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**SOUTHERN ARIZONA GOLDEN RETRIEVER RESCUE**

**REPORT OF HOME VISIT OF POTENTIAL FOSTER/ADOPTER**

This is a combined foster and adoption home visit report. Please fill out the form completely with all the pertinent information. 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 that you provide in this report, so you are their eyes and ears to help them "see" the adoption family through your eyes via this report.

Please save this form on your computer with the Applicant's name and then email it to: GHET@sagrr.org

**EVALUATOR AND APPLICANT’S INFORMATION**

**DATE**: 11/6/2012

**HOME EVALUATOR'S NAME**: Heather Wrubel EVALUATOR'S **PHONE** (520) 240-8804 EVALUATOR'S **EMAIL** hlwrubel@hotmail.com

**INTEREST** IN FOSTER ONLY  ADOPT ONLY  WILL FOSTER AND WANT TO ADOPT

OWNS HOME  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 FAMILY'S NAME** Darren Cummings

**ADDRESS**: 6030 S Sorrel Lane

**CROSS-STREETS** Valencia/Camino De La Tierra

**CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE**: Tucson, AZ 85746

**HOME PHONE**: 520-883-4164 **CELL**: 520-603-5418 **WORK**:

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**OCCUPATION**/EMPLOYER: Retired

LIST ALL (NON-APPLICANT) FAMILY MEMBERS, AND RELATIONSHIP, AND AGES OF ANY CHILDREN

Name Jeremy Cummings  Spouse/Significant Other  Child Age 16  Roommate  Non-applicant Parent

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**EXTERIOR PHYSICAL PROPERTY INFORMATION**

**DESCRIBE THE DWELLING**:  Single-family Home  Condo or Townhouse  Duplex

Apartment  Mobile or Manufactured Home Comments

**DESCRIBE SURROUNDINGS**, i.e., is home in subdivision, country, on golf course, isolated, etc. On a couple of acres in a more country-like area. Homes are spaced out.

**EXTERIOR**: Is the exterior of the home generally well-maintained (home, landscape, etc)  Yes  No

Somewhat Comments

**YARD**: Is there a fenced yard  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 Comments Darren will keep an eye on the dogs while outside but will not always be out with them or watching.

Describe type of yard (i.e., grass, rock, dirt, etc) Dirt, mostly. Tons of running room for a dog.

**FENCE**: What type of fence Chain link Height 5 feet; (note if there are varying heights and provide the lowest height)

Are gates  self-latching  locked  neither -- Explain Darren keeps all gates padlocked. Are there any apparent holes or gaps in the fencing  Yes  No Comments There were some areas where there were gaps but Darren had blocked them off by installing chicken wire or other fencing as well as wooden slates to prevent the dogs from getting out.

Is the yard reasonably clear of feces, trash or other objects (and hazardous plants) that might present a health problem to the Golden? Golden  Yes  No Comments He had some weed killer sitting on the porch on a shelf but I told him he needed to keep all things like that put away so he told me he would keep them locked up. It was out of the dog's reach but I wanted to make sure he understood any potential risk.

**POOL** Is there a pool  Yes  No Is it fenced?  Yes  No Is there a Spa?  Yes  No

(Note: if applicant is requesting 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  Not Applicable;  Yes  No

Comments He has a hot tub on the porch but it is always covered and latched.

If unfenced, advise Applicant it is hard to keep some goldens out of the pool and note their reaction

Comments

Any additional comments on the exterior of the home Yard is huge! Lots of room for the dogs. He also had a nice covered concrete porch, so shade is always available. Three water buckets outside for the dogs and tennis balls to play with.

**INTERIOR HOME ENVIRONMENT**

Is the home generally maintained?  Yes  No Comments

Is the home generally clean and free of debris or clutter  Yes  No Comments

Are their stairs (inside or leading into or outside the home) (This may impact an older dog or one with any mobility issues)  Yes  No Comments

Describe the flooring (i.e., slick tile, carpet, hardwood, etc) Tile in the kithen and dining room and carpet everywhere else.

Is the kitchen or bath trash uncovered  Yes  No Comments

Are any toilet lids open  Yes  No Comments

Is there a doggie door of sufficient size for a large golden?  Yes  No Comments He lets out Riley when she has to potty and will continue to do so.

If not, are there any plans to install a dog door  Yes  No Comments He has cats so he cannot have a doggie door.

Look for any plants, fragile items at golden tail level, shoes, toys, etc. that may be an issue and discuss with family

Comments There are knick knacks but I warned him of their tails knocking things over and that some might chew or take the objects. He said he will put away whatever he needs to based on how the dog reacts. Said he has had 3 Goldens and has never had a problem but will observe and adjust his home according to the dog.

While the family is home, where in the home will the Golden be allowed Everywhere the owner is, except on the furniture (besides one couch which he has given the dogs).

Where will the Golden sleep He lets Riley sleep on the floor next to his bed.

Will the Golden be allowed on furniture, beds  Yes  No Comments Except for the couch he gave them. He says he usually chases them off when the dogs have gotten on other furniture.

When the family is gone, where will the Golden be Inside the home.

Does the family use a crate  Yes  No Comments He said he has never needed one.

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 Darren said if the dog he adopts needs one, he will use a crate.

**PET CARE AND INTERACTIONS**

Are there any other dogs in this home  Yes  No Comments She is very sweet and friendly. She just wants a buddy.

Describe all dogs, listing breed, age, sex, and any specific information that might affect a SAGRR Golden Golden, F, 7, Riley is just a super sweet girl. She has energy but she is not over the top. She just loves everyone and everything.

