**GENERAL INFORMATION:**

**HOME EVALUATOR NAME:** Elizabeth Friedmann  **DATE:** 7/5/2009

**FAMILY NAME:** Driggs **FAMILY #:**7432

**HOME:**  **Owns**  **\*\*Rents**

\*\*If renting, must send proof that applicant can have a dog with the completed home visit report; family cannot be approved until landlord approval is received\*\*

Are they interested in adopting, fostering or both? Adopting

Explain what it means to be a foster family, expense involved, how long in foster home.

**THE HOME--EXTERIOR**

**Is the exterior of the home well maintained?**  **Yes**  **No**

**Comments:**

**Is the yard fenced?**   **Yes**  **No**

**Are gates locked or latched?**  **Yes**  **No**

**What type of fence material?**Field fence all around the 2 acres and has a double gate on driveway.

**What is the height of the fence? 4'**

**If you are concerned that the fence is too low or if there isn’t a fence then ask/discuss the following:**

**Is there a dog door?** No

**What Kind of training has the family done in the past in regards to the lower fence and their dog not jumping it?** **none**

**Do you think the fence needs to be changed? No**

**If yes, discuss with family and what is their reaction?**

**Is there a pool?**  **Yes**  **No Is it fenced?**  **Yes**  **No**  **NA**

**Will the Golden have access to the pool?**  **Yes**  **No**  **NA**

*If yes, explain how to pool safe a Golden by teaching him how to get out*

**Are there any obvious signs of “outside dogs”?**  **Yes**  **No**

**Do you see any potential toxins in the area?**  **Yes**  **No**

e.g., Does the applicant change radiator fluid or oil in the area?

**If yes, describe and explain their action plan to safeguard a golden who would come in contact with the potential toxins.**

**Is there a dog run or dog pen?**  **Yes**  **No If yes, what it is used for?**

*If yes, is it common for the area?*  **Yes**  **No**

**Describe any concerns for the Golden’s safety if one is placed in this environment:** **None. I have strongly suggested they have their golden snake avoidance trained due to rattlesnakes at their property.**

**THE HOME--INTERIOR:**

**Is the home generally well maintained?**  **Yes**  **No**

**If not, please comment**

**Is the applicant ok if the Golden sleeps or sits on furniture?**  **Yes**  **No**

**If no, are they willing to pay for training for the Golden?**  **Yes**  **No**  **NA**

**Does the applicant have a cat?**  **Yes**  **No**

**Is there a cat litter box accessible to Golden?**  **Yes**  **No**  **NA**

**If yes, are they willing to relocate it?**  **Yes**  **No**  **NA**

**Is there cat food accessible to the Golden?**  **Yes**  **No**  **NA**

**If yes, are they willing to relocate it?**  **Yes**  **No**  **NA**

**Has the cat been around dogs before?**  **Yes**  **No**  **NA**

**Comments:**

**Are there stairs in the home?**  **Yes**  **No**

**How many hours per day will the Golden be left alone?** 2-3 hours

**Is there a doggie door?**  **Yes**  **No**

**If no, is the applicant willing to install one, if necessary?**  **Yes**  **No**  **NA**

**If not willing to install a doggie door, why not?**

**Where will the Golden spen****d his/her time during the day when left alone?** Inside

**Where will the Golden sleep?** Inside wherever the dog is comfortable. Will provide a dog bed

\*\*If family uses a crate, how many hours will the golden be left in the crate at one time?       \*\*

**Describe the type of flooring or combination of flooring in the home:**  Tile, Stone and Brick. The only area that is carpeted is the loft. This is the only stairs in the home,

# THE FAMILY

**What other pets does the family have?** They have 2 cats. 1 cat is 15 yrs old and the other is 2 yrs old. They also have 2 horses. One is 15 yrs old and the other is 25 yrs old.

(please list type, breed, gender and age)

**What are the personalities of their current or past dogs?** Dominant Bloodhound and they have owed Great Danes and mixed breed dogs.

