



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 9-27-16 EVALUATOR Mary George led by Susan Finkenb PHONE 229-1337 EMAIL margeorge@q.com

Address Visited 6441 E Calle Luna City, ZIP 85710 Cross Streets Wilmot & 29th

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 Jerry Kounovsky EMAIL djkoun@cox.net

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OCCUPATION/EMPLOYER Retired Engineer Raytheon

CO-APPLICANT Diane Kounovsky EMAIL djkoun@cox.net

PHONES: HOME 520-790-9760 WORK NA CELL 520-465-0823

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

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.)

Home is quiet subdivision

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 Mostly block, some Height: 7 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.)

Combination of gravel, grass, pavers and some dirt in the side yard. Most of the backyard is surrounded by a 7 foot block wall and with a wooden gate that is locked. The side yard which is mostly blocked by the motor home has a chain link fence extending from the house and that gate is locked as well.

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:

Backyard is secure with some shade and lots of room for a dog to run and play. The smaller side yard stores a motor home and shelves along the house. Susan recommended moving a bag of plant material to a higher shelf just to be safe. When our dog, Shasta, peed on the pavers, Jerry joked about her going on his patio, but did not get angry. When one of the dogs pooped while we were in the yard talking, Jerry calmly cleaned it up.

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.) Combination of tile, carpet and hardwood

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? run of the home and yard

Where will the Golden sleep? While they are watching TV there is a dog bed on the tile. In the bedroom on carpet.

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

When the family is gone, where will the Golden be? run of home and yard when the new dog has had time to settle in

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 used in the past and willing to use again as 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

They have a leather sofa and love seat in the living room that their current Golden, Tucker, is not allowed on. The couch in the den is covered with a blanket so that it can be used by their dog. Tucker is allowed on the bed, but prefers to get off when Diane or Jerry go to bed to nap or sleep. There were a few boxes on the floor in the den that Diane said are there temporarily. One bedroom door is kept closed. The lid on the guest bedroom toilet was open but they know to watch out for a new dog drinking out of it. Overall all the interior was clean and comfortable for them and their dog/dogs. Jerry showed us an automatic vacuum that works better for them the Rumba because it picks up and holds dog hair well.

PET CARE AND INTERACTIONS

Who will be the primary care giver? shared equally How long will the Golden be left alone on a typical day? 2-3 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:

Tucker is a 13 year old, neutered Golden. Diane trained & certified him with TOP DOG. He is retired, but still helps her a

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?

Diane and Jerry were friendly with Shasta, petting her and commenting on her light coat.

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

Tucker was friendly with Shasta, even though she was cautious and standoffish with him.

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

Jerry brought Tucker out on leash to meet Shasta. When both dogs went back into the home ahead of us, Diane & Jerry s

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 Tucker is fed a little Where will the water bowl be located? large bowl in kitchen

What food will the family feed the Golden? Kirkland dry food from Costco

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?

Please list all the ways the family will exercise the Golden. Walks around neighborhood and occasionally a Dog Park

Additional comments on Pet Care and Interactions:

They do their own bathing and brushing. but have had their Vet trim nails and extract annul glands.

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 months to 1 year has always worked

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) Diane may take the new dog to TOP DOG in the future

What Activity Level? Medium (because Tucker is older, Jerry said that a couple younger dogs would be ideal)

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:

They would like a Golden that is good with people and other dogs and has a stable temperament for possible future service dog training. Jerry added that a loud bark would be nice as the first line of defense when the dog is in the backyard.

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.

Diane has arthritis. She is still ambulatory but has had surg

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? I recommended being open to a dog 1-2 y

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)

A shy, overly sensitive or hyper dog would be dif

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 SAGR R 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:

I have known Diane & Jerry for over 20 years and have seen them interact with their previous and current dog. They enjoy having 2 dogs and take them with them when they travel in their motor home. Diane was open to getting help from a Dog Behaviorist when one of the Golden's she trained was very shy accompanying her in public places. They are both loving with their dogs and patient when challenges surface. Jerry is hands on and steps up whenever Diane has a flare or occasional surgeries. They are a good team and any Golden would find a wonderful home with them and Tucker. On rare occasions, like an upcoming wedding in Phoenix, Tucker will be home for about 6 hours. They understand that leaving a new dog for this long is not recommended and would make other arrangements in this case.

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 SAGR R

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