

# EDEN GOLDEN RETRIEVERS HANDBOOK

*If you would invest in friendship, purchase a dog.*

-Le Baron Cooke

*No matter how little money and how few possessions you own, having a dog makes you rich..*

-Louis Sabin

As a new puppy owner, you are about to experience the great responsibilities as well as the immense rewards of having and caring for your new puppy. In time, with the correct training and care, your puppy will become a well-adjusted adult who is a pleasure to you and yours, as well as a credit to your training.

The following information is imperative as well as required reading for ownership of your Eden Golden Retriever.

## *Taking Your Puppy Home*

You will come to take your puppy home somewhere around eight weeks of age. You will want to take your pup straight home the day of pickup. Do not expose your puppy where there are other dogs or puppies who may carry air borne diseases (such as Parvo). It is important to create a calm environment for your puppy in the first days in its new home. Try to make it as least stressful as possible.

When you arrive home, first introduce your puppy to its assigned potty area. Praise the puppy when it goes and give it a treat. Then gradually introduce the puppy to its new home. Keep in mind, they are very used to the small area they were accustomed to with their mother and siblings. Make sure all chemicals and cleaners have been put away and electrical outlet chords tied up. Have each family member gently hold and talk to the puppy to familiarize the puppy with each voice. Children should be calm and gentle. The puppy should not feel stressed by loud noises or rambunctious play quite yet. Calmly introduce the puppy to your other pets. Make sure your puppy is never left unsupervised with your other pet. If necessary, initially separate your puppy from your other pet (be it in a cage or in another room behind a child gate) and allow your other pet to investigate on his terms. If there is any harsh bullying that could injure your puppy, remove him at once. It is typical that a dog may growl or snap lightly to show who is boss, but do not allow aggressive biting. The first few nights may be lonely for your puppy, who would be very used to having its mother and siblings cuddled around them. An upset stomach, crying, and whimpering are usually typical for the drive home and first few days. If it persists more than a few days, contact your vet or breeder for advice.

## *Puppy Plan*

Prior to the puppy coming home, create a schedule and plan for the what, how, where, when, and who of the care for your puppy and make sure each member of the household is in agreement.

*What:* What are your goals for your puppy? What is important to you concerning your puppy's lifestyle and care? Will you want to show your puppy in the future? Will you want to breed your puppy in the future? Discuss with your breeder how to receive breeding rights, if so. Would you ever consider your puppy becoming a therapy dog? What about a rescue or seeing-eye dog? These are important things to consider and plan for now.

*How:* How will you be caring for your puppy? How will you budget for your puppy? Are you prepared to put time, money, and heart into the care of your puppy? How will you train your puppy?

*Where:* Where will your puppy be staying (crate trained, have a specified area, or be allowed to roam freely throughout yard or house, etc)? Where is puppy allowed or not allowed? Where else will the puppy often go with you? Where will your puppy go to the vet?

*When:* When will your puppy go out for potty breaks? When will your puppy be fed? When will your puppy have its checkups? And so on.

*Who:* Who will take the puppy for potty breaks? Who will feed the puppy? Who will take the puppy to it's vet checks?

*"Money will buy you a pretty good dog, but it wont buy the wag of it's tail."* -Josh Billings

## *Potty Training*

Potty training your puppy may seem daunting, but with perseverance and patience, your puppy will become a well-trained dog that is a joy to you and yours. Teaching your puppy to potty at the right time and right place is one of the most important steps to take for a long, happy life together. House soiling is one of the biggest reasons why dogs lose their homes and end up in shelters. Its imperative that you do research in advance and are prepared with a plan on

how you will potty train your puppy. Create a potty training schedule and keep in mind to let your puppy out after each meal. There are different methods such as crate training, scheduled trips outdoors, or things like pee-pads, paper training or artificial grass. Eden Goldens currently starts the potty training process with artificial grass. Keep in mind if your puppy potties somewhere its not allowed, you will want to use a scent removing disinfectant to clean it up. Temporarily leave the scent where you want puppy to potty. They will respond to the scent and want to go to that spot. Consistency is key and with some training, your pup will be potty trained in no time.

### *Basic Commands*

Learn some basic commands and be consistent with them in training your puppy. Make sure everyone in the household uses the same word for each command. When saying a command, say it calmly and firmly. Yelling causes timidity and fear. You want the puppy to understand you do not like what they did, not that you do not like them. A basic command such as “No” should be expressed in a deep, firm voice. It is important that your puppy does not get confused with your tones. When puppy does something you like, praise it in a happy voice. You will find treats to be a very handy tool. If desired, sign your puppy up for dog training lessons.

### *Feeding*

Create a solid feeding schedule for your puppy. Start by implementing what the puppy’s schedule was with its breeder and gradually bring the new schedule into play. Eden Goldens are fed three times a day(Morning, Mid-day, Evening). You’re going to want to purchase the same food they’ve been eating(*Taste of the Wild Grain Free Puppy Food with roasted bison and roasted venison*) and then gradually introduce the new food that you have chosen to feed your puppy. Choose a grain free, high quality puppy food. It is imperative that you feed your puppy a healthy diet that lines up with these requirements. Examining their stool is a good way to test if puppy is on track or to figure out if puppy needs a change in diet. Diarrhea may be a sign of over feeding.

### *Exercise and Socialization*

Goldens are a very active breed and some of the best dogs to take on hikes, beaches, and walking trails. Its very important you give your Golden lots of exercise. Invest in some durable toys and spends lots of time getting your puppy moving. Eden Goldens tries to make sure each puppy receives something called Early Neurological Stimulation. This is something that will help the puppy deal with stress and get used to being touched and handled. Keep in mind to touch your puppy's paws, ears, mouth, etc so the puppy is used to being touched by you. And remember to always pet your puppy and spend lots of time giving cuddles. Socialization with other furry friends, human friends and family, and the world in general is also an important part of your puppies development. Always ensure your puppy is up to date with the proper vaccinations and vet checks.

*Eden Goldens* is pleased to provide you with one of the most amazing puppies. Coming from a high breed of tested, certified English Cream Goldens with champion Ukrainian and Russian Bloodlines, your puppy will be a joy for you and yours for years to come.