



Golden Retriever Rescue  
of Illinois

**A \$35.00 NON-REFUNDABLE APPLICATION FEE DUE  
WITH ALL APPLICATIONS**

## Adoption Application

This is a comprehensive adoption application that may seem formal, but is intended to ensure 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 rescued dog, you must be at least 23 years of age.

Please help us process your application in a timely manner – complete the following information by typing or using black ink and printing clearly. 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.

**PLEASE READ AND INITIAL THE FOLLOWING:**

An approved application, which occurs only after a home visit, means that you are approved to adopt a dog from As Good as Gold ("AGaG"). Submission of an application is not a guarantee that you will be allowed to adopt the dog of your choosing (or any dog). Approval of an application is also not a guarantee that you will be allowed to adopt the dog of your choosing (or any dog). I acknowledge my understanding of this. Your initials: \_\_\_\_\_

To adopt a rescued dog from As Good as Gold, you must be at least 23 years of age. I confirm that I am at least 23 years of age. Your initials: \_\_\_\_\_

Our "Adoption and Foster Policies" and "Adoption Are You Ready" documents, available on the AGaG website, contain important information about our program and policies for adoption. I have read and understood these documents, which are incorporated herein by reference. Your initials: \_\_\_\_\_

Adoption applications are valid for one year from the date of submission. If no placement has been made within twelve months from the date of submission of your application, your name will automatically be removed from the waiting list. You may reapply with a new processing fee if you are still interested in adopting from As Good as Gold. I acknowledge my understanding of this. Your initials: \_\_\_\_\_

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. I confirm that I do not have children under 6 years of age living in my home. Your initials: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you want to adopt a Golden Retriever? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you previously applied to AGaG? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, when? \_\_\_\_\_

**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

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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? \_\_\_\_\_

9a) Please list all other dogs currently residing in your household:

Age	Sex	Spayed/Neutered?	Weight	Breed	Personality
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9b) Please list all dogs you've owned in the past:

Breed	Where/how you acquired the dog(s)?	Brief history/what happened to the dog(s)?	Date deceased
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10) Are your dogs aggressive or submissive to other dogs? \_\_\_\_\_

11) Please list all other pets (including exotics) currently residing in your household:

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## YOUR LIFESTYLE

- 12) Have you done research on the breed? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
What kind? \_\_\_\_\_
- 13) A Golden may live to 14 years. Are you fully committed to caring for the dog for its entire life? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
- 14) Do you understand that a Golden is an indoor dog and is never to be left outside unattended? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
- 15) Does everyone in your family want a new dog? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
If no, why not and what are their concerns? \_\_\_\_\_
- 16) How many hours a day will this dog be home without people around? \_\_\_\_\_
- 17) Do you have children under 6 that visit your home? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
If yes, how many are there and how often do they visit? \_\_\_\_\_
- 18) Are you willing to attend positive reinforcement training classes with this dog? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

## ADOPTION PREFERENCES

- 19) What sex do you prefer? No preference \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_
- 20) Please circle the YOUNGEST and the OLDEST age dog you would be interested in adopting.  
Circle ages below:  
Puppy 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14+
- 21) Will you accept a pair of dogs that cannot be separated? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Maybe \_\_\_\_\_
- 22) Will you accept a dog that needs housebreaking help? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Maybe \_\_\_\_\_
- 23) Will you accept a dog that needs obedience help? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Maybe \_\_\_\_\_
- 24) 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. AGaG cannot and does not guarantee the health of any of our dogs. Your initials: \_\_\_\_\_

- 25) Will you accept and treat with proper veterinary care a dog who develops medical problems after adoption for as long as necessary? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
- 26) Do you understand that there are routine yearly costs involved for the Golden and have you budgeted for these? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
- 27) Have you budgeted for emergency veterinary care? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
If no, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

## VETERINARY REFERENCES

28) Please provide a list of all the veterinary practices you have utilized in the last five years. If not applicable, please explain why: \_\_\_\_\_

1. \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

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29) Brand of Heartworm medication your dog is currently on: \_\_\_\_\_

30) Do you give AGaG permission to call the vet's office(s) to confirm that your other pet's vaccinations and medications are current? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICATION AGREEMENT**

I have read and understand that the rescue adoption process is not a fast one and it may take several weeks to several months for AGaG to identify an appropriate dog for me. 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. As Good as Gold strives to take the best interests of the dog into consideration and reserves the right to refuse any adoption at any point in the process, in its sole discretion. Your initials: \_\_\_\_\_

In addition, I confirm that 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 mistake or 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. Your initials: \_\_\_\_\_

**In connection with this application, the undersigned (hereafter referred to as "Potential Adoptive Family") has agreed to meet and consider As Good as Gold - Golden Retriever Rescue of 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. Your initials: \_\_\_\_\_

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 Illinois, its Board of Directors, members, employees, 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 Illinois, its officers, directors, participants, members, employees, volunteers, and affiliates arising out of any work or activity 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, employees, officers and agents, volunteers and affiliates harmless from such claims and costs. Your initials: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

AGaG Representative Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*WITH THIS APPLICATION\*\***

Please send the following with this application: a \$35.00 (non-refundable) application fee payable to:

**As Good as Gold**  
518 S. Route 31, Suite 178  
McHenry, IL 60050

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.