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## Golden Retriever Club of Wichita, Inc.

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 EDUCATING the public about the needs and care of the breed  
 ENCOURAGING sportsmanlike conduct at competitive events  
 SUPPORTING Golden Retriever rescue efforts

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## Is the Golden Retriever the right breed for you?



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# The Golden Retriever



The Golden Retriever is one of the most popular and beautiful breeds. These are sporting dogs, bred to work closely with hunters on land and in water. They are recognized for their intelligence and their desire to work with people. Today, this breed also works as service dogs, bomb and drug detection dogs, therapy dogs, and search and rescue dogs. Regardless of training or purpose, a happy, biddable temperament is the hallmark of this breed.

Golden Retrievers excel in field work, obedience work, agility competitions, and any other activity which requires them to think quickly. Throughout the year, the Wheatland Golden Retriever Club sponsors field days, obedience days, agility days, and fun matches. All activities are open to members and guests.

Golden Retrievers are wonderful family dogs but they are extremely energetic and need a great deal of exercise and training. They love to spend time in water so they frequently may be muddy. They are not a good choice for a fastidious housekeeper because their beautiful golden coat sheds heavily. Golden Retrievers love people and will not be happy living outdoors away from their human family. They are not good watch dogs.

## Buying a Puppy

Before getting a Golden Retriever consider whether you have the time and energy needed to heavily socialize and train a puppy. Familiarize yourself with puppy and adult health and nutritional needs of the breed. Purchasing a puppy from a reputable breeder who will show you pedigrees, eye, heart, and hip clearances on both parents will decrease the possibility of your dog developing severe health problems.



## Adopting a Rescue

If you are interested in an adult dog, there are many rescues available for adoption. Some of these dogs come into rescue due to divorce, transfer, or death of the owner. Others are rescued from abusive or neglectful situations. A dog adopted from Golden Retriever Rescue will have lived in a foster home, and the foster parent will be able to give you extensive information about the dog's personality and special needs, if any. Rescue organizations will consider your lifestyle and other factors in order to make your match successful.

