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## **Aubridge Goldens – Puppy Placement process**

We only have a puppy waiting list when we know that we either have a pregnant female or actually have puppies. When we breed a litter, we are breeding for ourselves and will keep as many puppies as we deem necessary to continue with our breeding program. Both sire and dam of our pups have their current health clearances and usually these health clearances go deep into the pedigree with grandparents, great grandparents, also having their health clearances as well. However, this still is not a guarantee as many health issues are not created by a simple recessive gene and the fact that the parents are not affected does not prohibit them from still producing an occasional problem. We will guarantee that we have done our best to produce healthy, long-living, and sound Golden Retrievers!

Our pups begin their lives in our home and therefore are used to all the noises of a household. Later as they get older they begin to go outside during the day, weather permitting and coming back into the house with their mother at night. Eventually they will be still get some time with their mother but mostly time with their littermates, friends and visitors, usually just before they are going to their new homes. They will have been exposed to lots of different toys and stimulation and lots of love and affection!

All pups will be current on vaccinations and worming when it goes to its new home and written documentation of each treatment will be provided. But there will still be more needed in the future. We give all vaccination information to you when you pick up your pup so you can take it to your vet. DO NOT LET YOUR VETERINARIAN VACCINATE YOUR PUPPY BEFORE IT IS DUE FOR ITS NEXT VACCINATION. THIS CAN RESULT IN ILLNESS, FOR WHICH YOU ALONE WILL BE RESPONSIBLE.

We sell all of our pet puppies on an AKC Limited registration which means they are AKC registered dogs which cannot be used for breeding and cannot be shown in conformation shows or field trials. They can however be shown in obedience, agility, scent work, rally, tracking, retriever hunting trials, and other performance events and can earn titles in non-conformation events. If any dog on a limited registration is bred, not only would it be a violation of the puppy purchase contract, AKC will not provide any litter or puppy registration to any resulting puppies.

We suggest that you take your puppy to a vet for a physical exam within 48 hours of receiving it. If there is anything wrong with the pup that causes you to feel you cannot keep the puppy, you may return it within 24 hours of the diagnosis with a letter from the examining Veterinarian, for a full return of your puppy price. We will not be responsible for any unauthorized Vet bills.

We will take back one any and all of our dogs at any time in its life for any reason and in fact we want to be your first phone call if for any reason you can no longer keep your dog. We will take the dog back

and if we can resell it, we will do so and then may return up to your purchase price. Our main goal is to know where our dogs are and that they are in good, happy homes where they are part of the family.

Our process for placing puppies in their new homes includes a critique or grading of the litter at 7 to 8 weeks of age. One set of evaluations includes a conformation evaluation which is a critique from other breeders/experienced Golden folks and is based on how the puppies conform to the [AKC breed standard](#). The other evaluation is about temperaments. We perform the Volhard temperament tests on each puppy. <https://www.volharddognutrition.com/choosing-your-puppy-pat/>

After the evaluations are completed, we take time to decide which puppies are show quality pups and which are companion dogs and what type of home each puppy would excel in and which puppy would fit best in each potential home. We strive to make successful matches for everyone! Until those decisions are made, we may not be able to commit puppies to any homes.

Puppy Visits! Everyone loves to visit puppies!!!! We do require potential homes to come visit the puppies when they are between 5-6 -7 weeks old, giving everyone a chance to get to know the puppies. Ideally potential homes should come for at least two in person visits!!! The visitation days and time will be provided in advance so they can be scheduled on your calendars! (They are typically offered on weekends between 10 am – 1 pm and one or two weekdays between 10 and 1).

Each puppy will be wearing a different color collar for puppy identification! We encourage people to try to spend a little time visiting each puppy if possible. There may be several families visiting at the same time, and believe it or not, everyone usually gets to have time to visit and or observe each puppy!!! If there are children in the family, it is important that they are included in the puppy visits! After the visits, potential homes are encouraged to share their thoughts back to us in an email in which they may indicate which puppies they like (are interested in) and why. However, we firmly ask that no homes try to choose one puppy, since the final puppy placement decision is made by us based upon the many factors from the evaluations including the puppy visits. Once our placement decisions are made, we notify the new puppy buyers and have them set an appointment to pick up their new baby. Puppies do not go to their new homes though until they are at least 8 weeks of age or as close to 8 weeks as possible.

With over 40 years of actively showing and breeding Goldens, we are happy to guide you throughout the dogs' life with answers to your questions and help you in any way we can. Our goal is first and foremost to produce dogs that are physically and temperamentally sound and in turn to give them the best life possible.