# Overview

If you are interested in a Lake Joy Golden puppy, please read this document carefully and then fill out the questionnaire below. Type in your responses and save the document with your last name as the file name, then send it back to me. All information disclosed will be maintained in a private and confidential manner and used only for the purpose of matching you with one of our puppies. The data will not be shared with anyone else for any reason.

After you submit your completed questionnaire, I will review it and put you on the waiting list. Once pregnancy is confirmed, I will keep you up-to-date with current status by email. After the puppies arrive, depending on your place on the waiting list, I will ask you to send a $500 deposit to hold your puppy (you can pay by cash, Venmo, PayPal, or Zelle; details at the end). Final payment is cash, Venmo, PayPal, or Zelle at pickup. Checks will not be accepted. The total cost of a puppy is $3,000 ($500 deposit and $2,500 cash or cash equivalent at pickup). If for some reason (other than your failure to pick up your puppy on the agreed-upon date) you don’t receive a puppy from me after having paid a deposit, I will refund your full deposit within two weeks after the pickup date.

Puppies must be picked up on the pickup date, which will be approximately eight weeks after birth. I will inform you of the exact pickup date soon after the puppies are born, so you will have close to eight weeks’ notice to make the necessary arrangements. I may be able to keep your puppy for you for up to one week after the pick-up date, but in that case I will need to charge a boarding fee of $25 per day. If you do not pick up your puppy within seven days of the pick-up date, you will forfeit your deposit and your right to the puppy. (For example, if the pickup date is April 23rd, you must pick up your puppy no later than 7pm on April 30th, and pay the boarding fee for seven days.) Picking up on time is required for your sake and the sake of your puppy (as well as others who may be waiting in line). They are so ready to bond with you at that stage!

I believe strongly in puppy training as an important part of a great relationship between you and your puppy. I require my buyers to take a beginning training course with their pup. A happy, well-trained Golden will be a joy to you and everyone in your home!

Speaking of training, please consider the full cost of dog ownership and make sure it fits into your budget. They will require vet expenses, training expenses, possible cost of fences, proper nutrition, and boarding expenses if you travel. Equally important, be realistic about whether you have the *available* *time* you will need to give to your puppy. Goldens require love, training, and exercise! They need to be with people much of the day. Especially when young, they will take a lot of your time! Make sure you ready, able, and willing to give it.

All of our puppies will be registered with the American Kennel Club as pure-bred Goldens, but are sold limited registration. You will agree by contract not to breed your Lake Joy Golden with any other dog, even another Golden. No exceptions. Any resulting puppies *cannot* be registered with the American Kennel Club.

Thinking of showing your Golden? Please let me know if you may be interested in showing your dog. Send me an email with the details about your interests, experience, and plans (even if tentative). I will consider all such requests on a case by case basis.

I am very committed to breeding healthy Goldens, and have done everything in my power to maximize the chance of healthy puppies. Due to complex genetic interactions and environmental factors beyond my control, however, I cannot guarantee that a puppy purchased from Lake Joy Goldens will be free of genetic disorders or any other future health problem.

If you agree to all the conditions above, and feel ready and able give a happy home to a Golden puppy, please complete the questionnaire below and submit it along with your deposit. I will email you at each step of the way, beginning with your placement on the wait-list. When you pick up your puppy, you will sign a contract with me that incorporates your responses to this questionnaire.

# Questionnaire

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| Name (first, last): |  |
| Mailing address (street, city, state, zip): |  |
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| Email address: |  |
| Phone number: |  |

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| 1. Please list other family members in your household such as a spouse or roommate, children, parents, etc. If you have children, please list their ages. |  |
| 1. If you have children, are they comfortable around dogs and other animals? |  |
| 1. Do you live in a house, condo, or apartment? |  |
| 1. Do you own or rent your residence? |  |
| 1. Do you have regular (daily) access to a completely fenced and secure yard? |  |
| 1. If not, how do you plan to provide security for your puppy when he or she is outside? |  |
| 1. Is there someone at home during the day, or able to get home regularly to potty-train the puppy? |  |
| 1. Where will your puppy spend the day? |  |
| 1. Will the puppy be in contact with your family during the day? |  |
| 1. Where will your puppy spend the evening? |  |
| 1. Where will your puppy sleep? |  |
| 1. Please answer the following questions as specifically as you can to help us match you to the right puppy. |  |
| 1. What type of personality are you looking for in your dog? |  |
| 1. What energy level would best suit your lifestyle (high energy, lots of exercise required; low energy, less exercise required; somewhere in-between)? |  |
| 1. What Golden Retriever traits are you most looking forward to having your puppy bring to your family and home? |  |
| 1. Do you prefer a male or female puppy? |  |
| 1. Would you consider taking a puppy of the opposite sex should that be the only sex available? (Please consider carefully, as an incorrect answer could negatively impact other people waiting for a puppy.) |  |
| 1. Are you fully aware that Golden Retrievers are large, long-haired dogs that shed their coats profusely twice per year, and a small amount more or less constantly? |  |
| 1. Are you fully aware that puppyhood for Golden Retrievers involves high energy, nearly constant playfulness (as well as naps), and mouthiness (they are retrievers, after all!)? Specifically, are you prepared for a puppy that may want to chew on almost anything low to the ground? Do you have the necessary sense of humor for possible minor destruction? ☺ |  |
| 1. Have you ever owned a Golden Retriever before? If yes, please give a brief overview. |  |
| 1. Have you ever owned other breeds of dogs before? If yes, please give a brief overview. |  |
| 1. Do you have other pets currently in the home in which your puppy will be living? If yes, please give a brief overview. |  |
| 1. Have ever had difficulty with a previous dog you’ve owned, such as health concerns or behavior concerns? If yes, please give a brief overview. |  |
| 1. Have you ever given up a dog to a shelter or pound? Have you ever euthanized a dog for reasons other than old age / terminal illness? If yes to either, please give a full explanation. |  |
| 1. Do all of your family members agree to the addition of this puppy to your family? |  |
| 1. Do you agree that this Lake Joy Golden dog will never ride in the back of an open vehicle, will never run lose unsupervised, and will never be tied up outside as a means of punishment or confinement? |  |
| 1. Please provide the name, address, and phone number of your veterinarian. |  |
| 1. Please list two references by name, relationship, and email address. These should be people who know you well and also know something about dogs. |  |
| 1. Do you agree to mail or scan/email to us a copy of your registration form for your first level of puppy / dog training? |  |

Thank you!

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*Payment options:*

Venmo: @mryland (name on account is Mark Ryland)  
PayPal: mark@amdgs.com (same)  
Zelle: 202-763-8123 (same)  
Cash (bring with you when we meet)