

Middle TN Golden Retriever Rescue Adoption Application



Thank you for taking the time to fill out the Adoption Application below. The purpose of this questionnaire is to learn a about your family and home so that our organization can make the best possible match for both you and our rescue animal. Our main concern is placing our animals in a compatible home with a family that will give them a LIFETIME commitment of love and proper care. This consultation process is designed to help us determine if the adoption is in the best interest of both the animal and the adopter. Please be aware that while completing this application does not bind you to adopt one of our animals, neither does it guarantee that we will place one of our animals in your home at this time. If you are interested in learning more about one of our rescue animals, please answer the questions honestly and thoroughly.

Some animals may need some extra time and patience to adjust to yet another new home. Some may need housetraining or other types of training, and some may just need a little extra love and patience. All animals, regardless of their background and history, go through an adjustment period when they go to a new environment. There will be a period of a few days, weeks or in some cases months during which your new pet's personality is emerging and growing while you get to know one another. Please remember that this is a stressful time for an animal and hopefully we will be able to work together to make this a lifetime relationship for you and your rescue pet. You can call on us at any time to help you in any way. With this in mind, please answer the questions on the application to the best of your ability.

We reserve the right to refuse adoption to anyone for any reason. A representative of our group may conduct home visits prior to or following an adoption, and our group has the right to reclaim an animal following an adoption if unsuitable home conditions, evidence of neglect, abuse or other mistreatment of the animal are found on this visit.

MTGRR requires a \$250.00 adoption fee at the time of adoption (\$50 is refundable with proof of obedience training).

IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED AS AN ADOPTER TODAY, YOU MUST:

- * Be 18 years of age or older.
- * Have identification showing your present address.
- * Have the knowledge and consent of your landlord.
- * Be able and willing to spend the time and money necessary to provide training, medical treatment and proper care for the dog for its entire life.
- * Agree to the terms and conditions set forth on the last page of this document

How to submit your application

Scan and email to: mtgrr@rescueagolden.org,

Fax to: 615-467-3520, or

Mail to: MTGRR, PO Box 681106, Franklin, TN 37068-1106

******About You and Your Household******

Applicant Name: _____

Co-Applicant Name: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Daytime phone number: _____

Evening phone number: _____

E-mail: _____

When is the best time for us to conduct a home visit? _____

How long have you lived at your current address? _____

Do you own or rent? _____

If you rent, what is your landlord's name and telephone number? _____

If you rent, do you have your landlord's permission to have large dog? _____

Do you have a fenced yard? If yes, please tell us the type of fence (chain link, privacy/wood, metal, or invisible/electric) and how high it is. _____

If you do not have a fence, do you plan to install one? _____

What is the size of yard area the dog will have access to? _____

What pets do you currently have in your household? For each, please give us the following information: Type (dog, cat, etc.), age, whether the animal is altered, and whether it is an indoor pet, outdoor pet, or both.

Is there a dog or pet limit in your city or county? If yes, what is the limit? _____

Please list the names and ages of all persons who live in your household (or who visit regularly).

Does anyone in your home have pet allergies? _____

Who will be the primary care giver and trainer of the dog? _____

Is the whole family in agreement with adopting a rescue pet? If not, who isn't, and what are their reasons? _____

*****About The Adoptive Dog*****

You would like a dog for: house pet, guard dog, companion, gift, companion for another dog, or other (please explain): _____

Are you willing to spend the time and money necessary to provide training, medical treatment and proper care for your dog for its entire life? _____

What will you do if your new dog chews your belongings or shows other destructive behavior? _____

How will your dog be confined to your property (please include all that apply)? In the house; in a crate or kennel; in a fenced yard; on a chain; in a garage; on a patio; other... _____

Will the dog be outside unsupervised? If yes, for how long (on avg)? _____

How much exercise do you plan to give your dog? _____

Activity Level you would prefer in your dog (high/medium/low)? _____

Will the dog be walked daily? _____

Will the dog be exercised in a fenced area?

Is there a specific dog you are interested in adopting from us? If yes, please indicate the dog's name. If no, please tell us if there is anything specific you are looking for (e.g. age, size, male/female, etc). _____

Would you consider a Special Needs Golden, such as one who requires medication for a permanent but controlled condition? _____

Where will your pet be kept during the day? And at night? _____

How many hours will the dog spend alone each day? _____

Rescued Golden Retrievers have sometimes been in neglectful and/or abusive situations and therefore, may experience difficulty making the transition to a new home. Are you willing to be patient while your dog adjusts to its new home? _____

