



SOUTHERN ARIZONA GOLDEN RETRIEVER RESCUE **REPORT OF HOME VISIT TO POTENTIAL FOSTER/ADOPTER**

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This home visit report is for both potential fosters and potential adopters. Please fill out the form completely with all pertinent information, then send it in. (See the submission instructions on the last page.)

There is room for comments in all sections, and the better you can describe the home and family, the better match SAGRR can make for just the right Golden for this family. Keep in mind that the Placement team does not know this family or anything about them except what you provide in this report, so you are their eyes and ears to help them "see" the adoption family via this report.

EVALUATOR AND APPLICANT INFORMATION

Date of Visit 5/8/2015 EVALUATOR Renee and Claire Drexler PHONE 5208917221 EMAIL jgdrad@gmail.com

Address Visited 4221 E Saranac Drive City, ZIP Tucson 85718 Cross Streets _____

Explain what a foster family does.

FAMILY INTERESTED IN ☐ FOSTER ONLY ☒ ADOPT ONLY ☐ FOSTER AND ADOPT

HOMEOWNER STATUS ☒ OWNS HOME ☐ RENTS OR LEASES HOME

If the family rents or leases home, obtain copy of Landlord approval for large breed dog; family will not be approved until this document has been received.

APPLICANT Peter Crowe, MD Retired EMAIL cpcrowe@earthlink.net

PHONES: HOME 299-9667 WORK _____ CELL 256-0272

OCCUPATION/EMPLOYER Retired pediatric surgeon

CO-APPLICANT Frances Crowe EMAIL cpcrowe@earthlink.net

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OCCUPATION/EMPLOYER homemaker

LIST ALL NON-APPLICANT HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS, RELATIONSHIP TO APPLICANT, AND AGES OF MINORS
(Relationship types are Spouse/Partner, Child (including grandchild), and Non-applicant Adult)

Name	Relationship	Age, if minor

EXTERIOR OF PROPERTY

TYPE OF DWELLING: ☒ Single-family Home ☐ Duplex ☐ Condo or Townhouse
☐ Mobile or Manufactured Home ☐ Apartment

DESCRIBE SURROUNDINGS (e.g., is home in subdivision, country, on golf course, isolated, etc.)

home on large lot, subdivision, alot of property for walking dogs, somewhat isolated

EXTERIOR: Is the exterior of the home and the landscape generally well-maintained)?

☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Somewhat

Is the yard reasonably clear of feces, trash or other objects (and hazardous plants) that might present a health problem to the Golden? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Is there a fenced yard? ☒ Yes ☐ No

FENCE: What type of fence chain link and block Height: 5 ft. *If there are varying heights, provide the lowest height*

Type of gate: ☐ self-latching ☐ locked ☒ neither

If neither, explain need to be closed and secured manually

Are there any apparent holes or gaps in the fencing? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If the yard is not fenced, describe the surrounding area adjacent to the yard:

Will the dog always be supervised or on-leash in the unfenced yard? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Describe type of yard (i.e., grass, rock, dirt, natural desert, etc.)

some grass, rock, dirt, large areas of natural desert outside of fenced areas, lots of plants, mostly not harmful, no evidence of oleander

POOL Is there a pool? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Is it fenced? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Is there a spa? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If applicant is requesting a puppy, verify if the puppy could get through the fencing and if so, is applicant willing to put up chicken wire or other safety measure to safeguard small puppy? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ Not Applicable

If pool or spa is unfenced, advise Applicant it is hard to keep some Golden's out of the water, and note their reaction.

Comments on the exterior or landscaping:

alot of plantings, flowers, pots. Front courtyard has a 2 foot tall retaining wall surrounding it. Applicants state that the dog would not spend much time in the front courtyard and would be supervised when there. Alot of potted plants in the front courtyard. Owners have lived there for 46 years.

