

## [Adopting a Senior Golden Retriever](#)

Those of you who want a Golden Retriever but aren't ready to go through the trials and tribulations of a puppy, should look into adopting an older Golden. Older Golden Retrievers are mature, and prove to be great in homes where they need to spend a quality amount of time by themselves. They are a very adjustable breed, being good tempered. No matter how old the Golden may be, he will quickly become a valued member of your family in little to no time at all.

Many times, breeders will have older dogs for sale. There are several reasons for this, which include show dogs that have lost their potential, studs that have been used for breeding, female Golden's that have been bred a few times then retired, or other types of special conditions where a breeder is helping a friend get rid of his Golden Retriever. There are other reasons as well, although whatever they may be - the adult Golden Retriever will be available for anyone who wants him.

One of the great things of course about adopting a more mature dog is that somebody else has already spent plenty of time and patience getting them house trained. Yes they will need to have a period of getting used to your particular family situation, but the training required for this is nothing compared to the training of a new puppy. You will need to give them lots of love and attention, but this will be a pleasure, not a chore.

Before actually making that decision to adopt a Golden, do give the matter some careful thought. Meet the dog first, and find out as much as you can about him or her. Find out their eating habits, and whether or not they get on with children, and old people, and do they enjoy going for walks in the country or in the town and so on. Ask if you can take them out for a walk, and make sure that you introduce him to the other members of your family, so that they too are happy about the decision.

If you had a guest staying with you in your home you would of course take some time to show them where everything is, where the bedroom is and the bathroom and so on, and it is just the same when you introduce an older dog into your family. Allow some time in your busy schedule to ease them in to your home and routine, and this will pay dividends in the long run.

It's not a bad idea, once your dog has had a month or so to settle in, to take them to an obedience training class somewhere. In your initial meeting with the person who is handing over the dog to you they may well tell you that they have been to training classes in the past. But the thing is that you have not been to the classes with your dog, and this makes a big difference. Do enrol in a class somewhere near to your home, and together you will learn a lot about each other and how to harmoniously get on together.

So, let me encourage you to seriously consider giving a home to an older Golden Retriever. If you don't think that you have either the time, or indeed the patience to take on a new puppy, then a more mature dog may well be the answer. They may well have more medical problems than a puppy, and this is something you will need to enquire about first, but I believe that any downside is more than compensated for by the benefits of owning a mature Golden.

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