?  Yes  No *If yes, size and dimensions* \_\_\_\_\_

If your adopted dog requires it, are you willing to crate train and use a crate?  Yes  No

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### YOUR PREFERENCES FOR AN ADOPTED GOLDEN

What age & gender Golden do you prefer? (The more flexible you are, the easier it will be to find you a match.) Check all that apply:

Age:  Puppy up to 2 years\*  2 years to 4 years  4 up to 8 years  8 years and older

*\*Please note that we rarely have young puppies.*

Do you prefer a male or female Golden? Gender:  Male  Female  No preference

Would you consider adopting a senior (older than 10 years) Golden?  Yes  No

Would you consider adopting a pair?  Yes  No

Would you consider adopting a special needs dog, such as one with physical or sensory impairments or who requires medication for a permanent but controlled condition?  Yes  No *If yes, please describe what types of medical conditions would be acceptable to you.*

### VETERINARY REFERENCE AND/OR OTHER REFERENCES

To ensure that dogs are placed in the best possible care, GRRACE completes a veterinary reference as part of the application process. If you do not currently have a vet, please provide the name and number of the last vet that cared for one of your pets.

Veterinarian's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Names of pet(s) under this vet's care \_\_\_\_\_

Hospital Name \_\_\_\_\_

Hospital Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

If you do not have a veterinarian, please provide the name, email, telephone, and relationship of at least one person who can tell us about your care of previous dogs. *If you have never had pets, please indicate this here.*

### DID YOU KNOW?

- Some Golden Retrievers are accustomed to being allowed on furniture, others are not. For placement information purposes, will your dog be allowed on the bed or other furniture?  Yes  No
- Are you aware that Golden Retrievers are very active dogs (especially when young) and require significant daily exercise and ongoing training?  Yes  No
- Are you aware that Golden Retrievers shed year round?  Yes  No
- Are you aware that Golden Retrievers are large dogs and may jump and knock down children or the elderly?  Yes  No
- Do **ALL** members of the family want to adopt a Golden Retriever?  Yes  No
- Do you plan to groom the dog yourself, use a groomer, or both \_\_\_\_\_
- Are you aware that routine costs of maintaining a dog average \$800 to \$1200 per year?  Yes  No
- If your adopted dog develops a serious illness, injury, or health condition at some point in his or her life, are you prepared to obtain necessary/appropriate medical care?  Yes  No

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### SIGNED CONSENT

If you'd like, you may attach a separate note or letter with any additional information about yourself and your family, including any special activities in which your GRRACE dog would be included. We have included an extra page in this document for you to type any longer answers from the previous pages, or to attach a note or letter. Also, if you have any special requirements or requests for a dog, please let us know so that we can more carefully match a dog to your lifestyle. The more we know about you, your family, and your pets, the better!

- I/we attest we understand the GRRACE Adoption Procedures as described at (<http://www.grrace.org/adoption.html>)
- I/we agree to allow a GRRACE representative to visit my/our home by appointment.
- I hereby authorize my veterinarian(s) to release confidential information about my pets and my pet care.

Applicant's Signature (TYPE NAME): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Applicant's Signature (TYPE NAME): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### ADOPTION FEES (do not send now)

Puppies up to 5 months old: \$350.00  
Dogs 6 months to 7 years old: \$300.00  
Dogs 8 years old and older: \$200.00

**Application does not guarantee adoption of a dog from GRRACE. You will be notified by email or phone (whichever you indicated on page 1 of this application) upon review of your application whether you are approved or denied adoption status. Please allow 2-3 weeks for review and response. Please add [jennelson222@yahoo.com](mailto:jennelson222@yahoo.com) to your "safe" senders email contacts to ensure our emails reach your inbox.**

### SUBMITTING YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION FOR REVIEW

**Upon completion of this GRRACE Adoption Application, please SAVE the document to your computer's hard drive. Open your email client, and ATTACH your completed application in an email to Jennifer Nelson at [jennelson222@yahoo.com](mailto:jennelson222@yahoo.com). Please type GRRACE ADOPTION APPLICATION in the subject line.**

If you prefer, you may print and fill out this application by hand. Please mail to the address below. Please note that it may take an additional 3-6 weeks to process mailed applications (5-10 weeks total).

**GRRACE**  
**Attn: Adoption Application**  
**PO Box 513**  
**Plainfield, IN 46168**

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Please use this space to elaborate on answers to previous questions, or to include any other pertinent information not covered on this application. The more we know about you and your family, the better we will be able to match you with a new golden!