INTERIOR HOME ENVIRONMENT

Is the home generally well maintained? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Is the home generally clean and free of debris or clutter? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Are there stairs inside or leading into or outside the home? ☒ Yes ☐ No

This may impact an older dog or one with mobility issues

Describe the flooring (i.e., slick tile, carpet, hardwood, etc.) tile and carpet (living room)

Is the kitchen or bath trash uncovered? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Are any toilet lids open? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Is there a dog door of sufficient size for a large golden? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If not, are there any plans to install a dog door? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Look for any plants, fragile items at Golden tail level, shoes, toys, etc. that may be an issue and discuss with family.

While the family is home, where in the home will the Golden be allowed? throughout the house

Where will the Golden sleep? in the bedroom on the floor on a dog bed

Will the Golden be allowed on furniture, beds? ☐ Yes ☒ No

When the family is gone, where will the Golden be? in the house, for extended periods a pet sitter would visit.

Does the family use a crate? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If so, for what purposes / when / how long will the Golden be in the crate? _____

If not, what is the applicant's view on crating? would do so if needed but they don't own a crate

Are they willing to use other ways of containing a dog (e.g., baby gates) if they do not want to crate train?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Comments on Interior

Applicants have had goldens before. Jake, the most recent, died in late April, therefore the home is setup to handle a golden quite well.

They have a pet sitter which they have known for quite some time and trust completely with their other dog, Kip—a border collie/golden mix.

Home is one level, except for two steps leading into and out of the sunken living room. Home is very tidy. Applicants advised of keeping bathroom trash cans up and away for awhile, or getting covered trash cans. Kitchen trash is in cabinet underneath sink and not exposed.

There is one cluttered office room, but the door would be closed.

PET CARE AND INTERACTIONS

Who will be the primary care giver? Frances How long will the Golden be left alone on a typical day? 2-3 hours

Discuss that we do not allow dogs to be left outside when no one is home, or all day.

Are there any other dogs in this home? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Describe all dogs, listing breed, age, sex, and any specific information that might affect a SAGRR Golden:

Kip, border collie/golden mix. Is used to companionship of another dog. Kip is 5 years old

Are any of the resident dogs unaltered? If so, explain below ☐ Yes ☒ No

Are there any cats in the home? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, list age and gender of each: male and female, ages 7 & 8

Is family aware that cat food and litter box should be kept out of the Golden's reach? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Are the cats used to dogs? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Are there any other pets? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please explain what type and where they are kept

Are there any livestock? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Are there any dogs that visit on a frequent basis? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Did you take a Golden with you on this visit? ☒ Yes ☐ No

How did the family interact with your Golden?

We took Miehle (Sue Finkberg's dog). Very loving toward her. Neighbors dog, Australian Shepherd visits frequently. Two l

How did the resident dogs/cats interact with your Golden?

shy but ok. One cat is rather reclusive, not confrontational. Other cat interacts with current dog just fine

How did the family interact with the resident dogs/cats?

loving, very attached to their pets. Serious about rescuing animals in need

Are there children in the home? ☐ Yes ☒ No If yes, explain their interaction with your dog or the resident dog(s):

Where will the dog eat? area off of kitchen Where will the water bowl be located? same

What food will the family feed the Golden? Kirkland brand

Please discuss quality food and leave the "How to rate your dog's food" handout with them if appropriate.

Explain that if there will be more than one dog, we recommend feeding them separately, at least for the first few weeks. How did they react to this recommendation? understood why

Please list all the ways the family will exercise the Golden. walks twice a day, playing fetch

Additional comments on Pet Care and Interactions:

They treat their animals like members of the family. Very well cared for. Grieving the loss of their Golden who died unexpectedly at the end of April. Want to get a new golden before they head to the mountain property for the summer. Explained that the process of placing a dog may take longer.

