



# BLANCHMAIN GOLDENS DOG/PUPPY APPLICATION

Blanchmain Goldens appreciates the time and effort for this application. The questions may seem unnecessary. It may seem that I am discouraging ownership or denying an applicant. But, it is my belief that this application will cover areas that would otherwise be overlooked, misunderstood or wrongly assumed and are extremely important to insure that our dogs are given the best possible home and that all expected areas of responsible ownership are understood. Using my vast experiences, both good and bad, we hope that this application may be a tool to increase knowledge about responsible pet ownership, as well as prompt questions and dialog covering all areas of owning a happy and healthy golden for a lifetime. It is an unfortunate statistic that many pure-bred goldens end up neglected in their own homes or abandoned in shelters and increase the pet over population problem. Owner education at every opportunity, a reduction in casual breeding and careful consideration before buying can reduce the problem and is the responsibility of every conscientious breeder. Breeding the best dog possible, selling to the right home at the right time and allowing our dogs to bless the lives of their owners is the goal of Blanchmain Goldens.

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address(es): \_\_\_\_\_ Best time/method of contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Home situation and/or work schedule: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Have you owned a golden before? Y/N\_\_ If YES and deceased, at what age did he die? \_\_\_\_\_ Was he shown or worked, to what level? \_\_\_\_\_ If NO, have you been around a golden and researched the breed? Y/N\_\_ Are you aware that Goldens are expensive, active, large, hairy, obsessive retrievers, attention hogs, goofy, usually love water, and they shed and desire to be inside with you, not alone in the yard? Y/N\_\_ Does this fit with your family, house and lifestyle Y/N\_\_ Explain: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Is everyone in your house and family interested in adopting a Golden Retriever? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Puppies are a huge commitment and take a lot of time in their first weeks. Is this the right time to add a "toddler" to your life? Y/N\_\_ Explain \_\_\_\_\_  
Would you consider an adult or older puppy Y/N\_\_ Explain \_\_\_\_\_
4. Blanchmain puts a huge emphasis on matching the right dog with the right home. Through careful observation of each puppy in its early development stages, years of experience with dog behavior, as well as professional puppy testing at 49-53 days, we have a good idea about the dog's personality before it goes home and what type of puppy matches your situation. Because of the special requirements of show and working homes, those get first priority in puppy matching. Are you willing to let us decide which the best puppy is for you? Y/N\_\_
5. What activity level fits with your lifestyle and expectations? \_\_\_\_\_ Explain \_\_\_\_\_
6. Do you have a preference for sex of the dog? Y/N \_\_\_\_\_ M/F \_\_\_\_\_ Explain \_\_\_\_\_
7. Do you have any other preferences? Y/N\_\_ Explain \_\_\_\_\_

