



Thank you for your interest in adopting a Golden Retriever from As Good as Gold – Golden Retriever Rescue of Northern Illinois (AGaG). We highly respect and deeply appreciate your decision to consider a rescue dog.

We believe that it's only fair to give you a realistic idea of what to expect BEFORE you take the time to apply and go through the adoption process. Before completing the attached Adoption Application, please consider the following information regarding As Good as Gold rescue dogs and the rescue process.

As Good as Gold – Annual Rescue Dog Intake Statistics

Age Range	Annual %	Annual #	Typical characteristics of AGAG rescue dogs
0-2 years	45%	75	Very likely NOT trained or well-mannered; often very active, jumpy, mouthy, chewy, and strong on leash. Basically still a puppy, but full grown. Many are not appropriate with children.
3-5 years	19%	30	Some are trained and relatively well-mannered; others still require training and may exhibit behaviors typical of our 0-2 year old Goldens (above). Some are appropriate with children.
6-8 years	22%	37	Generally well mannered. Generally calm but still energetic, playful and outgoing. Most are appropriate with children.
9+ years	14%	17	Generally well mannered and calm. Some have common medical issues. Most are appropriate with children.

The Reality of Rescue

- Due to safety, liability, and availability concerns, AGaG does not accept adoption applications from families with children under 6 years of age residing full- or part-time in their home.
- The rescue process is not a fast one and it may take several weeks to several months for AGaG to identify an appropriate dog for you.
- AGaG rescues any and all needy Golden Retrievers (except aggressive dogs) without bias to age, gender, size, color, personality, medical needs or other history and, therefore, the profiles of our available goldens can greatly vary at any given time.
- A typical rescued golden may have one or more issues that need to be considered. Adoptive families need to be open to accepting a dog that is less than perfect.
- Even if your home visit is conducted, you or AGaG may decide that a rescued Golden is not appropriate for your family.

The Adoption Process

- Step 1** – Complete and submit the attached Adoption Application along with a \$15 application fee.
- Step 2** – You will receive an email or postcard confirmation within two weeks of the receipt of your Adoption Application.
- Step 3** – An AGaG Home Visit Volunteer will contact you to schedule a mutually convenient date for your home visit. All members of your home must be present at the home visit.
- Step 4** – Approval or denial of your application will be sent to you within two weeks of the completion of your home visit.
- Step 5** – Upon approval of your application, you will be placed on the AGaG waiting list until a potential adoptive dog is identified for you.
- Step 6** – An AGaG Adoption Volunteer will only contact you when a potential adoptive dog is identified for you. This process may take several weeks to several months depending upon your preferences and the profiles of the dogs in our program at the time.

Thank you once again for considering an AGaG rescue Golden. If you have any further questions before you apply, please feel free to contact us. If you choose to adopt an AGaG rescue dog, we sincerely look forward to receiving your application and matching you with a new best friend. If you decide that an AGaG rescue dog is not for you and you choose to explore other Golden Retriever sources, we urge you to review the information on the Golden Retriever Club of Illinois website, www.grc-il.org. This information will help you make important, responsible decisions about acquiring a happy, healthy, well-adjusted Golden Retriever.



Golden Retriever Rescue
of Northern Illinois

**A \$15.00 NON-REFUNDABLE APPLICATION FEE DUE
WITH ALL APPLICATIONS**

Adoption Application

This is a comprehensive adoption application that may seem formal, but is intended to insure that the right dog is being placed with you. An improper placement, or one based on inadequate information, can end tragically for the dog and the adoptive family. To adopt a rescue you must be at least 23 years of age. All information furnished here will be kept confidential and will only be available for use by As Good as Gold - Golden Retriever Rescue of Northern Illinois.

Please help us process your application in a timely manner – complete the following information by typing or using black ink. Applications completed with blue ink or pencil can't be scanned and forwarded to home visit volunteers. Illegible applications will be returned for clarification and will delay the adoption process.

Date: _____ How did you hear about As Good as Gold? _____

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I confirm that I do not have children under 6 years of age living in my home. Yes _____ No _____

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Applicant's Name: _____ Age: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Occupation: _____ Position Title: _____

Employer Name: _____

Employer Street Address: _____

Employer Phone Number (to verify employment): _____

Why do you want to adopt a Golden Retriever? _____

YOUR FAMILY

1) Who is the Golden Retriever for?

