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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 2/15/2014 EVALUATOR Rod and Mary Spencer PHONE 733-2557 EMAIL buxgal@hotmail.co

Address Visited 8521 E Amethyst Ln City, ZIP 85750 Cross Streets Sabino Canyon & Snyder

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.

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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
Peyton Donelson	step-daughter	15
Brendon Donelson	step-son	11
Natalie Bidegain	daughter	8

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.)

Located in a subdivision of very well kept homes with a ranch behind premises. They currently rent this home while owning 2 others that are being rented out.

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 over Block Height: 5 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:

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.)

Back yard is divided between pool and porch area. Small patch of landscaping between and beside porch includes decomposed granite with planters of various desert fauna no higher than 3 ft, then a grassy area to the east side of the porch about 25 ft x 30 ft.

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:

Small puppy could get between pool guard fencing slots - but they are not requesting a puppy. Our dogs did not challenge the pool fence.

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.) Saltillo tile, except for bedrooms and 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? all through home

Where will the Golden sleep? parents bedroom on pet bed or inside open crate, Lacey sleeps in Peyton's room

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

When the family is gone, where will the Golden be? inside home with other pets

Does the family use a crate? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If so, for what purposes / when / how long will the Golden be in the crate? n/a training and beds

If not, what is the applicant's view on crating? can use for training if necessary

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

Very clean home is maintained by Roomba robot vac. I asked her to let me know how successful it would be with the Golden Retriever fur Kenzie and CC will be leaving behind. I pressed a bit further to probe for any reaction regarding all the fur Kenzie might leave behind as the dogs spent some of the time inside the house during our visit. They did not seem to "flinch" as they trust in their Roomba (hey - I am looking into this after hearing how it does after our visit).

Pantry and coat closet doors are being repaired and will be re-hung most likely before an adoption takes place.

PET CARE AND INTERACTIONS

Who will be the primary care giver? Parents How long will the Golden be left alone on a typical day? 0-6 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:

Boxer "Hank", 4 Mini Pin mix "Lacey", 12 Lab Mix "Rebel", 1.5

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: n/a

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

n/a

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?

Very friendly with our Golden. People are welcome to bring their pets to their home at parties and gatherings.

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

At first, Alpha Dogs (Hank and Kenzie) needed to work out some issues, but after a drink and some petting - old friends.

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

Playful, loving, and friendly with own dogs as well.

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

Oldest daughter kept "Lacey" on her lap during visit. Interacted with our dogs as they came by to visit her and Lacey.

Where will the dog eat? laundry room Where will the water bowl be located? laundry room

What food will the family feed the Golden? Nutro, unless special diet issues or change of mind due to handout.

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? They appreciated the information with interest.

Please list all the ways the family will exercise the Golden. Walks through neighborhood, Play, Hiking, Dog Parks...

Additional comments on Pet Care and Interactions:

Although Hank and Kenzie had issues, we believe it was due to the level of excitement especially with the pup "Rebel". Separated from him, we reintroduced and waited for them to settle. Other dogs were then introduced. Once calmed they all got along famously, and even showed our dogs their "watering hole" in the laundry room.

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 10 mos to 3 yrs

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) wants to consider the possibility of therapy dog for her wk at rehat

What Activity Level? sedate to normal

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:

Since they are in a rental home they prefer house trained, but are willing to provide training to a willing pet. No plans for a doggie door since again it is a rental. Their expectations for the breed include: active, loyal, friendly, furry, playful, loving. They have a heart for rescue as all of their dogs so far have been rescues of one sort or another. If it comes down to taking a bonded pair they would consider.

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? n/a

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:

Did not go so far as to discuss pricing of paired adoption because they are seeking a single to add to their family. Side note: Rod and I will monitor our own Kenzie at our next home visit for signs of aggression or incompatibility for the mission. She gets along with almost every dog we encounter on our neighborhood walks. The only exception has been a very obnoxious yappy dog from across the street. Finally acquainted, they now tolerate one another. I suspect "Ralph" is the alpha in his home as his owners have not trained him otherwise. (I did not like to see the initial encounter between Hank and Kenzie, but was relieved when they settled). Sarah mentioned that her now deceased "Tealey", a female lab mix, used to be the alpha dog among their pets, but now she thinks Hank has taken on that role and is still learning his place.

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

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