8. Do any children under 20 live at home or visit frequently? Y/N \_\_\_\_ Please give their ages: \_\_\_\_\_
9. Do any elderly or physically challenged family members live with you or visit frequently? \_\_\_\_\_
10. Who is the dog primarily for: Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Adult \_\_\_ Child \_\_\_ Elderly \_\_\_ Challenged \_\_\_\_\_
11. Who will care for, train and exercise the dog? \_\_\_\_\_
12. Do you have plans to show or work your golden? \_\_\_\_ Explain \_\_\_\_\_  
If No, and the dog develops into a potential show dog, would you allow someone else to show it? Y/N\_\_
13. May we visit your home prior to application approval? Y/N\_\_
14. Please list your veterinarian(s). May we contact? Y/N \_\_\_\_ Do you need a referral for a new vet? Y/N \_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_
15. How long have you lived at your current address? \_\_\_\_ Do you own \_\_\_\_ / rent \_\_\_\_ other \_\_\_\_\_?
16. If rent, or are not the homeowner, do you have permission to have a dog? \_\_\_\_ Up to what size? \_\_\_\_\_  
Weight? \_\_\_\_ To be kept inside? Y/N\_\_ Exercised on property? Y/N \_\_\_\_ Have you paid a pet deposit? Y/N\_\_
17. Blanchmain believes that it is very important to realize that owning a pet is a commitment to a living, caring animal and that ownership involves long-term responsibilities. What provision have you made for your dog's care if you should get sick or hospitalized? \_\_\_\_\_ What will happen to the dog if you get married, have children, or divorced? \_\_\_\_\_ When you move what will you do with your dog? \_\_\_\_\_
18. Blanchmain make a lifetime commitment to its dogs. Do you agree to keep us updated yearly? Y/N\_\_
19. If for any reason after the initial 21 days, you make the decision not to keep the dog, do you agree to its return to Blanchmain, at no charge? Y/N\_\_ If a friend or family member wants to adopt the dog, and they meet all of the Blanchmain's requirements do you agree to allow Blanchmain to make the final adoption decision? Y/N\_\_
20. Blanchmain believes that is very important for dog owners to be aware of the laws governing them. Are you familiar with your state, county and local dog laws? Y/N\_\_ Are there restrictions in your community? Y/N\_\_
21. Blanchmain requires that's its dogs be inside and part of the family. Where will the dog stay when you are away from the house? \_\_\_\_\_ How long will the dog regularly be left alone? \_\_\_\_\_
22. Goldens are a high theft dogs and valuable for resale to research and fur trade. How will you insure that your dog is not stolen from your yard or vehicle? \_\_\_\_\_ How will your dog be identified? \_\_\_\_\_  
Are you aware of the importance of micro chip and tattooing for permanent id and return? Y/N\_\_
23. Will your dog have the run of the house \_\_\_\_, be in blocked-off parts of the house \_\_\_\_, in garage \_\_\_\_, be crated \_\_\_\_, be tied outside \_\_\_\_, live loose in the yard \_\_\_\_, live in a dog run\_\_ roam loose \_\_? (Check all that apply)
24. Are you familiar with the use of a dog crate to train and/or confine the pet during your absence, for his safety, to aide in house breaking, and to provide a safe haven for a nap or at night? Y/N \_\_ Are you willing to use a crate? Y/N\_\_ Do you own one? Y/N \_\_\_\_ What size? \_\_\_\_\_
25. Is your yard fenced? Y/N\_\_ Type/Height of fence, size of fenced area \_\_\_\_\_ Size of yard \_\_\_\_\_
26. How will the dog get adequate exercise? \_\_\_\_\_
27. Blanchmain believes that formal obedience classes with a knowledgeable and qualified trainer are an excellent way to establish a good relationship with your dog and alleviate many of the behavior problems that might

endanger the dog's life and family's happiness. Are you willing to have your dog attend formal obedience classes? Y/N \_\_\_ Consult an expert for solutions to behavior problems? Y/N\_\_\_ Pay for one-on-one training or in-house training if recommended? Y/N \_\_\_ Where would you go for training? \_\_\_\_\_ Do you need a referral for you area? Y/N\_\_\_

28. Are you aware that routine costs for a dog averages ~\$500 a year, especially the first year? Y/N\_\_\_ And the cost of a puppy will be between \$1200 and \$1600, depending on the puppy and registration type Y/N \_\_\_ On the other hand, are you aware of the advantages of buying from a responsible and knowledgeable breeder? Y/N \_\_\_ Explain:\_\_\_\_\_

29. For their coat and health, we recommend a high grade food for your Golden such as Canadie, Eukanuba, Science Diet, Nutro, etc., the cost of this food is approx \$30-\$40 for a 40 lb bag? Are you willing to purchase Y/N\_\_\_ What food will your dog eat? \_\_\_\_\_ Do you need a recommendation? Y/N\_\_\_

30. Golden are chow hounds and can easily overeat. A heavy golden can lead to many, many health problems. Are (was) your other dogs at a healthy weight? Y/N\_\_\_ Do you agree to keep your dog at a healthy weight? Y/N\_\_\_ How do you determine if your dog is overweight? \_\_\_\_\_