Self _____ Spouse _____ Child _____ Parent _____ Entire Family _____ Other _____

Check one: Married _____ Divorced _____ Single _____ Widow(er) _____

If single: Live alone _____ With family _____ Other arrangement: _____

2) List all members of the household including yourself, where the Golden will live:

Full Name	Age	Relationship	Occupation and Work Schedule

(additional space on back)

- 3) Do you or any member of your household have any physical or medical conditions (including allergies) that should be taken into consideration relative to identifying an appropriate adoptive dog for your home? Yes _____ No _____
If yes, please explain: _____

YOUR HOME

- 4) Do you own? Yes _____ No _____ House _____ Condo _____ Townhouse _____ Other _____
5) Do you rent? Yes _____ No _____ House _____ Apartment _____ Condo _____ Townhouse _____ Other _____
If you answered "yes" to question #4 and own a condo, please include a letter from the management company with your application stating there is no weight restriction for dogs. If you answered "yes" to question #5, please include a copy of your lease or a letter from the management company with your application stating there is no weight restriction for dogs.
6) How long have you lived at this address? _____
7) Do you have a fenced yard attached to your house or the place you rent? Yes _____ No _____
If yes, what type is it? Solid (wood or other) _____ Chain link _____ Invisible Fence _____
If solid or chain link, how tall is the fence? _____
8) If there is no fence, how do you plan for the dog to relieve itself? _____
9) Do you have a pool? Yes _____ No _____ If yes, is it fenced separately? Yes _____ No _____
10) Do you plan to move in the near future? Yes _____ No _____ When: _____ Where: _____

PET-OWNING HISTORY

- 11) Have you ever owned a Golden before? Yes _____ No _____ If yes, when? _____
12) Where did you get your Golden and what happened to it? _____
13) Have you ever owned other dogs? Yes _____ No _____ If yes, please give a brief history and state what happened to it/them: _____

14) Please list all other dogs currently residing in your household:
Age Sex Altered? Weight Breed Personality

15) Are your dogs aggressive or submissive to other dogs? _____
16) Please list all other pets (including exotics) currently residing in your household:

17) With any past or present pets, have you had any behavioral problems? Yes _____ No _____
If yes, what were the issues and how did you handle them? _____

- 18) Do you realize that your pets may not immediately get along with a new dog? Yes _____ No _____
- 19) Are you prepared to spend the time necessary to accustom other animals to the new Golden?
Yes _____ No _____
- 20) Can you isolate the Golden from the other animals if they cannot get along? Yes _____ No _____
How do you plan to do this? _____

YOUR LIFESTYLE

- 21) Have you done research on the breed? Yes _____ No _____
What kind? _____
- 22) A Golden may live to 14 years. Are you fully committed to caring for the dog for its entire life? Yes _____ No _____
- 23) Do you understand that a Golden is an indoor dog and is never to be left outside unattended? Yes _____ No _____
- 24) Who will have primary responsibility for this dog's feeding, grooming, veterinary care, etc.?

- 25) What kind of dog food have you fed or intend to feed your new Golden? _____
- 26) Does everyone in your family want a new dog? Yes _____ No _____
If no, why not and what are their concerns? _____
- 27) How many hours a day will this dog be home without people around? _____
- 28) Where will your dog be kept when no people are home? _____
- 29) Where will your dog sleep at night? _____
- 30) If you are away for a few days or go on vacation, who will take care of your Golden? _____
- 31) A Golden needs plenty of exercise, have you asked yourself whether your lifestyle is so busy that you might not have time or energy to properly care for a new dog (including the daily exercise, training, play time and quiet time together)? Yes _____ No _____
Will you have adequate time? Yes _____ No _____
How do you plan to exercise your Golden? _____
- 32) Do you have children under 5 that visit your home? Yes _____ No _____
If yes, how many are there and how often do they visit? _____
- 33) Are you willing to attend positive reinforcement training classes with this dog? Yes _____ No _____
- 34) Do you intend to crate train the Golden? Yes _____ No _____
- 35) What action by the dog would lead you to discipline it (e.g., soiling, barking, biting, etc.) and how do you discipline? _____

ADOPTION PREFERENCES

- 36) What sex do you prefer? No preference _____ Male _____ Female _____
- 37) Please circle the YOUNGEST and the OLDEST age dog you would be interested in adopting.
Circle Ages: Puppy (please note that puppies are rarely available)
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14+
- 38) Will you accept a pair of dogs that cannot be separated? Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____
- 39) Will you accept a dog that needs housebreaking help? Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____
- 40) Will you accept a dog that needs obedience help? Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____
- 41) Will you accept a Golden mix? Yes _____ No _____

HEALTH STATUS OF DOGS

All of our Golden retrievers have been examined by a veterinarian and have been spayed or neutered. Dogs available for adoption have been provided with basic health care, and adoptive families will be informed of any conditions that As Good as Gold is aware of.

