



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

Revised July 25, 2013

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 2/21/15 EVALUATOR Rod and Mary Spencer PHONE 733-2557 EMAIL buxgal@hotmail.co

Address Visited 7477 E Serenity Lane City, ZIP 85750 Cross Streets Snyder & Kolb

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 Reggie Amos EMAIL Reggie.4517@hotmail.com

PHONES: HOME 520-203-2369 WORK CELL 520-203-2369

OCCUPATION/EMPLOYER Retired Construction

CO-APPLICANT Cheryl Amos EMAIL

PHONES: HOME WORK CELL 520-265-7070

OCCUPATION/EMPLOYER Retired Nurse

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
N/A		

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.)

Duplex Town home is located in a subdivision on the southeast corner of Kolb from Snyder.

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 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:

n/a

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 decomposed granite/gravel with bricked pavers sidewalk to the back gate from patio. Front yard is also gated and composed of gravel with occasional planters. Access to the garage is adjacent to the front door from front patio.

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:

N/A - Everything was well kept despite their disclaimer that they had just gotten back into town and had not spent much time on the yard. No debris or clutter in wither yard. Very neat.

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.) Tiled in kitchen, study, bathrooms. Carpeting elsewhere.

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? Anywhere

Where will the Golden sleep? Anywhere. Two dog beds were seen, one in Master bdrm and one in living room.

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

When the family is gone, where will the Golden be? With them whenever possible. Alone @home only when necessary.

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? have not needed to use it in past, but open to it

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 and Neat. Pictures of their dear former pets adorn their living room wall. Also has Two professional 16 X 32 portraits of their first 2 Goldens. Nice but simple furnishings of a retired pair who like to travel with their pets in their 5th wheeler RV to Durango for summer, then come back to a home sweet home.

Doggy door (small) installed by builder for smaller dogs. Door is permanently shut. Owners do not need to enlarge. They pay attention to the needs of their dogs and are watchful when they signal to go outdoors. These are very "hands on" dog owners who clearly loved their previous pets and long to adopt another one or two dogs in the near future.

PET CARE AND INTERACTIONS

Who will be the primary care giver? Reggie How long will the Golden be left alone on a typical day? 0-2 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:
 None

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

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?

Our two Golden's were warmly greeted before we were. Reggie and Cheryl were very affectionate with them.

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

N/A

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

N/A

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? elevated bowls Kitchen Where will the water bowl be located? elevated bowls in Kitchen

What food will the family feed the Golden? Natures Variety most likely. Worked well with previous allergic pet.

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? My impression: Almost outdated per her thorough research.

Please list all the ways the family will exercise the Golden. Walking, swimming, mountain hiking

Additional comments on Pet Care and Interactions:

They do not like to leave their pets unattended. Whenever possible they like to take them along, even to Lowes! They even mentioned taking them to dog-friendly restaurants.

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) Playing, Camping, Swimming in the lake or ocean.

What Activity Level? Whatever tolerated. Generally expect Golden Retriever temperaments and activity levels.

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:

I believe they are the ideal couple to take a bonded pair. They do want to take two dogs if possible. Their hearts have been owned by Golden retrievers for the past 34 years. They have reasonable expectations for the possible traits they may encounter as they have taken one or two rescues and dealt with behavior modification. They would welcome males or females, but prefer large males.

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)

Perfect couple for a pair of dogs

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:

Susan had asked me to probe about the Golden they had lost in a car accident. They had been out in the country in Colorado with their dog and a friends dog. The friends dog had taken off with theirs in tow and the two disappeared in the distance. The friends dog returned but theirs hadn't. Turns out their beloved dog was struck by a hit-and-run vehicle. Cheryl could barely tell the story.

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.