31. Golden require regular grooming. We recommend weekly grooming and regular bathing, with a high quality shampoo. A weekly brushing will drastically reduce the amount of hair and dander in the house. Who will Groom the dog? \_\_\_\_\_ How often? \_\_\_\_\_ Do they need any instructions? \_\_\_\_\_ Demonstrations? \_\_\_\_\_ Do you realize that short toenails are extremely important to a golden's health? Y/N\_\_\_ Who will cut his nails? \_\_\_\_\_ How often? \_\_\_\_\_ Do you realize complete and thorough rinsing is important? Y/N\_\_\_ Do you have any grooming tools? Y/N\_\_\_ A place to give a bath? Y/N\_\_\_ Do you use a professional groomer? Y/N\_\_\_ How often? \_\_\_\_\_ Do you realize a golden should never be shaved? Y/N\_\_\_

32. How will you introduce the new dog into your home? \_\_\_\_\_ What will you do if there are problems with other animals? \_\_\_\_\_

33. Why do you want a pure-bred Blanchmain Golden over a shelter dog, rescue dog or mixed breed? Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

34. My small, rural county euthanises over 9,000 animals per year because they are homeless, the adjoining counties' rates are 3,000 per month and 90 per day. Do you realize the extent of the pet over population problem in your area? Y/N\_\_\_ What are your ideas on that? \_\_\_\_\_

35. Please tell us how you became aware of Blanchmain, or referral from whom? \_\_\_\_\_

36. If not referred by a dog person, do you have someone else that can provide a reference? \_\_\_\_\_

37. Have you or anyone in your family or any animal in your possession ever been issued a citation by Animal Control or an animal related complaint served by a law enforcement agency. Y/N\_\_\_ If Yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

38. If you are sold a dog on a "limited registration", do you understand that this dog MAY NOT carry the characteristics of a quality to breed or show and may not be bred and must be neutered or spayed before it's first birthday? Y/N\_\_\_ Do you desire a full registration or limited registration? \_\_\_\_\_ If FULL, for what reason? \_\_\_\_\_

39. Do you understand that all pure-bred dogs carry a propensity for certain genetic disorders? Goldens have genetic problems with hips, elbows, heart, eyes and thyroid levels? And the breed has a high fatality rate from cancer. And, while a responsible breeding program can greatly reduce the probability of occurrences, it cannot guarantee that the dog will be free of genetic disorders for its lifetime. Do you understand? Y/N \_\_\_ There are tests to show that a dog is free of genetic defaults which are performed when the dog is 24 months old. These tests are a preliminary indication of breeding quality. Do you plan to have these tests performed? Y/N \_\_\_ When? \_\_\_\_\_ Where? \_\_\_\_\_
40. Have you read a copy of the Adoption Contract and agree to all its stipulations? Y/N \_\_\_

**Please answer the following questions on the back of this form or on an additional sheet and attach:**

1. Please list all the pets you have owned in the past ten years, including Species, Sex, Spayed/ Neutered, current age or age died. Where those animals trained or shown? And if you have sold, lost, given away, or surrendered a pet, please give explanation.
2. Please tell us a little of your lifestyle and your family, including any special activities in which your dog would be included. If you have any special requirements or requests for a dog, please let us know so that we can more carefully match a dog to your lifestyle.

NOTICE: Answers are expected to be complete and truthful, as they will enable us to be more familiar with your request and requirements. By completing this form, the undersigned(s) expressly give permission to Blanchmain to use any means or methods necessary to verify the information contained in this Application, and further release Blanchmain Goldens and Karen Austin from any and all liability associated with this Application. I/we attest that the information provided on this application is true and accurate to the best of my/our knowledge. I/we attest that we have been informed of the Terms and Conditions of Adoption (Adoption Requirements) and also understand that completion and submission of this application does not guarantee adoption or sale of a Golden Retriever. If application is sent electronically, I further attest that no changes have been made to the content of this document, understand that my approval by signature is assumed.

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicants Signature: \_\_\_\_\_/date: \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Applicants Signature: \_\_\_\_\_/date: \_\_\_\_\_