**SOUTHERN ARIZONA GOLDEN RETRIVER RESCUE**

**REPORTY OF HOME VISIT TO POTENTIAL FOSTER/ADOPTER**

**Date of Visit**: 9-22-17 **Evaluators**: Kevin & Mary George **Phone**: 229-1337 **email**: [margeorge@q.com](mailto:margeorge@q.com)

**Address Visited**: 8001 N Della Robia Pl **City, Zip:** Tucson, AZ **Cross Streets**: Magee & Shannon

**FAMILY INTERESTED IN**: Adopt only at this time because they both work full time and would not be able to observe and report on a foster – they may want to foster in the future

**HOMEOWNER STATUS**: Own, recently moved into this home on Tucson National Golf Course

**APPLICANTS**: Jennifer Schneider & Charles Daniel

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**OCCUPATION**: Paralegal, Federal Public Defender

**No other Household Members**

**EXTERIOR OF PROPERTY**

**TYPE OF DWELLING:** Single-family Home

**DESCRIBE SURROUNDINGS**: Large brick home in subdivision on Tucson National Golf Course

**EXTERIOR**: Very well maintained

Front yard: Paved driveway, with rock and natural desert - no fence

Back Patio is shaded

Backyard: Long and narrow, with brick pavers in the middle surrounded by gravel/dirt

The block wall along the back is only 3 feet high for about 20 feet and overlooks golf course and cart path. Tee box approximately 50 feet away.

* They plan to extend the height with wrought iron. For now, they always accompany their 7-year-old, Springer Spaniel mix, Lexi, outside and will also do that with their new Golden. Jennifer’s parents also live on the golf course and are caring for their son’s 2-year-old male Golden while he is serving in the military. They bring the Golden to visit and he has never tried to jump the wall. The Golden loves to swim in their pool and sometimes does not want to leave.

They will always supervise the dogs in low- walled back yard

The side yard has a built-in pool that is blocked off by a 6-ft. wrought iron fence. No spa.

The gates are self-latching

Jennifer & Charles met us on the street in front of their house with Lexi on leash. Kevin had our Golden, Shasta, on leash and both dogs sniffed each other. Lexi was a little leery of my crutches as we all met. Then we walked up one small step on the front cement patio, into and through the home to the sliding glass door leading to the backyard. It was 5:30 Friday evening and we could see golfers on the course. They took Lexi off leash and she stayed close to them. Kevin kept Shasta on leash while we walked around the yard and talked about our concerns with the low wall.

**INTERIOR HOME ENVIRONMENT**

Well maintained, clean & free of clutter even though they only moved in a few weeks ago

Only one small step up to cement patio and level threshold into house

Tile (some grip, not slick) flooring in entrance, dining room, kitchen., living room & bathrooms

Bedrooms are carpeted

The kitchen and bathroom trash were covered and the toilet lids were closed

There was a nice alcove off the dining room with a water bowl for their dog and where Lexi is fed

We discussed feeding the new dog separately and they agreed and did so when they had two dogs in the past

There was a dog bed in dining room area and another one in the bedroom. They said they had another dog bed for their Lab that they lost a few months ago. Lexi and their Lab were very bonded and Lexi misses her. The new Golden would be a given a dog bed and the option of sleeping in their bedroom or moving to the hall or bathroom where the tile floor is cooler.

No dog door. They have never used one and see no need for one.

They both work, so Lexi and the golden would be left inside the home for up to 8 hours a day. Lexi has free range of the home, but they would close the doors to the carpeted rooms until they could trust the new Golden. They have a crate and would be willing to use it if necessary. Lexi occasionally uses the crate, like when workers are over. The dining room, kitchen and living room are very open, but they would be willing to try baby gates if necessary. If for some reason they had to work late, Jennifer’s parents are available to come over and let the dogs out or take care of them. The same goes for traveling – they help each other out with the dogs.

They have nice leather furniture and prefer the dogs not get on the furniture or beds, but would be willing to put a throw on the sofa if needed. Occasionally when one of them isn’t there, they wake up to find their dog on the bed and that is okay, they just don’t encourage it.

**PET CARE AND INTERACTIONS**

After we walked around the home with Shasta on leash, we sat at a nice, high dining room table in front of the sliding glass door that leads to the backyard. We asked if we could take Shasta off leash and they were fine with that. Shasta walked around and they both petted her. She and Lexi sniffed each other, but Lexi didn’t get up so they didn’t play together. Shasta stayed near us, and both Jennifer and Charles commented that her tail that wagged continuously. Charles also said that Shasta was the perfect size – she is a small framed Golden, about 55 pounds. Lexi was friendly with Kevin and once I was seated and the crutches were removed, Lexi sniffed me and let me pet her.

**Primary Care Giver**: They will both care for the dogs even though Jennifer is the main “dog person” in the home. She grew up with and has always had dogs. She has trained and rehabilitated rescues and took both Lexi and her brother’s Golden to Obedience and “Snake Aversion Training.” Jennifer waited till they moved here so that they would have adequate space for a Golden. Charles wants to feed the new Golden so it will bond to him as well. They are both young and healthy and want to take the dogs for long walks around the golf course before and after work. They say this a dog friendly neighborhood and you can see a pack of dogs with their owners walk the paths early in the mornings and in the evenings – when the golfers have finished.

Lexi does not go in the pool, but the Golden that visits often, loves the pool. All their dogs have been altered and they have never gotten a dog from a breeder. Lexi, a 7ear-old Spaniel Mix is the only animal in the home. In addition to long walks, they would like to play fetch with the golden and maybe do some volunteering with SAGRR as time permits. We showed them the 2017 SAGRR Calendar and talked about many of the events through the year. They really lit up when we talked about the Pool Party. We encouraged to go to a Meet & Greet to get a 2018 Calendar and told them about Park in October. Jennifer said her Lab their Lab could be included in the Rainbow Bridge and teared up just thinking about it.

They said Lexi has food sensitivities and they have to be careful what they feed her. They would continue to feed the Golden the age appropriate food it was already on or whatever their Vet or SAGRR recommended.

**THE GOLDEN FOR YOU**

They understand that Goldens are Velcro dogs and shed a lot.

Main criteria: Gentile companion for their 7-year-old Spaniel Mix, Lexi, who is left alone while they work

Companion for them who would enjoy taking walks, swimming in their pool &fetching

Moderate activity level – not puppy active

No preference over male or female: Jennifer said she noticed Lexi seemed more interested in the males on their walks, but stated she gets along with all dogs

Charles liked Shasta’s smaller frame, but understands males are usually larger

Probably not a good idea if separation anxiety is a major issue, but they are willing to house train and deal with other minor issues

**Minor health problems:** depends

They lost a dog to Valley Fever and would not like to go through that again

Charles mentioned more than once that a 3-legged dog would be fine

**Major health problems:** probably not – with them both working, they would not be available to care for and take dog for special treatments, etc.

They understand there is an adjustment period are willing to do whatever SAGRR recommends to make their home a successful placement – including using our trainers, using a crate or whatever we suggest.

They understand the fees and that membership is a requirement.

**RECCOMENDATION**

We both feel that this would be a good home for a Golden and that they would treat their new dog as a cherished family member. Jennifer & Charles will be a great addition to SAGRR.