



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 5-1-2017 EVALUATOR Mary & Kevin George PHONE 5202291337 EMAIL margeorge@q.com

Address Visited 16795 W Arivaca Rd. City, ZIP Arivaca, 85601 Cross Streets

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 Mary Kasulaitis EMAIL rmkasulaitis@msn.com

PHONES: HOME 520-398-2344 WORK NA CELL 520-237-8770

OCCUPATION/EMPLOYER Rancher and substitute Librarian at Pima Public Library

CO-APPLICANT Rob Kasulaitis EMAIL rmkasulaitis@msn.com

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OCCUPATION/EMPLOYER retired TUSD school teacher

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.)

Rural - 460 acre cattle ranch in Arivaca with closest neighbor 1/4 mile away. Beyond the home is another dirt road leading to the barn. Both sides of the road are fenced to contain the cattle. We walked to the barn after the interview and Kevin had both Luna & Shasta on leash. In the past Mary & Rob have driven us over more of their property.

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 chain link Height: 5 ft. *If there are varying heights, provide the lowest height*

Type of gate: self-latching locked neither

If neither, explain One of their previous dogs learned to open the latch, so they secure it with a bungee cord

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.)

Dirt with doggie door access. There is a long porch that is well shaded. There is also a secondary chain link/wall around the perimeter of the home.

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 Goldens out of the water, and note their reaction.

Comments on the exterior or landscaping:

The fenced area has plenty of room to run. It is secure with good protection from wildlife.

There is another long dirt road to barn and arena for their 2 horses: ages 28 & 35

On either side of this road there is a fence to keep the cattle contained. They have around 30 cows, 30 calves and a bull.

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 and carpet

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? Indoors, with doggie door access to yard

Where will the Golden sleep? next to their bed or wherever she wants to sleep

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

When the family is gone, where will the Golden be? In the home with doggie door access to yard

Does the family use a crate? Yes No

If so, for what purposes / when / how long will the Golden be in the crate? Maybe transporting to Vet

If not, what is the applicant's view on crating? They have one, but would rather use other means if necessary to c

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

We took both of our goldens (Luna & Shasta) to this interview. After the initial greeting on leash, we sat at the dining table, and with permission, took our dogs off leash. Both Mary & Rob petted and loved on our girls for a few minutes while we caught up on their kids and three grandchildren. (They used to be our neighbors in Tucson and moved to the ranch when Mary's parents needed help and have since died). We have been friends for over 30 years. When we started asking the interview questions, our girls explored the home for a few minutes and then came back and lay down by us. Mary told us that their 10 year old cat pretty much ignored their Brittany Spaniel. We found this to be true, because during our dogs exploration and the time we were there (over an hour) we never saw the cat. The cat has a separate kitty door and was either hiding or outside. We felt very safe letting our dogs roam inside the home. The doggie door was locked, so Kevin had to open the door to let our dogs explore the fenced yard.

Mary & Rob told us that when their Brittany was 16 and became incontinent, they ripped up the carpet in the small room with the doggie door and replaced it with saltillo tile. They also added a throw rug in the kitchen where Brittany ate and another place where it made it easier for her to get up. They are very considerate of all their animals.

PET CARE AND INTERACTIONS

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

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: 10 year old cat who we or our dogs never saw

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?

Petted and loved on both Luna & Shasta and let them roam all over their home and in the fenced yard

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

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

Never the saw the cat but after the interview they took us to meet their horses and some cows standing and laying under s

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

Their son & wife from Phoenix bring their 3 kids (ages 7mos. to 6 yrs.) who sometimes spend the weekend.

Where will the dog eat? Kitchen Where will the water bowl be located? Kitchen

What food will the family feed the Golden? Alternate 3 different varieties of Rachel Ray Dog 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? They have had previous experience with more than one dog and +

Please list all the ways the family will exercise the Golden. On leash walks around the property.

Additional comments on Pet Care and Interactions:

Their Brittany Spaniel loved to run and because they had a good recall with her, they let her run laps around the main house. They would make sure a new dog had a good recall and no propensity to chase cattle before letting it off leash outside the home.

THE GOLDEN FOR YOU

Has the family owned a Golden previously? Yes No

Do they understand that many Goldens are velcro-type dogs and want to be where their people are? Yes No

Do they understand the shedding of Goldens 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 Prefer a female. Compromised on 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) _____

What Activity Level? laid back, gentle

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:

Mary & Rob are used to caring for geriatric animals. They lost their Brittany Spaniel at 16 yrs. & their horses are 28 & 35 yrs. old. Goldens are their favorite breed. They are looking for a golden that is over 5 years old & laid back, but still able to go on walks & provide companionship. They prefer a female, but would consider a male. No size or coat color preference. They do hire people for chores on the ranch & wouldn't mind if the dog gave warning barks. They have a great relationship with their local Vet and are aware of training & snake aversion classes in their area. When they shop in town, the dog would be left inside with doggie door access to the yard for up to 6 hours once a week or so.

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 Goldens 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.

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:

Both Kevin and I feel that this would be a wonderful home for a golden. As Kevin wrote in his comments, "Who wouldn't want to live on a ranch in southern Arizona?" Luna and Shasta also gave their stamp approval. Mary & Rob understand that they are 1 1/2 hours from Tucson and would be willing to come and meet a potential dog or whatever SAGRR recommends. They have self trained many dogs, but are open to any recommendations that SAGRR makes. Mary volunteers with the library & other local organizations, but Rob is a homebody. If they do go visit family in Tucson, Phoenix or Winslow, either they will take the dog with them or have someone stay at the ranch to care for the dog, as well as the cat, horses and cattle.
Last year, they bought two 2017 calendars from us, so they are already supporting SAGRR!

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.