



# **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 8/09/2014 EVALUATOR Rod & Mary Spencer PHONE 733-2557 EMAIL buxgal@hotmail.co

Address Visited 6648 E Valle di Core City, ZIP 85750 Cross Streets Kolb/Sunrise

*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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OCCUPATION/EMPLOYER Retired

CO-APPLICANT Greg Lee, MAI EMAIL gdlee-1@msn.com

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OCCUPATION/EMPLOYER Commercial real estate (Singleton & Lee)

## **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.)

Beautiful home in sub division in foothills.

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 brick Height: 3 ft. *If there are varying heights, provide the lowest height*

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

If neither, explain Three foot fence has "invisible fence" surrounding

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.)

Yard is mostly rock and natural desert. There seems to be enough shade outside along the house to the front yard gate.

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:

There is enough yard to give the dogs a little "freedom" to explore and a little diversity outside the house.

## 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.) Hardwood and tile

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? Dogs will be allowed everywhere in the home

Where will the Golden sleep? Anywhere, but usually at foot of Master Bedroom bed. Noted 3 doggy beds.

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

When the family is gone, where will the Golden be? Will be in the house or backyard (with doggy door)

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? Used when 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

Interior seemed very clean and pet friendly. Dogs would be allowed anywhere except on their red living room sofa, which is protected by an "invisible fence".

## PET CARE AND INTERACTIONS

Who will be the primary care giver? \_\_\_\_\_ 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:  
8 year old female Shepherd mix (lab?)

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?

They welcomed her (Candy Corn)! In fact, they asked if we were fostering her (they seemed interested in her).

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

Lot of curious sniffing; a little aggressive at first. Owners had to collar her. Dog became friendly enough to Candy Corn.

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

Dog was treated as part of the family and apparently pined for quite a few weeks at the passing of her doggy soul mate.

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? Vet recommended food w added cooked meat (chicken/beef; no can food).

**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 interested. They handled multiple dogs in the past.

Please list all the ways the family will exercise the Golden. Playing fetch and walking dogs.

Additional comments on Pet Care and Interactions:

Currently their dog is on a green bean diet and they buy green beans by the sackful at COSTCO. They were very interested in the dog food handout.

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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? Average

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.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maybe
major health issues?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Maybe
special needs that are treatable?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Maybe
cancer?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Maybe
not house trained?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maybe

Comments on The Golden for You:

Family very interested in adopting. They wanted us to ensure we told you that they will be out of town (Europe) from 16-28 Aug, but that doesn't mean they are not interested.

## 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:

Meg and Greg are clearly dog lovers who light up when interacting with our dog and talking about their dogs (past and present). They recently lost a Newfoundland dog a few months back due to a degenerative arthritis. Therefore, they do not want to adopt a dog with arthritis issues. Anyway, the loss of their Newf was hard on them all, especially Meg and even their current dog. They are really wanting a playmate for their current dog.

### 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](mailto: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.

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