Are any of the resident dogs unaltered, and if so, explain why they are not altered  Yes  No Comments

Are there any cats in this home  No  Yes If yes, how many and age 3; 7, 10 and 10 Is family aware Golden will get into cat food and/or litter box and they should be kept out of reach  Yes  No Comments He has it all blocked off in the laundry room. It is also a room where the cats can go if they want to get away from the dog.

Are the cats used to dogs  Yes  No Comments Very. They were all raised together. The cats were very unconcerned with Kam, my dog.

Are there any other pets?  Yes  No If yes, please explain what type and where they are kept Comments

Are there any dogs that visit on a frequent basis  Yes  No Comments

Did you take a Golden with you on this visit  Yes  No Comments My Golden/Aussie mix, Kam.

How did the family interact with the Golden Darren was great. Despite Kam jumping and being crazy, Darren was very calm and patient and loved him. You can tell he is awesome with dogs.

How did the resident dogs/cats interact with your Golden Riley and Kam played fetch and chased each other the whole time. Oh, and they spashed around in Riley's water buckets… typical Goldens haha. The cats just kinda looked at Kam and went back to sleeping, grooming, or rubbing up and on Darren and I despite how Kam was barking and jumping about.

How did the family interact with the resident dogs/cats Darren played fetch with Riley and Kam for awhile and loved on his cats during most of the questioning. His animals seemed incredibly calm and loving, and very very friendly.

Are there children on the home?  Yes  No Comments Just his 16 year old son every other week. He is very used to dogs and loves them like Darren does.

Explain their interaction with your dog or the resident dog(s) He was not home during the week of the visit.

Where will the dog eat He feeds Riley on the back patio right outside the sliding glass door.

Where will the water bowl be located One will be inside (kitchen) and he has 3 outdoors.

What food will the family feed the golden He said Pedigree or Beneful; he uses either feed. He also adds a spoonful of warm canned food at each meal. (Please discuss quality food with the family)

Remember to explain (if there will be more than one dog) the recommendation to feed separately, at least for the first few weeks minimum Darren is very willing to give the dogs space to let them get used to each other and the changes.

Please list all the ways the family will exercise the golden Darren loves to play with the dogs in his backyard. He has a whole acre there. I do believe he also will walk them.

**WHAT IS THE RIGHT GOLDEN**

Has the family owned a Golden previously  Yes  No Comments Riley is his third. His first two, he dealt with both Valley Fever and cancer. He seems very knowledgeable on the breed.

Do they understand that many Goldens are velcro-type dogs and want to be where their people are?

Yes  No Comments

Do they understand the shedding of Goldens and need for frequent brushing and grooming, vacuuming and sweeping?

Yes  No Comments

What type of Golden does the family prefer?

MALE  FEMALE  NO PREFERENCE

UNDER 1 YEAR  1 -3 YRS  4-7 YRS  SENIOR  NO PREFERENCE

What are the expectations for the SAGRR Goldens?

COMPANION  HUNTING  OBEDIENCE or RALLY  AGILTIY  CHILD’S COMPANION

THERAPY DOG  SERVICE DOG  DOG'S COMPANION  OTHER

What Activity Level? Fairly low energy. A dog who is playful and a little energetic but not super hyper or crazy. He wants a dog who will play fetch and play with Riley.

Is the family willing to adopt a golden with minor health problems? (valley fever, thyroid problems, allergies, arthritis etc)  Yes  No  Maybe Comments Darren just lost his other Golden to cancer. Minor health issues he will consider.

Is the family would you be willing to adopt a golden with major health issues?  Yes  No  Maybe Comments As stated above, he lost his due to cancer and he just isn't up to deal with it again yet.

Is the family be willing to adopt a golden with special needs that are treatable?

Yes  No  Maybe Comments It depends on the circumstances.

Is the family willing to adopt a golden that has cancer?  Yes  No  Maybe Comments

Is the family willing to adopt a golden that isn’t house trained?  Yes  No  Maybe Comments Depends on how well a fit the dog is. He has the time but would prefer one who is house trained.

**CARING FOR THE GOLDEN**

Who will be the primary care giver for the golden? Darren.

How long will the golden be left alone on a daily basis? He is usually home but if he is gone he is home within 4 hours. (Discuss that we do not allow dogs to be left outside when no one is home, or all day)

**TRAINING FOR 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 in order for it to be a successful placement.

Is the family willing if recommended by SAGRR to use a recommended dog trainer for the golden?  Yes  No Comments

Is the family willing to crate train if recommended by SAGRR?  Yes  No Comments

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 Comments

**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 they dog is delivered to them?  Yes  No Comments

$300 0-UP TO 3 YEARS OLD

$250 3- UP TO 8 YEARS OLD

$150 OVER 8 YEARS OLD

SPECIAL NEEDS WILL BE DONE ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS

If family is interested in a pair, did you explain pair price (2nd dog is 1/2 price)? He said maybe, if it was a pair who needed to be together and they fit well.

**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, very much so.

If not, what age/activity level dog would you recommend for this family?

Did you advise them of your recommendation for a different age/activity level dog?

Please list any physical limitations should be considered when placing a golden in this home (i.e., 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 Comments

**SUMMARY**

DO YOU RECOMMEND THAT THIS FAMILY BE AN APPROVED SAGRR HOME  Yes  No Comments

WOULD YOU LEAVE YOUR DOG IN THIS HOME I certainly would. I was a little worried with his knick knacks but upon discussing it, he is very willing to store away whatever he needs to and wants to accomdate the new dog as best as he can. He seems very kind and you can tell he spends a lot of time and effort to care for his cats and dog. They all adore him and all are very well temepered. Especially with how well he interacts with the dogs (and the nice thing about my dog, Kam, is that with how hyper he is, you know the potential adopter is well-equipped when they can reinforce my training with him AND not lose their patience! LOL), I think any dog would be spoiled rotten by Darren. Surely well cared for too.