

Golden Retriever Puppy Contract – for review only, your specific contract will be completed with the most up to date info at the time of purchase. Thank you!

The intent of the following contract is to ***hold both the “Breeder” and the “Buyer” accountable*** to a high standard of care and integrity, as it pertains to the entire process of both breeding & owning a Golden Retriever. It should be obvious that the overall intent is the ***protection of the dog***.

The following Bullet Points are desired guidelines established by the Breeder. If, as the Buyer, you do not feel you can abide or you disagree with any of the following, please do not pursue any further. Thank you.

Thank you for helping maintain a ***high standard of care and concern*** for these Pure-Bred Golden Retrievers.

- The Buyer shall keep the dog as a household pet.
- The Buyer shall provide the dog with an adequate food, fresh water, shelter, affection, and medical care upon sickness, disease, or injury.
- Maintenance should include an annual health exam and routine vaccinations as recommended by a board-certified veterinarian.
- Humane care and maintenance in accordance with all current and future state, county, and municipal laws and ordinances where the Buyer resides.
- A fully fenced yard (preferred) or other humane means of exercise. The dog shall not be kept chained or constantly outdoors. Golden Retrievers are *fantastic inside/outside dogs who desire love & affection* and who will provide great comfort to all around!
- A collar and identification tag and/or microchip. Never permit the dog to roam unattended.
- The dog shall reside with the Buyer.
- The Buyer shall notify the Breeder immediately if the dog cannot be kept by the Buyer.
- The dog shall not be sold, transferred, or given to any individual or to any retail or wholesale establishment for the purpose of sale or resale to the public or to any research institution where medical experimentation or other practices take place.
- The Buyer and Breeder agree to keep each other informed of their current addresses.
- The Buyer agrees that it is the Buyer’s responsibility to accept the dog as described. The Breeder has provided and the Buyer has acknowledged a full disclosure of the health, habits, and temperament of the dog.
- The dog’s health records, from Best Friends Veterinarian in Braselton, GA, 1210 Tuscany Dr, Braselton, GA 30517, United States, 770 307 0903, will be supplied at time of purchase.
- The Buyer shall have [365] days from the date of pickup to return the dog for a full refund of the purchase price if the provided health records prove to be inaccurate.
- For the life of the dog, the Buyer may return the dog to the Breeder at any time and for any reason.
- The Buyer agrees to sign the necessary papers to return to the Breeder as sole owner of the dog in the event the dog is returned.
- The dog will come with Limited AKC Registration. *ADDITIONAL action is required on the part of the buyer to register your new family member!* Full, or Breeding Rights AKC Registration may be an option, please inquire if interested in this option. Full AKC registration is an additional \$800.00.

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BREEDER STATEMENT: Thank you for purchasing your new puppy! Our aim is to produce healthy puppies by breeding adult dogs of good quality and temperament, completing recommended health testing, and raising puppies in the best way possible in regards to socialization, diet, exercise, daily play time and veterinary care. As with any puppy purchase, there is always a fear of future health problems. We are not knowingly transferring to you a puppy with any known health issues and the parents have had no health or temperament issues to this point in their lives.

Our focus is on how I care for our adults and puppies so that hopefully every puppy we raise will lead a long, happy, healthy life. Please keep us updated on your puppy's health and we wish you and your new addition to the family wonderful times together!

BREEDER GOOD FAITH GUARANTEE: All canines have the potential for genetic or congenital diseases. Due to the nature of these diseases, it is our job as the breeder, through selective breeding, to try to minimize the possibility of these conditions and to be 100% honest with our families about their health. Therefore, we guarantee this puppy, to the best of our knowledge, to be healthy and sound. It has had a complete physical exam by my vet, received the recommended vaccines and has been dewormed according to its accompanying health record. Any known issue with any puppy is guaranteed to have been disclosed before choosing began.

