Golden Retriever

Perfect Pet Rating

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Overall Breed Rating

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5 Paw Rating: 1 = Poor, 2 = Adequate, 3 = Average, 4 = Good, 5 = Excellent

Rating system for perfect pet includes the following categories: Will this breed bite my child? Would they kill other animals? Are the easy to train?

Rating system for overall breed rating includes all categories.

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HISTORICAL BACKGROUND: Lord Tweedmouth of England purchased a yellow coated pup in 1864 from a litter of Black Flat or wavy coated Retrievers, and named him Nois. Nois was bred in 1868 to Belle a Tweedwater Spaniel given to Lord Tweedmouth. With successive breeding of this foundation stock with other exceptional hunting dogs, the Golden Retriever was born.

BREED APPEARANCE:
The Golden Retriever is a powerful, active dog, possessing an expression that is eager, alert and self-confident. A medium dog; height is 21 - 24 inches and weighs 55–80 pounds. His coat is dense, water repellent, medium in length and is either straight or wavy with feathering on the back of the legs, underbody, back of thighs, and underside of tail. His color varies from cream to very dark golden. The eyes are brown with dark coloring around them. The ears are short to medium in length with the front edge attached behind and above his eye hanging close to the face.

WHY YOU WOULD LOVE THIS BREED: A well bred Golden is agentle, non-aggressive, desirable family dog. He loves to be in the middle of any activity, especially walking, running, swimming or hunting. Golden's are used for service dogs for the blind, deaf, handicapped, and for search and rescue.

WHY YOU WOULD NOT LOVE THIS BREED:
They are messy, shed a lot and require lots of exercise for the mind and body. If you are looking for a guard dog, you are barking up the wrong tree!

PLUSES: They are social butterflies, and beautiful to look at. They are excellent with children and make a wonderful family companion dog. If you bird hunt, you'll like taking a Golden with you!

MINUSES: They must exercise daily to keep them from misbehaving. They shed, like to chew, and can surf a countertop with ease.

WHO SHOULD NOT OWN THIS BREED?
If you don't have the time to exercise or train your dog, or enjoy its company in the shower, don't get a Golden. They are demanding of your time and attention.

DO THEY SHED? 🐾
Yes, lots! They should be brushed daily. They shed their undercoat twice a year.

WILL THIS BREED BITE MY CHILD? 🐾🐾🐾🐾🐾
You would have to work hard to get a well bred Golden to bite. This is one of the best breeds for a family pet. They love playing with kids! However, EXTREME CAUTION AND SUPERVISION IS ALWAYS RECOMMENDED WHEN CHILDREN AND DOGS ARE TOGETHER!

WOULD THEY KILL OTHER ANIMALS? 🐾🐾🐾🐾🐾
Golden's are usually good with other animals but improper breeding has produced aggressive dogs.

WHAT IS THEIR ENERGY LEVEL? 🐾🐾🐾🐾
They can be couch potatoes, but not when they venture outdoors. They require daily exercise.

ARE THEY EASY TO TRAIN? 🐾🐾🐾🐾🐾
Usually a joy to train and training provides stimulation to their brain, and curbs his jumping, and misbehaving.

WHAT ARE THE HEALTH CONCERNS? 🐾🐾🐾🐾
Common concerns are; Hip dysphasia, Cancer, Bloat, genetic eye problems, thyroid problems and Von Willebrand's disease. A good quality food is essential for preventing allergies. Buying from a reputable breeder is always advisable and will help to lessen the chances for health problems and congenital defects.