THE GOLDEN FOR YOU

Has the family owned a Golden previously? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Do they understand that many Golden retrievers are velcro-type dogs and want to be where their people are? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Do they understand the shedding of Golden retrievers and need for frequent brushing and grooming, vacuuming and sweeping?
☒ Yes ☐ No

What type of Golden does the family prefer?

☐ MALE ☐ FEMALE ☒ NO PREFERENCE

AGE RANGE PREFERRED Ages 2-3 ok if trained. otherwise older

What are their expectations for the SAGRR Golden?

☒ COMPANION ☐ HUNTING ☐ HIKING ☐ SWIMMING ☐ AGILITY

☐ CHILD'S COMPANION ☐ OBEDIENCE or RALLY ☐ THERAPY DOG ☐ SERVICE DOG

☒ DOG'S COMPANION ☐ OTHER (explain) _____

What Activity Level? not too hyper, but with some energy. calmer dog appears to be preferred

Would the family consider a bonded pair? ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Maybe

Is the family willing to adopt a Golden with these conditions?

minor health problems?

(mild valley fever, thyroid, allergies, arthritis etc.) ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ Maybe

major health issues?

☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Maybe

special needs that are treatable?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ Maybe

cancer?

☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Maybe

not house trained?

☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Maybe

Comments on The Golden for You:

Kind, playful, happy, good companion for people and other dogs. must be able to get along with cats. (Cats are declawed in the front paws)

TRAINING FOR YOUR GOLDEN

Please discuss that it is always advisable to take any age Golden to training/CGC/obedience classes as part of the bonding experience. Also, advise family that some Golden retrievers really need training for a successful placement.

If SAGRR recommends training, is the family willing to use a trainer we recommend? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Is the family willing to crate train if recommended by SAGRR? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Does the family understand that there is an adjustment period for most dogs, and it will be a few weeks or longer for the dog to settle into their home? ☒ Yes ☐ No

FEE STRUCTURE FOR YOUR PERFECT GOLDEN

Did you review the fee structure with the family and explain that they will be paying the adoption fee, at the time the dog is delivered to them? ☒ Yes ☐ No

\$300 0-UP TO 3 YEARS OLD

\$250 3- UP TO 8 YEARS OLD

\$150 OVER 8 YEARS OLD

Let the family know that fees for special needs dogs are determined on a case by case basis.

If family is interested in a pair, did you explain pair pricing (second dog is 1/2 price)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

MISCELLANEOUS

List any persons in the home with special needs that should be considered when placing a Golden in this home. none

Does the age and activity level of the dog requested appear appropriate for the family? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If not, what age and activity level dog would you recommend for this family? _____

Did you advise them of your recommendation for a different age/activity level dog? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Please list any physical limitations that should be considered when placing a Golden in this home (e.g., the applicant weighs 80 pounds and would not be able to control a 100-pound untrained Golden) _____

Does the family have a vehicle appropriate for a Golden? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Please discuss and leave a copy of "What's Next."

SUMMARY

DO YOU RECOMMEND THAT SAGRR APPROVE THIS HOME? ☒ Yes ☐ No

WOULD YOU LEAVE YOUR DOG IN THIS HOME? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If you answered NO to either of the above, you must comment below.

COMMENTS ON TRAINING, FEES, MISCELLANEOUS, OR IN GENERAL:

They use a friend who is a trainer, Pam Lundy, so would prefer to use her. Sue was familiar with Pam and approves use of this trainer.

They are anxious to adopt to fill the void left from Jake's death, but understand the selection process. Feel time restraint going to summer home.

SAVE AND SUBMIT YOUR REPORT

IMPORTANT: Please save the completed form as a PDF on your computer for your records and as a backup.

In most cases you can simply click the button below. This will open an email addressed to GHET@sagrr.org with this form already attached. Please include a brief summary in the body of the email so Placement can quickly ascertain if this family is a possibility for a given dog. Then just send the email.

Submit Report to GHET

If this does not work for you, compose an email to GHET@sagrr.org, attach your saved copy of this form, and send.