CONGENITAL / HEREDITARY DEFECTS: In order for the return/refund policy to be valid, it is required that the buyer take the puppy to a licensed veterinarian for a wellness exam within 2 weeks of taking possession of the dog. If the dog is found to have a life-threatening congenital or hereditary defect that would cause the buyer to no longer want the dog, a letter from the vet stating the condition along with the date must be sent immediately and the dog must be returned to the Sullards within 7 days for a refund of the purchase price minus \$500. The Sullards vet will then examine the dog and if the same conclusion is reached, the remainder of the buyers \$500 will also be refunded. If the buyer wishes to get a replacement dog instead of a refund and one is not then available, buyer will receive one from the next available litter.

If the dog is not taken to the vet for a wellness exam within the first 14 days, the return policy for a full cash refund due to health is voided. However, the remainder of this health contract will remain intact.

If within the first 2 years this dog dies due to a sudden unknown condition, the Sullards will request an autopsy be performed by a licensed vet, at both the buyer's and Sullards expense (split 50/50), to determine cause of death. A report of the results stating cause of death must be sent to the Sullards. If the cause of death is found to be due to a congenital or hereditary defect, the Sullards will replace the dog when another dog of equal quality is available. (NO CASH REFUNDS). If the buyer does not wish to have an autopsy completed, thus not knowing the cause of death, no replacement dog will be given.

If within the first 2 years this dog is diagnosed by a licensed vet to have a life threatening congenital or hereditary defect that will cause death prematurely, upon receiving all paperwork from the veterinarian stating their condition, the Sullards will take back the dog and have it evaluated by our vet for a 2nd opinion. If our vet is in agreement, we will replace the dog when another dog of equal quality is available.

This 2 year health guarantee pertains to life threatening health issues, not conditions such as hernias, over or under bites, allergies, cryptorchidism, luxating patella, and other similar issues. The Sullards would never knowingly sell a dog with any such conditions to a buyer without full disclosure. If any of these or similar conditions are known before selling the dog, the buyer will be made aware and any price reductions will be agreed upon in advance.

CONTAGIOUS ILLNESS: To the best of the Sullards knowledge, this dog has no known illnesses and is guaranteed to be free of contagious health conditions. This health guarantee does not allow for refunds due

to contagious illnesses such as Parvo, Distemper or any other communicable disease as your dog was free of such illnesses when it left our property. These illnesses are highly contagious and can be contracted as simply as picking it up at a rest stop on the way home. In addition, the stress of relocation and travel can often cause the normal level of Coccidia bacteria in a dog's gut to multiply which causes diarrhea. This is quite common, treatable with an antibiotic, and not a reason for return. Another bacteria, Giardia would also not be included as a reason for a return as it is also common to be contracted and can also be easily treated.

It is highly recommended to not take a new dog to any pet stores, dog parks, neighborhood walks or others homes with un-vaccinated pets until all vaccines are completed around 18 to 20 weeks of age.

BREEDING: Buyer understands that if a dog is purchased with limited AKC registration it cannot be used for breeding and any litter cannot be registered with AKC, even if accidental. If buyer, at some time in the future, wishes to breed the adult dog once all health and genetic testing is completed and passed, the Sullards can change the AKC registration from limited to full, if the Sullards so chooses and the additional full registration fee is paid in full by the buyer. Changing the registration is on a case by case basis and is not guaranteed. To help prevent accidental breeding, the buyer agrees to consider having the dog spayed/neutered by 2 years of age.

If the buyer does purchase full AKC registration at time of dog purchase, then the dog can be used for breeding purposes.

TEMPERAMENT: Golden Retrievers are by nature loving and gentle family dogs, exhibiting non-aggressive behavior. The Sullards make no guarantee as to the eventual temperament or personality of this dog as we cannot control the environmental influence and training techniques, or lack thereof, that could potentially alter the expected temperament of a golden retriever. The Sullards strongly recommends an obedience class to ensure a happy and strong relationship between buyer and their new dog.

