

# *PrairieWyn Golden Retrievers*

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Thank you for your interest in our Golden Retrievers. We are very proud of the breeding program that we have created. Please take a minute to read through these Frequently Asked Questions, you will find our questionnaire at the end.

For your convenience, we have created a Facebook presence. Please LIKE us on Facebook- [PrairieWyn Golden Retrievers](#)- We also have a private group available. You can find it by searching for PrairieWyn Puppies- this group is for those that are seriously considering a puppy from PrairieWyn. Please email us at [prairiewyn@gmail.com](mailto:prairiewyn@gmail.com) with a brief introduction about yourself, if you have not previously contacted us, to be added to the group. This group is a great resource and opportunity to speak to other owners of our puppies.

## **FAQ**

### **I see you have and breed show dogs. Does that mean you do not breed pet/companion dogs?**

No, 90% of what we breed and place goes to pet/companion homes. Our sires and dams are breed pointed because we feel it helps to keep the quality and type in our Golden Retrievers. We always breed to better the breed, not to just breed a mediocre golden litter and breed our puppies to the Golden Retriever Standard. We feel it is a responsible breeder's priority to breed for quality.

### **If I email/mail a Questionnaire, does that put my on the waiting list?**

No, the Questionnaire is just the first step in the process. The more we know about you the more information we have to the suitability for you and our puppies. Talking to us and or meeting us should be a priority but is not a requirement. Our puppies are in high demand and usually we have potential owners on our list for months ahead.

### **Does a deposit put me on the waiting list and is it refundable?**

A deposit puts you firmly on the waiting list; in the order your deposit was received. Your deposit is non-refundable, so please make sure you are comfortable with your decision. If for some reason we cannot supply you with a puppy from the litter you are on the list for, you will be put at the top in the order your deposit came in, to the next appropriate litter. Most times this would be if the litter resulted in fewer puppies than expected, or the sex of the puppy you requested is not available.

### **How much is a puppy from PrairieWyn?**

Our puppy prices are in line with the standard costs of a well-bred puppy from a responsible and reputable breeder in the Midwest. Please contact us for further information.

### **I see that you require a 6 week dog obedience class for a puppy before 6 months old.**

#### **What does that mean?**

As an obedience instructor I have seen how important it is for the puppy and family to start out on the right foot. Our contract requires that a puppy must attend a class before the puppy is 6 months old. IF you live within a 40 mile radius of our home/training facility you MUST take that initial class here at PrairieWyn. If you live over the 40 mile radius you may take classes from any other **approved** class in your area. You will want to contact your breeder as we usually have good contacts in most cities. Sometimes our lifestyle's today are very busy and full due to children's activities and job concerns.

IF you are not prepared to commit to at least this one class in that period, you will want to look elsewhere for a puppy.

### **A boy or girl puppy?**

Choosing between a male or female puppy is really a personal choice. In Golden Retrievers, there is really not a whole lot of distinction between the sexes and they are very interchangeable. The breeder matches puppy to person, so being able to look thru the whole litter and being flexible in that area, is going to help us find the right puppy for you.

### **Can we come and visit your dogs and the puppies when they are here?**

We love and prefer to meet you before we place a puppy with you. This helps us evaluate if one of our puppies will be a good match for your family. It is not a requirement but a good idea and what we prefer. You are welcome to come out to our home and meet our dogs any time that it is convenient for both parties. Once I have puppies born, we do NOT allow any outside visitation until the puppies are at least 4 weeks old. We do this for the protection of the puppies and moms, as many viruses' and disease can be carried to them.

We plan a 'puppy party' sometime around that age where all families can come and play with and look at puppies. Be prepared to allow plenty of time to play with the puppies and to join in the discussion about preparing to bring your puppy home. This is a mandatory event for new puppy owners.

### **What happens if I can no longer keep this dog/puppy?**

We require that if for some unforeseen reason, you cannot keep your puppy or dog, that you contact us and return the dog to us for evaluation and placement. Your dog's well-being is very important to us and we feel we have the proper resources to be able to find your pet a new home. This will be done by either keeping them ourselves, or finding an appropriate home for them. Since we will be re-homing the dog, we ask that you turn all of their paperwork along with their AKC papers over to us, and we will ask you to sign over the dog's registration to us for no remuneration.

