

GSGRC Breeder Referral

Garden State Golden Retriever Club, Inc.

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

1. Thank you for your interest in Golden Retrievers, and for taking the time and care to seek out reputable resources in your search for a puppy, adult dog, or stud service.
2. It is the responsibility of each potential buyer to learn as much as needed to feel confident in a breeder before taking the leap into puppy or dog ownership, or breeding. To help avoid impulsive decisions and the heartaches they often bring, Garden State Golden Retriever Club (GSGRC) and its parent club, Golden Retriever Club of America (GRCA), provide a wealth of information about our breed, along with suggestions for finding a reputable breeder. ***The pamphlet “[Acquiring a Golden Retriever](#)” highlights important issues relating to the breed, and suggests questions to ask prospective breeders before going to see puppies or dogs.*** We strongly urge you to take advantage of these resources. All puppies are cute, but a good relationship with a reputable breeder is worth its weight in gold!
3. GSGRC encourages prospective owners to dialog with a number of breeders and plan thoughtfully before committing to a Golden Retriever. Breeders often plan well ahead, and may have puppies spoken for before they are even born, which provides the opportunity for potential buyers to gather a wealth of varied information in advance of making a decision.
4. While GSGRC does not dictate, endorse or oversee any breeding or rearing policies or practices, or get involved in any disputes that may arise between buyers and sellers, all our members sign a code of ethics each year outlining our Principles, Guidelines and Responsibilities to our beloved breed.

<http://www.gsgrc.org/coe.html>

5. GSGRC members are part of a larger community committed to the welfare and future of Golden Retrievers, and as such, accept our responsibility to help educate the public about Golden Retrievers by providing guidelines for making informed choices in purchasing or breeding.
6. The GSGRC is committed to helping potential owners become more knowledgeable about our breed, and are a valuable source of experience and support for successful puppy rearing and delightful dog ownership.
7. In general, we feel that breeders who are active in reputable dog organizations and dog clubs are more connected to the breed and each other (and also subject to more peer scrutiny!) and therefore have access to a more current and extensive body of information about our gene pool than those breeders who are not so active.
8. Breeding better dogs is a challenging labor of love that requires a cooperative effort between breeders and owners. By opening up lines of communication at the outset, we can better work together to improve the health and welfare for a better future for Golden Retrievers. Another way owners can help is by screening their dogs for the most critical health issues our breed faces, and reporting their findings to the breeder, and/or adding the data to [Offa.org](http://www.offa.org) or other public databases available.

(See <http://www.caninelifetimehealth.org>)

9. GSGRC and GRCA members believe that Golden Retriever ownership should be a happy long term relationship for both human and canine, and hope that the information provided will serve well along the path to a uniquely rewarding experience.

For more information about various golden retriever topics, you may want to visit the following websites:

grca.org

offa.org

<http://www.caninehealthinfo.org>

<http://www.caninelifetimehealth.org>

<http://www.goldenretrieverfoundation.org>

akc.org

<http://www.akc.org/dog-breeds/golden-retriever/>

http://www.smilingblueskies.com/pet_trust_fund.html

naiaonline.org

humanewatch.org

10. Please note! If we want to continue to enjoy our pets, and appreciate that dog ownership decisions are our responsibility, rather than dictated by any agency, it is crucial that we be aware of forces that seek to end this freedom, and increasingly restrict or abolish our abilities to buy, sell, and breed dogs. Please take the time to visit <http://www.naiaonline.org/issues-programs/naia-position-statements> and learn to distinguish friend from foe. To become more educated about national and local issues relating to pet ownership and breeding, AKC also provides excellent resources at http://www.akc.org/news/sections/legislative_alerts.cfm.

Please Remember -
A PUPPY IS FOREVER

Sincerely,
The Garden State Golden Retriever Club, Inc.
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