ADULT STATURE: All dogs are sold as companions. The Sullards make no guarantees of this adult dog being able to breed, show in AKC events, what their adult weight / height will be, or what their color/coat will look like.

INABILITY TO KEEP YOUR DOG: In the event the buyer is no longer able or willing to care for the dog, the buyer guarantees that they will return the dog to the Sullards with all rights of ownership, all medical records and AKC paperwork. If The Sullards are unable to take the dog back, we will help with re-homing the dog to another family. If this event occurs, there will be no payment returned to the original buyer and no replacement dog given. If the buyer feels they have found a suitable new home for their dog on their own, please contact the Sullards first. The Sullards will update all records of location and decide if they will extend the contract to the new owner or deny it. Buyer agrees that they will never surrender this dog to a rescue or shelter. Buyer agrees to never sell or give their dog to a pet store, animal broker or puppy mill. The buyer also agrees to not use the dog for animal testing or research in any way.

BUYERS RESPONSIBILITY: The buyer agrees to provide proper care for this dog, housing it properly and maintaining its vet exams, vaccines, deworming protocols, and also giving it proper physical and emotional care throughout its lifetime. The buyer also agrees to feed this dog a high-quality food as well as keep it flea, tick and parasite free (either by chemical or natural products). The buyer assumes all financial expenses for the dog including, but not limited to, vet bills, AKC registration, food, surgeries, boarding, grooming, medications, health testing, travel, etc. The death, injury or loss of said dog due to theft, carelessness,

recklessness, abuse, neglect, heat-stroke or other accident will not entitle the buyer to any compensation from the Sullards.

“Breeder” info: [Shane and Stephanie Sullards], who reside at [], and who can be reached at:

This litter, born to, was delivered at on

Transaction Details:

Puppy Birth Order (____ of ____)

Puppy ready for pick up at 8 weeks, 00/00/0000. Puppies that are not picked up by day 60 (8 1/2 weeks), will be charged \$10 per day for room and board. We can assist in keeping puppies up until week 10 if needed. If traveling to us is not an ideal option, we can assist you as you make travel arrangements for your new family member. There are multiple options for every situation - just ask.

Date of Birth:_____. **Time of Birth:** Between pm/am, your puppy was born at:_____

Color: (Light Golden, Golden, Dark Golden)

Breed: Pure-Bred English Cream / Golden Retriever

Description of Breed: The Golden Retriever is a sturdy, muscular dog of medium size, famous for the dense, lustrous coat of gold that gives the breed its name. The broad head, with its friendly and intelligent eyes, short ears, and straight muzzle, is a breed hallmark. In motion, Golden move with a smooth, powerful gait, and the feathery tail is carried, as breed fanciers say, with a “merry action.”

The most complete records of the development of the Golden Retriever are included in the record books that were kept from 1835 until about 1890 by the gamekeepers at the Guisachan (pronounced Gooeesicun) estate of Lord Tweedmouth at Inverness-Shire, Scotland. These records were released to public notice in Country Life in 1952, when Lord Tweedmouth’s great-nephew, the sixth Earl of Ilchester, historian and sportsman, published material that had been left by his ancestor. They provided factual confirmation to the stories that had been handed down through generations.

Golden are outgoing, trustworthy, and eager-to-please family dogs, and relatively easy to train. They take a joyous and playful approach to life and maintain this puppyish behavior into adulthood. These energetic, powerful gundogs enjoy outdoor play. For a breed built to retrieve waterfowl for hours on end, swimming and fetching are natural pastimes.

This litter is registered with [AKC], American Kennel Club; however, **additional contact with the AKC is required** by you once you receive your new puppy. We will provide you with the needed AKC specific puppy registration papers upon puppy pick up and final payment. Your puppy is eligible for Full AKC Registration for an additional \$800.00. Full registration is just what it sounds like: it has all the perks of being registered with the AKC. It is designed mostly for those who breed dogs, as it certifies the dog to breed and participate in dog shows. For the most part, full registration is only done by those who plan on breeding their dogs. It enables you to register any litters that your dog produces, something that isn’t important for those who aren’t

breeding their dogs. Without this registration, the puppies that your dog produces won't be available for registration. Both parent dogs need to have full registration with the AKC for their puppies to be registered.