### **Do you have the White Golden Retrievers or Dark Golden Retrievers?**

We have everything from very blonde dogs to some dark dogs. However, most of what we have is classified as medium gold. We breed for type, temperament, longevity and intelligence, with color down on our list of priorities. There is really no such thing as the 'Rare White Golden'; they are just extremely blonde dogs. However, please keep in mind that these are 'Golden' Retrievers.

Do you have both the Sire and the Dam on the premises?

We own and have on the premises all our dams/mothers. We do own some stud dogs but we often research pedigrees and we want the best possible match for our girls and not necessarily is it what is on our premises. Most times we use stud dogs from other areas of the country that complement our girls.

### **Can I pick out my own puppy?**

We pick out the puppy that best matches the home and lifestyle of the family it will be going to live with. We have done this with great success for several years. It is the breeder who best knows the personality of the puppies they rear. However, you are not obligated to take the puppy that is picked out for you, if you do not feel it is a good match.

### **Can I have a puppy that will go home in May or June?**

As much as we would like to control the estrus cycles of all our girls, Mother Nature has her own way. Sometimes that results in a litter born at that time, but most of the time it does not. There are various things that interfere with breeding cycles of girls, and it best to be prepared for whenever that time happens to be. We usually have a litter bred in spring and in fall, but have had litters in between those times. I understand that some time frames are more convenient than others, but for the most part we don't have anything ready to go in May.

**We are planning a family vacation around the same time that puppies should be ready to go home?** Puppies will be placed into their new homes between 7 to 8 weeks of age, as a general rule. You will need to be available to pick the puppy when breeder deems that the puppy is ready to go home. If you are unable to meet the pickup schedule, perhaps you should wait until the next litter. You will want to arrange your plans accordingly. If you cannot pick up your puppy within the dates provided, in certain cases boarding may be an option, however, boarding fees, veterinary fees, and any expenses incurred will be billed after 9 weeks.

**Please print and mail the questionnaire. We require a handwritten signature.**

**PRAIRIEWYN GOLDENS**

**Client Questionnaire**

Your assistance in completing this questionnaire will help us to place the right puppy with the right family. If you feel that additional information would be helpful, please add it on the reverse side. All information will be kept confidential and used only by PrairieWyn. **Submission of this questionnaire is not a guarantee that a puppy will be available.** We reserve the right to screen all applicants. Thank you for your interest in our Golden Retrievers.

Name:		Email:	
Spouses Name:	Home phone:		Cell phone:
Current address:			
City:	State:		ZIP Code:

**INFORMATION**

What the Breeder is looking for in her dogs?

- This litter will be bred with all possible attention to the standard of Golden Retrievers, and concerns for known health problems of the Golden Retriever in general. Breeding stock will be cleared for hips, elbows, eyes, and heart problems. We are breeding for good temperament, sound health, and attractive looks.

What does the Breeder expect from the purchaser?

- We expect the puppy owner to provide one of our puppies with a loving home, for the puppy to be considered a household member, and to provide a safe and secure environment and normal medical attention.

**QUESTIONS**

How did you learn about PrairieWyn Goldens:

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Why have you decided on a Golden Retriever?

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Have you owned a Golden Retriever before or any other breed of dog?

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What is your preference:

Male
  Female
  No preference, whatever the breeder feels is right for us

What is the most important reason for you purchasing a Golden Retriever?

Family companion
  Show dog
  Obedience trialing  
 Field trialing
  Breeding
  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Are all members of your family ready for a new puppy?

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Ages of children in the home?

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Does any member of your family have allergies?

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Do you currently own any other pets?

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Do you live in a(n):

House
  Townhouse  
 Condominium
  Apartment

Do you own or rent the residence that you reside in?

