GSGRC Breeder Referral

Garden State Golden Retriever Club, Inc.

Member: Golden Retriever Club of America
New Jersey Federation of Dog Clubs

Thank you for your interest in owning a Golden Retriever. The links below and list of Golden Retriever breeders is intended as a starting point in helping you find and select a puppy or older dog that will become a valuable member of your family, or to find a stud that will compliment your female to produce puppies that will become valuable members of their families.

As we get a wide variety of requests for information from the public - ranging from people that are looking for a puppy in the immediate future to those looking months, or in some cases a year or more in the future, as well as inquiries about older dogs and stud service - we have chosen to provide a list of breeders, rather than a list of currently available litters. The breeders on this list may or may not have puppies, older dogs or studs available at this time. The breeders in our club are our best assets in terms of providing you with information on the breed and the issues you need to be aware of. Even if you are looking for a puppy now and the breeders don't have them currently available, take the time to ask them questions about the breed. Most breeders enjoy talking about their dogs and the breed, so all it usually takes to open the flood gates to more information than you thought possible is to ask a few questions beyond "Do you have puppies and how much do you charge?"

The link to the pamphlet also includes a list of questions that you should ask any prospective breeder or puppy seller. The pamphlet will give you an idea of what to look for and what kind of answers to expect to those questions from a responsible breeder.

Whether you purchase a puppy from one of the listed breeders, use their stud dogs or go elsewhere for your puppy/stud, the information provided will help to educate you on the issues important in the breed and things to look for in a responsible breeder.

We strongly recommend that you read the following information and the enclosed pamphlet. It is extremely important that you understand and discuss these issues with the breeders that you contact. In addition, we also recommend that you visit a minimum of 3 breeders before committing to purchase a puppy.

Issues to Discuss and things to look for:

1. Ask the breeder to provide you with copies of the following documents on any litters you are considering:

- A minimum 3-generation pedigree,
- A copy of their sales contract/agreement,
- Copies of available health clearances on both parents,
- AKC registration papers or numbers from both parents.

Ask stud dog owners or those with older dogs for sale to provide you with copies of the following documents:

- A minimum 3-generation pedigree,
- A copy of their sales/stud contract/agreement,
- Copies of available health clearances on the animal in question,
- Clearance information on the parents of the animal in question,
- AKC registration papers or numbers for the animal in question,
- For older puppies/dogs being placed - reason for being placed.

2. Question the nature or temperament of the dogs in the background of any litters, older dogs or stud dogs that you are considering. You should be given the opportunity to observe, at minimum, the dam of any litters you view for purchase, and to know where the sire is and if requested be given the name, phone number and address of the sires owner. Good temperament is the hallmark of the breed. The Golden Retriever must be of a kind and gentle temperament with NO aggressive tendencies!!!

3. Discuss inherited defects. A responsible breeder should plan a litter. Their goal is to make it as free from inherited defects as possible through careful selection of sire and dam. Some of the inherited defects that have been identified in Golden Retrievers to date and for which clearances are available and recommended by the Golden Retriever Club of America are: degrees of hip and elbow dysplasia, several eye disorders, and abnormalities of the heart.

Other disorders known to occur in the breed for which clearances are available: thyroid.

Disorders known to occur in the breed but are of unknown causes or for which clearances are not available: Allergies, Cancers, swallowing disorders, Epilepsy.

4. Once you commit to purchasing a puppy, at the time you pick up your puppy you should receive the following from the breeder:

- A minimum 3-generation pedigree,
- An American Kennel Club (AKC) registration slip, bill of sale, or a sales contract guaranteeing AKC registration,
- The puppy's inoculation and worming records,
- Written instructions on puppy care, feeding schedule, and house breaking methods,
- Assurance that they will be available to you to answer your questions about your new puppy.

In spite of a breeder's best efforts, due to the complexity of genetic and environmental factors beyond the breeder's control, no one can provide a 100% guarantee against inherited defects. However, what a breeder can do is provide you with the information on what they have done to the best of their knowledge to minimize the risks and a contract that spells out what they will do in the event it does happen.

The breeders whose names appear on the attached list have agreed to abide by the GSGRC's Principles, Guidelines and Responsibilities. A copy can be found at the following link:
http://www.gsgrc.org/coe.html

The Garden State Golden Retriever Club, Inc. does not recommend, guarantee, endorse nor rate breeders, their kennels, or their dogs. Individual dogs are not examined by GSGRC. It is up to you - the buyer - to check on all matters relating to AKC registration, health, clearances, quality and stud agreements with the breeders, sellers or stud dog owners before making any decisions. The ultimate decision as to which breeder you choose to purchase from is up to you. We are simply providing you with the tools you need to be an informed consumer.

Please Remember -
A PUPPY IS FOREVER

Sincerely,
The Garden State Golden Retriever Club, Inc.
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Useful Links:

Acquiring a Golden Pamphlet
http://www.grca.org/allabout/a_find.html

The Golden Retriever Club of America National Rescue
http://www.grca-nrc.org

Questions to ask a breeder
http://www.grca.org/pdf/all_about/PuppyQuestionsFlyer_Rev2.pdf

GARDEN STATE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB
2010 BREEDER LISTING

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Gold-Rush R. Ann Johnson 1040 Mercer Road Princeton, NJ 08540 **609-921-7722** anngldrsh@aol.com	Jansun Goldens Janice Tucker Jesberger **732-919-1961** jansungold@aol.com www.jansungoldens.com	Morningstar Golden Retrievers Ginnie Pastor & Dennis McConnell **201-280-6058** mornstar@warwick.net (prefer e-mail)
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You owe it to yourself to talk to as many breeders as possible before purchasing a puppy. The GSGRC assumes no responsibility for the breeders list. This is only a service that we provide