



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 3/12/2014 EVALUATOR Rod and Mary Spencer PHONE 733-2557 EMAIL buxgal@hotmail.com

Address Visited 7014 E Calle Cavalier City, ZIP 85715 Cross Streets Kolb & Spdwy

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 Goldie Goldstein EMAIL goldie.goldstein@gmail.com

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OCCUPATION/EMPLOYER 4D Technology

CO-APPLICANT Larry Goldstein EMAIL _____

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OCCUPATION/EMPLOYER Nova Financial

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.)

Located in a subdivision of El Dorado Country Club but not off the golf course area.

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:

The wider gate on the west side of the yard has a gap along the bottom which is wide enough for a puppy to squeeze through. Also, the gate latches that should go into the ground have been compromised. Larry promises to rework the gate so that it is more secure if a dog should push on it or lean.

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.)

There is a large covered back porch area with raised ~8X8ft planter and a small Basketball court in the middle of the yard. The rest of the very large yard had succumbed back to desert fauna before they bought the place 2 years ago. It was vacant for 18 mos previously.

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 out of the water, and note their reaction.

Comments on the exterior or landscaping:

However, they do not wish to have a puppy. They prefer to foster or adopt above 6 mos and no older than 6 to 7 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.) Carpeted in bedrooms and living room. Tile 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

(CATS)

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 the home and yard

Where will the Golden sleep? in gated master bedroom

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

When the family is gone, where will the Golden be? in gated family room area

Does the family use a crate? ☒ Yes ☐ No

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

If not, what is the applicant's view on crating? Open to instruction.

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

They have previously used baby gates in their family room to keep dog inside while away. Cats can still interact with dog(s) as they are used to them. Pets are not encouraged to sleep on their beds with them but rather in their own beds within their bedroom. They are allowed to get up onto the furniture for special attention. Otherwise it is discouraged.

PET CARE AND INTERACTIONS

Who will be the primary care giver? Goldie 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:

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: 2 male cats, 8 years old, Toby and Jake

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

*****Cat litter box is kept in barricaded laundry room.

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 welcoming and friendly with Candy Corn. Goldie's parents have her "brother" Jack(6yr old golden retriever).

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

Cats greeted CC with curiosity and careful eye. CC was more careful than the cats however. Good intro though.

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

Goldie was more concerned than I about her cats possibly taking a swipe at CC.

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? Blue Buffalo

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? Very Open. Larry: "Goldie most likely will rate their dog food" :)

Please list all the ways the family will exercise the Golden. Walks, Runs, Fetch, Hikes....

Additional comments on Pet Care and Interactions:

Goldie runs, and would enjoy canine companionship. However, she will consider her dogs health always before each run to make sure as she does with herself.

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 6 mos to 7 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) Fetching and Playing

What Activity Level? Dependent on age, they realize Golden retrievers can be hyper

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

Is the family willing to adopt a Golden retriever 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 have lost 2 dogs to cancer - they prefer not take in a dog with cancer as it hits too hard in their heart right now. Dog(s) with health issues that are treatable are a possibility.

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) _____

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:

We found no inconsistencies with their statements. They seem to want to share their home with another dog who can live with cats too. If it turns out to be 2 bonded dogs that would even be better!

Larry inquired about CC's tail and her mixed Golden lineage. (Wondered if SAGRR took in mixes regularly). So we shared her story re: Kenzie (aka Suzy and Sandy) and how we would have neither of our dogs if she hadn't been sitting on her "tell-tail" at the PACC. We also shared how grateful we are to have Kenzie and Candy Corn!

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.