- 42) Will you accept and treat with proper veterinary care a dog with medical problems for as long as necessary? Yes _____ No _____
- 43) Do you understand that there are routine yearly costs involved for the Golden and have you budgeted for these? Yes _____ No _____
- 44) Have you budgeted for emergency veterinary care? Yes _____ No _____
If no, please explain: _____

- 45) Will you have difficulty financially if you have major expenses for your Golden? Yes _____ No _____

REFERENCES

- 46) Please provide the name and phone number of TWO character references we may contact.
(not a relative)
1) _____
2) _____
- 47) Please provide a veterinary reference. If not applicable, explain why:

- 48) Would you be willing to allow an As Good as Gold representative to visit your home after adoption?
Yes _____ No _____
If not, please explain: _____

I have read and understand the following regarding rescued Golden Retrievers and the adoption process:

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- Even if my home visit is conducted, I or AGaG may decide that a rescued Golden is not appropriate for my family.

In addition, all information in this application form is true and correct, and I understand and agree to abide by the terms and conditions herein. I understand that any misrepresentation of the facts may result in my not being approved to adopt a dog or the removal of the adopted dog from my home by As Good as Gold, Golden Retriever Rescue of Northern Illinois.

_____ (initial here) The undersigned (hereafter referred to as "Potential Adoptive Family") has agreed to meet and consider As Good as Gold - Golden Retriever Rescue of Northern Illinois rescued golden retrievers. The Potential Adoptive Family acknowledge(s) and understand(s) that the dog(s) in As Good as Gold's program may be untrained or require medical care and that As Good as Gold makes no representations whatsoever regarding the dog's temperament, health (including the presence or absence of diseases transmittable to humans or other animals), age, ability, attitude or trainability.

Should an AGaG rescued golden retriever be placed in my home, I understand that I have two weeks from the time of taking possession to either adopt or return the dog unless a different time period is mutually agreed upon. In addition, I understand that title hereto shall remain with AGaG and shall not pass to me until a signed adoption contract has been received by AGaG and the adoption fee has been paid in full.

The Potential Adoptive Family assumes all risk related to working with As Good as Gold dog(s). The Potential Adoptive Family with the intention of binding _____ (print Applicant name), _____ (print name of Applicant's spouse/significant other if applicable) and my (our) heirs, legal representatives and assigns, hereby releases As Good as Gold – Golden Retriever Rescue of Northern Illinois, its Board of Directors, members, officers and agents, volunteers and affiliates and/or any rescue representative charged or chargeable with responsibility or liability from any and all claims, actions, liabilities, damages, costs, expenses, loss of service, actions/causes of action that Potential Adoptive Family ever had, or now has, or may have, known or unknown, or that anyone claiming through or under _____ (print Applicant name or names of Applicant and spouse/significant other – as appropriate) may have or claim to have against As Good as Gold – Golden Retriever Rescue of Northern Illinois, its officers, directors, participants, members, volunteers, and affiliates arising out of any work or activity with any dog connected with As Good as Gold or a dog owned by an As Good as Gold member. If anyone in the Potential Adoptive Family's household, or any business or social visitor to the household makes a claim, the Potential Adoptive Family will indemnify, defend, and hold As Good as Gold and its Board of Directors, members, officers and agents, volunteers and affiliates harmless from such claims and costs.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

AGaG Representative Signature: _____ Date: _____

****WITH THIS APPLICATION****

Please send the following with this application: a \$15.00 (non-refundable) application fee payable to:

As Good as Gold
P.O. Box 5460
Woodridge, IL 60517-0460

Feel free to contact us at 630/588-0115 if you have any questions regarding this application or the adoption process or if for any reason you no longer wish to adopt a Golden. Thank you for taking the time to fill out this application.

www.asgoodasgold.org

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