How long do you feel an animal should be given for an adjustment period? _____

Are you willing to work with a new pet on any issues he or she may have? _____

What behaviors would be unacceptable to you? _____

What actions would you take to correct these behaviors? _____

Will your dog receive formal obedience training? _____

If you move, what will you do with your dog? _____

*****Your Experience with Dogs*****

Please list all pets you have owned in the past three years and include: species, sex of the pet, was pet spayed or neutered, and what happened to the pet (for more space, use Comments section below):

Have you ever owned a Golden Retriever or other large breed dog? _____

Are you familiar with the use of a crate to train and/or confine the pet during your absence or at night? _____

Are you aware that Golden Retrievers are active and that they shed all year long? _____

Will you groom the dog or use a groomer? _____

Are you aware that routine costs of maintaining a dog average approximately \$500-800 per year? _____

Have you sold, given away or surrendered a pet to a shelter? If so, please explain the circumstances:

Please identify all veterinarians used for the past three years (please include their name, address and phone number):

Do you understand the state and local ordinances concerning licensing and leashing? _____

Have you or any member of your family/household been cited for leash law violation or animal neglect/cruelty in the past? If yes, please explain the circumstances:

Have you applied to any other rescue group for a dog? If so, please list the group name and date of application (this will enable us to coordinate placement efforts):

How did you hear of MTGRR?

Questions or comments:

In submitting this application, I hereby certify that all the information provided on this application is true, complete and accurate to the best of my/our knowledge. I/we attest that we have read the Terms and Conditions of Adoption and also understand that completion and submission of this application does not guarantee adoption of a Golden Retriever. Middle Tennessee Golden Retriever Rescue reserves the right to refuse any adoption

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Middle Tennessee Golden Retriever Rescue (MTGRR) - Terms and Conditions of Adoption

1. The adopter agrees to donate to MTGRR an adoption fee of \$250.00. \$50 is refundable if the adoptive family takes the dog through obedience training (verification of completed training is required). The full adoption fee is refundable within seven (7) days provided that the adopter personally returns the living dog to MTGRR and releases MTGRR of any further liability.
2. The adopter agrees to provide the dog with a good and safe home with proper care and attention. The dog is not to ride loose in the back of trucks, is not to be chained, or to be contained by hidden fences. The dog is not to be a purely outside pet. When the dog is outdoors, it shall be provided protection from the elements by a dry, insulated, draft-free house. It is further agreed the dog shall be provided with shade from the sun and adequate food and water.
3. The adopter agrees this dog will be examined by a licensed veterinarian at least once each year and will receive adequate vaccinations and treatments to ensure good health.
4. In the event MTGRR discovers the inhumane treatment of this dog, it is agreed MTGRR has the right to immediately take possession of dog upon written notice to the adopter at the residence of the dog. It is understood and accepted by the adopter that home visits may be conducted by a person representing MTGRR, to check on the welfare of the above named dog.
5. MTGRR makes no warranties or statements regarding the dog's health or temperament. It is agreed and understood by the adopter that while every effort is made to provide accurate history and assessment of a dog, MTGRR does not warrant a dog regarding medical status or behavior or disposition. It is further agreed that environmental changes may effect and change the temperament of the above named dog and that MTGRR has no liability or responsibility of any nature regarding later defects with the dog, or injuries or damage to any person or property which may be caused by the dog. MTGRR is available for consultation, advice and assistance in this and all other areas pertaining to the health, training, compatibility etc, of the adopted dog. The adopter agrees to indemnify and hold harmless MTGRR and its members, representatives, officers, directors, agents, and all volunteers against any and all claims for any injury or property damage to the adopter or anyone else.
6. In the event it is determined by either a MTGRR representative or the adopter that the dog should not remain with the adopter, it is agreed the dog shall be returned to MTGRR by the adopter. No refund will be given after the initial seven (7) days. The dog may not be transferred to another owner without the express written consent of MTGRR. If euthanasia becomes necessary, it is agreed that this will be performed by a licensed veterinarian.
7. The adopter agrees to not violate any laws or ordinances with the dog.
8. It is agreed and understood by the adopter and MTGRR that this written agreement sets forth all promises, agreement, conditions, and understanding between them, oral or written, and that both parties have fully read and understand all of the agreement. This agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the adopter and MTGRR and their successors or beneficiaries.
9. In the event this contract, including all its covenants and conditions are breached by the adopter it is agreed the adopter shall pay the above adoption fee as damages. This amount is the best estimate by MTGRR as to the costs of a breach of the contract by adopter. Payment of these damages shall not excuse the adopter from returning the dog to MTGRR and does not include court costs or attorney's fees as set forth.
10. In the event of the employment of an attorney by MTGRR on account of any violation of this agreement, it is agreed the adopter shall pay attorney's fees and court costs as may be reasonably necessary.