<b>PRAIRIEWYN GOLDENS</b>
Is your yard completely fenced in?
Will someone be home with the puppy/dog during the day?
Where will the dog reside?
Where will the puppy/dog be housed during the day when no one is home?
Will you take this puppy to socialization and/or obedience classes?
Have you completed any AKC titles? If so, which ones.
Are you affiliated with any dog clubs?
What are your goals for this puppy?
Do you agree not to let this puppy/dog in the back of an open vehicle?
Do you agree never to let this puppy/dog run loose in an unfenced area unsupervised?
Have you ever had to euthanize a puppy or dog other than for old age?
Have you ever had to place a puppy or dog?
Do you realize that all pet puppies will be sold on a spay/neuter contract and <a href="#">Limited Registration</a> ?
Are you willing to take responsibility for this dog and its needs for the next 10-15 years?
Are you willing to invest the considerable time, money and patience it takes to train the dog to be a good companion? Which includes classes and proper socialization?
Do you realize that Golden Retrievers will shed, drool, and have a high activity level? We DO NOT recommend shaving your Golden.
Are you willing to spend the money it takes for proper veterinary care including but not limited to: vaccines, heartworm testing and preventative and annual checkups?
Are you willing to feed this puppy a good quality dog food? Breeder recommends <a href="#">Nutri-Source</a> .
Are you willing to accept responsibility for this dog despite inevitable life changes such as: new babies, kids going off to school, moving or returning to work?
<p>Will you be willing to keep in touch with us during the lifetime of your dog, as we "keep tabs" on all of our "kids"?</p> <p>Please join <a href="#">PrairieWyn Puppies</a> on Facebook to share pictures and talk to other puppy owners!</p>
<b>PRAIRIEWYN DOG OBEDIENCE</b>
We realize that lives are busy these days, but are you ready to make a commitment to attend at least one session of classes? If you live within the local area (40 mile radius) are you willing to take at least one basic obedience class session from PrairieWyn?
<b>ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION YOU FEEL WOULD BE HELPFUL IN PLACING A PUPPY WITH YOU?</b>

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<b>REFERENCES</b>		
Name/Relationship	Email	Phone
(Vet)		
<b>THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS NEED TO BE ANSWERED ONLY IF THIS PUPPY/DOG IS NOT GOING TO SPAYED OR NEUTERED AND IS BEING SOLD FOR THE PURPOSE OF SHOWING AND BREEDING ON A CO-OWNERSHIP:</b>		
Are you willing to take full responsibility for all puppies produced by this dog for their lifetime?		
Are you willing to get OFA hip and elbow certifications, and annual CERF eye certification and OFA heart certifications from board certified veterinarians for this dog before you choose to breed it?		
Do you agree that you will not intentionally breed this dog before 24 months of age?		
Do you agree that all *show prospects* will be on a co-ownership with breeder?		
<b>SIGNATURES</b>		
<p>Once you have reviewed this form and sent it in, we will review all information. If you have any questions or concerns, this would be the time to discuss them.</p> <p>We like to meet with all prospective owners before placing a puppy. Once your questionnaire is reviewed we like to set up a time for you to come out and meet us and the dogs. At this time we can discuss what you are looking for in your new puppy and what kinds of activities you will be doing with the puppy/dog.</p> <p>We ask for a \$300 deposit (non-refundable) to secure a puppy for you. This is to show that you are seriously ready to have a new puppy enter your home and have taken the time to think through all the time and commitment that is needed to raise this new addition to your family.</p> <p>Deposits can be given at any point prior to whelping. You will be put on the list in the order that your deposit was received. If a litter does not result in any puppies or a puppy is not available, the prospective puppy buyer has the option to transfer their deposit to a future litter. That litter will be decided on by the litter owner and the prospective puppy buyer.</p> <p>Show puppy placements will take precedence over companion puppies. The breeder will pick the puppy for the prospective owner.</p> <p>Our pet puppies are sold on a spay/neuter contract and on a Limited Registration.</p> <p>If you are married, both parties must sign this Questionnaire, which is a prerequisite to the Pet Puppy Contract. You are signing that you have read, understand and agree to the above conditions.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Please sign if you have read and understand the above conditions.)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Please check box that you have read the frequently asked questions section before submitting questionnaire.</p>		
Signature of applicant:		Date:
Signature of spouse:		Date: