



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 4/12/2014 EVALUATOR Rod and Mary Spencer PHONE 733-2557 EMAIL buxgal@hotmail.co

Address Visited 6512 E Brian Kent City, ZIP 85710 Cross Streets Wilmot & Speedway

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 Sarah Pratt EMAIL jscmapratt@cox.net

PHONES: HOME _____ WORK _____ CELL 520-248-9532

OCCUPATION/EMPLOYER Carondelet (hospice nurse)

CO-APPLICANT Jim Pratt EMAIL jpratt@northwestfire.org

PHONES: HOME _____ WORK _____ CELL 520-399-5716

OCCUPATION/EMPLOYER Northwest Fire

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
Mary Alice Pratt	daughter, 21	
Christopher	son, 24	

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.)

Estate type Home is located in Printer Udell Estates, on SE corner of Wilmot & Speedway

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 Stucco & Iron Height: 4 ft. *If there are varying heights, provide the lowest height*

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

If neither, explain _____

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:

outside pool fence is path to guest home occupied by daughter Mary Alice during her University of Arizona studies. She owns a Cockapoo (Chester, 5) to be mentioned later.

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.)

Grassy Yard is surrounded by gardens and opens in the back to a pool with spa that is gated with wrought iron to 5 ft high. Entire yard is enclosed by stucco with a 10ft gap with steps up to enter the pool area. (see more comments below).

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:

Pool is fenced with wrought iron that has chicken wire attached at the bottom to keep most small wildlife out of the pool. Can keep a puppy inside the fenced area. Opening to pool area is about 10ft across and is not gated. Owner is willing to provide a barrier to the pool area for puppy or dog, however.

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.) home is finished cement floor, some tile, some rugs

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? everywhere inside

Where will the Golden sleep? crates in family room or in masters bedroom on pet beds

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

When the family is gone, where will the Golden be? with daughter in guest house behind property (familiar, often visited)

Does the family use a crate? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If so, for what purposes / when / how long will the Golden be in the crate? nor more than 4 hours

If not, what is the applicant's view on crating? used in training, Jim is former dog handler with Police Dept

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

Currently they have just lost a Golden to cancer. His partner (daughter's dog Chester - 5yr old Cockapoo) is mourning his loss. Tends to "mark" certain spots of the home, which they try to keep ahead of him.

Sarah mentions that they have plans to remodel the kitchen which may include the addition of a doggie door. The use of the doggie door is all contingent upon training of the new dog to the pool area, and barriers, etc. Jim is former dog handler with Police Dept and is very familiar with training. He trains all their dogs. Daughter is in charge of training her dog, however. (He coaches).

Sarah works from home as a hospice nurse and makes trips from home to her sites. Never gone more than 4 hours.

PET CARE AND INTERACTIONS

Who will be the primary care giver? Sarah and Jim How long will the Golden be left alone on a typical day? 1-4 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:

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: _____

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

Chester (5-yr old Cockapoo) belongs to daughter in guest house. Stays with her unless she is out of town.

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?

They were very welcoming of our Kenzie and Candy Corn.

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

Chester and Kenzie had to work out some Alpha dog issues at first, but CC had no problem with Chester and vice-versa.

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

Chester stayed on leash with Mary Alice during our visit.

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? Kitchen Where will the water bowl be located? Kitchen

What food will the family feed the Golden? They have been using Kirkland

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? Were surprised it ranked so high, but glad to hear of it.

Please list all the ways the family will exercise the Golden. Walks, Ball throwing and fetching, hiking, swimming...

Additional comments on Pet Care and Interactions:

They seem very ready and eager to share themselves with a new Golden Retriever family member addition

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 0-5

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) Ball fetching, walks, training...

What Activity Level? Normal Golden Retriever (medium to high)

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:

Training is not a problem for them. Terminal illness (cancer, etc) is too painful as they recently lost their beloved Golden of 13yrs.

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. N/A

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) N/A

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:

Funny that both our dogs eventually "met" the pool. Kenzie thought the solar blanket was a solid surface and tried to walk across it. Kenzie made her way to the side where she fell off the blanket into the water, Sarah scooped her up and Jim dried her off. I was not worried as they are capable owners - Nurse and Fireman - with plenty of pool and dog experience. Nice and warm too! Almost seems as though CC did not want to be left out and actually jumped in. Sarah and Jim once again to the rescue with the beach towels. At least they got to see how our inexperienced dogs "found" their pool so inviting. I got to see how our dogs might want to become swimmers! =0) Reiterating: They are willing to provide barrier to the pool area for new dog, swim training for orientation to pool sides, and getting out of it. The pool has "zero" edges so their pets can get out easier. Chester is a regular swimmer. Our dogs were invited to a swim party!

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 SAGRR

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