

SNOWSHOE GOLDENS
PUPPY BUYER INFORMATION

The following questions are to help us be sure that you will be getting a puppy that you are happy with, and equally important, are to assure us, by your answers, that our puppies will be going to TERRIFIC homes! Please be as candid as you wish in your responses.

Name (s): _____

Children names/ages, if applicable: _____

Address: _____ Phone #: _____

Email address: _____

Why have you decided to buy a Golden Retriever?

Your plans for your Golden include; family companion _____ show dog _____
obedience competition _____ hunting/field work _____ pet therapy _____
agility/fly ball competition _____ breeding _____

Do you prefer a male or female? _____ Why? _____

Fenced yard: Yes _____ No _____ If not fenced, would you be willing to do so before bringing home a new puppy, or to build a secure run for the animal to be housed in when not being safely supervised for its safety? _____ How do you plan to exercise your dog?

Do you have a swimming pool, and, if so, is it fenced? _____

Do you live in a house or an apartment? _____ If you rent, have you checked with your landlord about getting an animal? _____

Do you currently, or have you ever owned any other pets? Yes ___ No _____
What type?

Have you ever had to put a dog to sleep? _____ If yes, why, and how old was the dog?

Are you looking for a young puppy or an older dog?

Do the other members of your family also want to get a puppy?

Who would be the primary care giver? (feeding, training, grooming, etc.)

Where would your dog be housed when no one is home?

Have you thought about how you will housebreak a puppy, and how?

What is your lifestyle? (normal day, hours home, etc.)

When this puppy is purchased as a 'family companion' and is not going to be shown in breed competition, and/or be bred, do you agree to have it spayed (females) or neutered (males), and submit a veterinarian certificate to the breeder as proof of surgery?

Do you have a veterinarian? If so, who?

How much do you expect to pay for a puppy? \$ _____ How about an older dog?
\$ _____.

How did you hear about us, Snowshoe Goldens? Referral of whom?

Anything else you'd like to tell us about you? The more the better

SNOWSHOE'S PUPPY PROCESS

Snowshoe prides itself on it's breeding program of producing sound, great temperament puppies. Our first and foremost purpose of producing litters of puppies are to be placed in 'SHOW' homes, where they will be campaigned as such.

That means that the 'picks' of puppies are purposefully selected as show prospects. A SHOW puppy means exactly that, the owner agrees to SHOW the dog in AKC sponsored shows, to achieve a CHAMPIONSHIP title. A contract is signed between us and a buyer, to that effect.

As a result of any breeding program, there are puppies that, for whatever reason, we feel will not be a show competitive animal. Those reasons could be as simple as a tail set or ear set, or a male with an undescended testicle. Those puppies then are then sold as FAMILY COMPANION ANIMALS, or 'PET' puppies.

'PET' puppies are sold on a spay/neuter contract only. Prices are currently \$3000, plus applicable Mn. Sales Tax, but are subject to change.

Please respect the fact that our puppies are very important to us, and it is of the utmost importance that we find them the best, loving homes possible. For that reason, we have

developed some simple guidelines, with which our puppies are sold. They are, but, not limited to;

1. PET puppies are never 'shipped' to their new owners.
2. PET puppies are not sold to anyone that we have not personally met.
3. PET puppies are not sold to anyone with children under the age of 4 years old, with rare exception.
4. PET puppies are not sold to a home whereby the 'family' is gone for the better part of a day. 'Someone' needs to be available to tend to a puppy every few hours in the early months, and no more than a 6-7 hour stint of time, alone, as an adult dog.
5. PET puppies are not sold to homes without fencing, significant acreage or kennel run. Invisible fencing is not recommended.

Should you be interested in acquiring a SNOWSHOE puppy for your family, we encourage that our "PUPPY BUYER INFORMATION" form be completed, and mailed, emailed or faxed to us (651.686.6120). Referrals from current SNOWSHOE puppy owners are our best source of new SNOWSHOE puppy owners! (so, let us know who referred you). Current Snowshoe puppy owners are always placed at the top of the list for another puppy! When time is available, we encourage a site visit, whereby you can meet the 'MOM' to be, as well as all of our other 'dog family members.'

Once a litter is born, we encourage 'social visits' with the puppies, after they are approx. 4 weeks old. Eyes and ears don't open until approx. 2 weeks old, and it takes a bit of time for them to 'find' their legs, and begin to move about, and react to voices. Thus, 4 weeks old seems to be about the perfect time. This is the best socialization we could give for puppy development.

We will NOT know whether the puppies are considered SHOW or PET quality until usually approaching the 6 week old stage. Occasionally, there will be a flaw noticeable earlier than that, but, not often. If you've expressed interest in a Snowshoe puppy, you would then be notified approaching that time, if there would be a puppy available for your specific need and request for adoption.

Puppies are NEVER promised, which is exactly why we don't accept deposits on puppies! A deposit may be interpreted as a contract to sell, and we won't know whether there is a PET puppy available for you until they 'somewhat' mature, and those show/pet decisions are made.

We sincerely thank you for your interest in Snowshoe Golden Retrievers!