



GoldHeart Golden Retriever Rescue, Inc.
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PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:

Adoption Application
Foster To Adopt Application
Foster Care Provider Application

The adoption process for GoldHeart GRR requires you to complete this application and submit the required non-refundable \$30 application processing fee-donation using the paypal button at the website, or by mailing a check to GoldHeart at address in header. **Please Be sure you are in the GoldHeart's service area before completing this application as outlined at the website.** Goldheart volunteers first check your vet reference and will then schedule a home visit and check your personal references. A Home Visit Volunteer will contact you to set up a convenient time to come to your home, meet with you and your family, and answer any questions you may have about adopting a dog from GoldHeart.

PROCESSING TIME NOTIFICATION: GOLDHEART's all-volunteer team periodically faces application backlogs, **resulting in a 6-12 week processing time.** We appreciate your patience and understanding, and apologize in advance, but it may be many weeks before we get to your application.

Note: Please check your Spam/Junk email folder for communications from GoldHeart if you haven't heard from us within 6 weeks of submitting your application. We have no control over your Internet provider and how they block/filter incoming email.

Please attach a separate sheet with information that you feel is pertinent, or to explain answers more fully.
Applicants must be 21 years old.

Name: _____ Age: _____

Occupation: _____

Co-Applicant: _____ Age: _____

Occupation: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Primary Phone _____ Secondary Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

1. Type of Residence (House, Townhouse, Apartment, Condo, Mobile Home, Duplex, With Parents) _____

2. Do you own or rent? _____

Attention renters: A copy of your lease, or a notarized statement from landlord confirming a large dog is permitted must be attached or application can't be processed until we receive it.

3. How did you hear about GHGRR? Pls. specify (i.e. person's name)_

4. Have you applied to other rescues? _____ How long ago? _____ What Rescue(s)? _____

Have you been approved? _____

Applied to foster? Yes No Applied to adopt? Yes No

If you applied to foster, why are you interested infostering? _____

A successful adoption depends on selecting the right Golden for your household and a good understanding of the dog's needs and care requirements. Please help us with this process by answering the following questions fully and completely.

5. Why do you want to adopt a Golden Retriever? _____

6. Will the dog be used for hunting, protection, companion, guard dog? _____

7. Have you ever owned a dog? _____ Have you previously owned a Golden? _____

8. Rescued Golden retrievers vary in age. What age do you prefer? Under 1 yr., 1-3yrs., 3-6yrs., Over 6yrs., No preference
(Select all that apply)

9. Do you prefer: Male Female No preference.

10. Would you consider a Special Needs Golden that requires medication for a permanent but controlled condition? Yes No

Which conditions? _____

11. On a scale of 1-5 (with 1 being a very quiet dog and 5 being a very energetic dog) what activity level best fits your family situation? _____

12. Good dog care in our area can easily cost \$3000 or more annually. Are you willing and able to spend this amount to support a dog? Yes No
(This includes annual vet care, inoculations, parasite testing, monthly heartworm preventative, quality dog food, toys, miscellaneous equipment, boarding/kennel/pet sitting fees, grooming, supplies etc.)

13. Do you have a completely fenced yard? Yes No Type of fence: _____

Height: _____ Approximately how large is your fenced area? _____

If no, would you consider installing a traditional fence? Yes No An invisible fence Yes No

14. How will your dog be exercised? How Often? Will the dog be allowed off lead? Who will supervise these outdoor activities? (This includes any time your dog is outdoors.)

15. Will the Golden ever be tied or left outside for exercise or potty breaks? Yes No

Explain: _____

16. Do you have: Dog Door Outside Kennel Dog Run Tieout Stake Overhead Cable Dog House Crate

17. Please list all adult residents of the home other than applicants _____

18. How many children in the home? _____ Ages: _____ Do they have experience with large dogs? _____

What will children's involvement in the new Golden be? Please explain on a separate sheet if needed. _

19. Do you baby sit or provide in home child day care? _____ If so, how often & for how many? _____

20. Where will the Golden stay when no one is home? Be specific: _____ How many hours alone? _____

21. Where will the Golden sleep at night? Be specific: _____

22. Is someone home during the day? _____ Who in your household? _____

23. **Do you have other pets? Please list them and describe their temperament (use a separate sheet if necessary)**
(breed/age/sex/altered/dominant/submissive/friendly/hyper/jealous/grumpy, pls also add special needs you're accustomed to care for routinely i.e. clean/medicate ears, meds, orthopedic or surgical rehab, clipping nails, brushing teeth, etc) Where are your other pets now?

<u>Name</u>	<u>Breed</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Altered Y or N</u>	<u>In Home Now?</u>	<u>Temperament-Special Needs?</u>
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23b. Are your other pets up to date on vaccines and Heartworm preventative? Yes No

If no, why? _____

24. Please describe a typical day in your household starting from the time you get up until you go to bed below (or include a separate sheet).

25. Who will be primary care taker? _____ Secondary? _____

26. Who will care for your Golden while you vacation? _____

27. If you move, what will happen to the Golden? _____

28. Are you prepared and willing to be responsible for the care of the Golden for the next 10 or more years of his life? _____

29. Does anyone in the household have allergies? _____ Have asthma? _____ How controlled? _____

30. Have you ever attended obedience classes with a former or current dog? (When/Where?) _____

Agility Classes? Yes No When? _____ Where? _____

Participated in any canine sports with your dog? Yes No Which sport? _____

How long ago? _____ Did you complete the course? _____ If no, explain why: _____

31. Are you willing to attend obedience classes with your new dog? Yes No If No, why? _____

32. Have you ever crated a dog? Yes No When? _____ Are you willing to do so now? _____

33. If you prefer **not** to crate, why? _____

34. How many hours are your dog(s) be alone at home each day? _____

Where? Crate Free in home Confined to specific area, where? _____

Dogs need routine potty breaks (more frequent for younger dogs, and once trained, adult dogs generally can hold it for 6-8 hours.) If you are away from home longer than 6-8 hours, do you have access to pet sitters, neighbors, other family members or friends to provide needed potty opportunities?

35. Has a dog ever been stolen, lost or die prematurely? _____ Explain: _____

36. Has it ever been necessary to sell or give a pet away? _____ Explain: _____

37. Have you ever surrendered a dog to a shelter? _____ Explain: _____

38. Please provide the Names and contact information for three non-family references familiar with your family and home (e.g., neighbors):

1. Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____

2. Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____

3. Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____

39. Who is your intended or current veterinarian? Be sure to include where present/past records for your current or past pets.

Veterinarian Name and Address:

Phone _____

Are your current pets up to date on the following?

Vaccines

Heartworm Medication

Flea/Tick Medication

I acknowledge that all information provided on this form is true and correct. I/we also acknowledge that a home visit will be scheduled before the application process can be completed. I/we give GHGRR permission to check all my/our references (veterinarian and personal). I/we understand that any misrepresentations of fact may result in the decline of my/our application and/or removal by GHGRR of the adopted dog from my/our possession.

APPLICANTS SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

CO-APPLICANTS SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

There is a non-refundable application fee-donation of \$30.00.

Please complete and include your application as an attachment to an email to adoption@goldheart.org and advise you paid on line by using the paypal button at our website (paypal or credit card); or you may mail a check payable to GoldHeart. You may also complete your application and mail a hard copy with your check. Either way you submit your application, processing will not start until both the fee and application are received. Thank you!

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