**Are/were they more submissive or dominant?** Some were dominant and some were submissive

**Is the family more comfortable with dominant, active strong personalities or are they looking more for a calm, less active more laid back personality?** They would prefer submissive active goldens.

**What kind of exercise do they do with their current/past dogs?** They don't have any dogs at the present. But would walk the golden and play with the golden outside.

**In your opinion does the exercise they do match the personalities of their dogs?**

(For example, do they currently have a very young dog who is jumping all over the place and yet they only walk him/her every other night?)

**Are/were their current/past dogs trained?**  **Yes**  **No**

**If they did training, where did they go? (ie: Petsmart, Barkbusters etc.)** Mostly on their own with basic commands. Also puppy training at PetSmart.

**What kind of things is the family comfortable training the dog on? (for example more basic commands or are they comfortable with more extensive training such as separation anxiety or slight aggressiveness)** Basic training.

**\*\*If they have never done any training discuss training and see if they are open to it, if not, may not be a good match for a rescue dog\*\***

**Does the family allow visitors to bring dogs into their home?**  **Yes**  **No**  **NA**

If yes, how often, and what type, breed, age, gender are these visiting dogs?

*Please discuss the importance of doing an “intro” with any new dog or other animal before allowing “free run of house or yard”.*

**Are all pets up to date on vaccinations?**  **Yes**  **No**  **NA**

**If not, please explain why:**

**Are all pets spayed/neutered?**  **Yes**  **No**  **NA**

**If not, please explain why pets are unaltered:**      

**Are there any immune compromised pets or people in the household?**  **Yes**  **No**

( Examples**:** cancer patients, transplant recipients, people infected with HIV or Aids, diabetics and people on immunosuppressive medication may have compromised immune systems.)

**Comments:**

**Are there any special needs pets or people in the household?**  **Yes**  **No**

(Examples of special needs are those with chronic health issues, some asthmatics, diabetics, kidney problems, severe allergies, and dogs with heartworm, severe valley fever, and kidney problems. This also includes puppy mill dogs, and dogs with separation anxiety)

**Comments:**      

**Is anyone in the family have allergies or allergic to dogs?**  **Yes**  **No**

**If yes, are they currently being treated for the allergy?**  **Yes**  **No**  **NA**

**Comments:**

**Are there children in the home?**  **Yes**  **No**

**What age and gender are they?** Daughter 22 lives in the guest house.

**Are there other children or grandchildren who visit frequently?**  **Yes**  **No**

**What age and gender are they and frequency of visits?**

**Are there lots of children’s toys on the floor?**   **Yes**  **No**   **NA**

**If yes, what would the applicant do if their adopted Golden picked up one of the toys and chewed it?**

**Please describe applicant’s answer and reaction***:*

**Are there any other residents in the house (***besides the applicant/s and their children***)?**

(Relationship to applicant)**:** Their daughter 22 years old lives in their guest house. She just graduated from ASU.

**Who will be the primary caretaker of the Golden?** Christi

## THE DOG

**Please list the “specific” age range the applicant is interested in** 1 year old to 8 years old.

*We will not place a golden under 3 years in homes with children under 3 years old.*

We will not place a stray in homes with children under 12 yrs, unless the golden has first been in a foster home so we can learn about that golden.

Most of our goldens are transported directly from the OTI to the new family, with no opportunity for the FWITA family to meet the golden prior to being placed in their home. Advise our Transporter will never leave a dog in a home if they do not believe this is the right home.

**What gender Golden is the applicant interested in?** Either gender. They don't care about coat color or length of the goldens coat. They would also like a pair of goldens whether it is a pair coming in or 2 that meet their criteria.