A litter is eligible for registration if:

- It is the result of a mating between an AKC-registered Sire (male) and an AKC-registered Dam (female) of the same breed.
- It is whelped (born) in the U.S.A, its possession or territories (Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Guam, and the Marianna Islands).

SIRE INFO: [Name] [AKC #] [Breed] Golden Retriever [Sex] Male [Color] [DOB] [Owner]

Jack's Line: [Dam] [AKC #] [Breed] Golden Retriever [Sex] Female [Color] [DOB] [Owner] [Sire]
[AKC #] [Breed] Golden Retriever [Sex] Male [Color] [DOB] [Owner]

Dam INFO: [Name] [AKC #] [Breed] Golden Retriever [Sex] Female [Color] [DOB] [Owner]

Luna's Line: [Dam] [AKC #] [Breed] Golden Retriever [Sex] Female [Color] [DOB] [Owner]
[Sire] [AKC #] [Breed] Golden Retriever [Sex] Male [Color] [DOB] [Owner]

Matting Occurred: _____ **Due Date:** _____ **Litter Born On:** _____

The below is specific to Golden Retrievers

Puppyhood to Doghood: Life at a Glance

Stage	Age Range	Main Development Areas
1	2-3 weeks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All sense organs start to develop • Puppies learn how to crawl
2	3-4 weeks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of senses • Avoid sudden changes
3	4-7 weeks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Puppies need to learn how to just be dogs • Critical period for social development
4	8 weeks – 3 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Important to form human contact during this time • Rapid learning about anything and everything • Golden Retriever puppies become more independent
5	3-4 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Puppies try to demonstrate independence • Be firm as well gentle with your puppies
6	4-6 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pups start teething and need chew toys to relieve themselves • Puppies start to demonstrate dominance

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7 6-24 months

- First step into adulthood
- Critical period for social adjustment
- Learning something new everyday

Price: \$ _____, comes with Litter AKC Registration (***additional registration required by you***), current health records and Veterinarian contact information, all current recommended vaccinations, flea & tick prevention, de-worming, a blanket with mama and siblings' scents, a starter bag of Puppy Food and you will always have a *lifetime of support from the Sullards.*

If you desire to have Full AKC Registration, please be aware there is an additional fee of \$ _____ to secure the Breeding Rights and Full AKC Registration for your new Purebred Golden Retriever.

Deposit of \$500 required to secure a number order for a choice pick. Your current pick is # _____ out of _____.

Paying the deposit locks in your number. We accept cash, Venmo (<https://account.venmo.com/u/Shane-Sullards>) or PayPal (paypal.me/shanesullards)



VENMO (SCAN ABOVE)



PAYPAL (SCAN ABOVE)

Deposit of \$500.00 paid on _____ by [method] _____

Payment: Payment in full is due when you pick up your puppy at week 8 (00/00/0000).

Payment in full paid on [date] _____ by [method] _____

Viewing & Picking Your Puppy: Puppies are available for a scheduled viewing at 6 weeks (00/00/0000) at.... It is also at this time that you will choose your puppy in accordance with your number pick. All puppies are identified by colored collars – you will simply choose your color.

Delivery: It is the Breeders preference that you pick up your puppy in person. However, if your situation requires your puppy to be shipped, the arrangements are to be made by the Buyer and the Breeder must agree with the terms.

The above terms are agreeable to both [parties] and both the [Buyer] and the [Seller] have bound the contract terms on [date]_____, 20__.

[Buyer Signature]

[Buyer Printed Name]

[Buyer Mailing Address]

[Buyer email address]

Shane Sullards

[Seller Signature]

[Seller Printed Name]

[Seller Mailing Address]

[Seller email address]

[Seller Phone #]