



**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:

I understand that at this time there are 200 approved families on the wait list to adopt an AGaG dog. Due to this extreme demand, I understand that I may not have the opportunity to complete an adoption through AGaG. I also understand the list is not chronological and that being open to the following may improve my chances of adopting a dog sooner or at all: any age, either gender, a golden mix, or dogs with medical or behavioral issues. Your initials: _____

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:

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. Please contact your current veterinarian's office to let them know we will be calling so they will share your information with us. 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.