(Advise the more flexible they are, the quicker we can place a dog. We generally rescue more males than females which makes the wait longer if they only want a female)

**Are they interested in a senior**  **Yes**  **No  Maybe**

**Are they interested in a “special needs” golden?**  **Yes**  **No  Maybe**

**If interested in a senior, or “special needs” will the house accommodate such a dog?**

**Yes**  **No**   **NA**

##### Note: Review any steps in the home or slick flooring that might impact the Golden

**Is the applicant interested in a pair of Goldens?**  **Yes**  **No**  **Maybe**

**Is the applicant interested or ok with a Golden with mild health problems?**

**Yes**  **No**  **Maybe**

**Has the applicant ever had a pet w/health problems?**  **Yes**  **No**

**If yes, what kind of treatments did they do and how extensive was the treatment?** Cat has diabetes. Have given meds to one of their dogs in the past.

(i.e., daily medication such as thyroid, allergy, arthritis, Valley Fever and/or periodic blood tests)

**Is the applicant interested or ok with a Golden with major health problems?**

**Yes**  **No  Maybe Comments**

**Given the applicant’s experience w/dogs and the personalities of their current dogs, what activity level and personality is the family looking for in a golden (and you feel comfortable with for the family)?** Active, submissive .

**\*\*Use this time to discuss what personalities would be a good match for their current pets and the family\*\***

**Where will the dog eat and drink****?** Inside They have a special room where they feed their cats and when their dogs were alive they also ate there. They are planning on making some changes in this room so the dog/s won't get into the litterbox and cat food.

**Will the applicant be feeding the Golden high quality food?**  **Yes**  **No**

**Is the applicant ok with the “in your face” nature of Golden Retrievers?**  **Yes**  **No**

**Is the applicant aware of the need for brushing and frequent grooming, and the amount of hair shed by Goldens? Comments:** **Yes and I explained that I have to brush Laya with her thick coat everyday.**

**What are their expectations in having a rescue golden in your home?** Companionship.

\*\*Use this time to explain that it will take about 6 months for the golden’s true personality to emerge as they need time to adjust to the new home and family’s schedule. Explain that the family needs to have a lot of patience and the interest in working with the golden to make the adjustment.\*\*

**How comfortable would you be leaving your own Golden or placing one of our RAG Goldens in this home?** Very.

**REMINDERS**

**Discuss membership form and fees for dogs**

All dogs up to age 4 - $400

dogs 4 to age 8 $300

8 and over, $250

**Pairs** -- second dog is half price:

    both dogs younger than 4, $600

    one dog younger than 4 and one between 4 and 8, $550

    one dog younger than 4 and one over 8, $525

    both dogs between 4 and 8, $450

    one dog between 4 and 8 and one over 8, $425

    both dogs over 8, $375

**Please explain our rule regarding returning our dogs back to RAG if they cannot keep for any reason.**

**(***As stated in our contract* **:** As ***FWITA/ADOPTER***, I/we am/are aware that the dog must be returned to ***RAGofAZ*** if, at any time or for any reason, I/we cannot keep it. The dog must not be abandoned, sold or given to any other party or in any other manner be transferred to different ownership)

**Advise payment is due when they receive the dog**

**Collect Landlord permission form if applicable**

**Talk about RAG events and fundraisers**

**Talk about Volunteering for RAG events and becoming a member of a volunteer team**

#### Encourage applicant to join our Yahoogroups email to learn about RAG events and opportunities to volunteer and see lots of photos from events and from members. They can subscribe by sending an email to [-RescueAGoldenofArizona-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:-RescueAGoldenofArizona-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)

**Advise there is no guaranteed time span in which we can place a Golden. Our goal is to find the best fit for the golden, and not to just place him/her in an available home.**

**Advise once approved, they will receive a welcome email and the foster manual from our placement team**

**Approved Comments:** This is a great family that just adores dogs and cats. They interacted with Laya and Ken even took Laya for a walk and she meet up with one of their horses and they smelled nose to nose. Laya was looking for attention from anyone and they were more than willing to give her all the love and attention she was craving. The daughter even walked her around the inside of the house and spent a lot of time with her. I wouldn't hesitate to leave either of my goldens with them. Very loving with animals.

**Denied Comments:**