



# **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 9-6-2014 EVALUATOR Jane Hunter Hodgson PHONE 520-297-270 EMAIL JaneHunterHodgson@gmail.com

Address Visited 10291 N Calle Del Carner City, ZIP Oro Valley, 857 Cross Streets Oracle Rd & La Reserve

*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 Elise Schonberger EMAIL erschonberger@gmail.com

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OCCUPATION/EMPLOYER Retired physician/ social worker ( she does not look retirement age.)

CO-APPLICANT None EMAIL

PHONES: HOME  WORK  CELL

OCCUPATION/EMPLOYER

## **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
None		

**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 at the foot of Pusch Ridge, 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   Concrete block   Height:   5   ft.   *If there are varying heights, provide the lowest height*

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

If neither, explain   2 gates, both self-latching

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.)

Landscaped with flagstone, plants (not poisonous), furniture, etc.

**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:

If very small puppy could maybe get through wrought iron gates, but not 1 year old. Would like age 1-4.

## 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.) Tile & carpet in bedrooms

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? Depends on dog, could crate, but rather not

Where will the Golden sleep? In bed with Elise

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

When the family is gone, where will the Golden be? Inside

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? Would use only if must!

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

Dog friendly.

## PET CARE AND INTERACTIONS

Who will be the primary care giver? Elise How long will the Golden be left alone on a typical day? 1-3 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:

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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**

Elise did not know about cat food & litter, but no cats.

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?

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

Did not meet, but Elise says friend brings dachshund & all is ok. She had Saga in garage in crate with baby gate so Bonni

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

She is teaching commands & Saga does well. She gave bites of Milkbones to Saga during most of visit.

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? Natural, high protein, no fillers

**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? Well.

Please list all the ways the family will exercise the Golden. Walks & hikes

Additional comments on Pet Care and Interactions:

I first said I would bring Bonnie. Elise said Saga would not react well with a visiting dog. She feels she could handle problems if she got an adoptee. So, I decided I did not want to put Bonnie in danger. She had restrained Saga thinking Bonnie was coming.

## 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 1-4

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) Maybe therapy training

What Activity Level? Moderate, but feels she can handle any dog. Has has 5 dogs at a time in the past. Has worked w de

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:

Elise lost a golden. Few months ago. She has had 4 golden retrievers & 5 German shepherds. She has done competitive rallies & showing in the past. She does not plan to do this again.  
Feels she can do her own training.

## 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) None

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:

I am not sure I would put Bonnie in this home. I was pleasantly surprised that she did seem able to handle dogs. However, I am not sure Saga is ready to have a companion dog.

Elise saw Bruno & really wants to adopt him.

### 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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