

Golden Bond Rescue Adoption Packet Let's Prevent Lost Dogs

- Always use a leash when taking your dog to the car and in unfenced areas. Keep the leash in a convenient location so there is no temptation to take him out without it, just this once. Once may be all it takes to lose your dog or to be hit by a car.
- Always check fence gates and doors to outside exits before letting your dog outside.
- Use a chain with snap bolt to secure fence gates or kennel runs whenever possible. This extra step assures that you have securely closed off the enclosure.
- Teach all household members and visitors to close doors and gates behind them. Remember that young children often forget to close gates when busy playing and their friends may not know the rules. Whenever possible, padlock gates which are not regularly used and could lead to escape.
- Take extra precautions when friends, relatives and workers are visiting. Keep your dog on leash or in a kennel run if there is a lot of activity in which people are coming and going and the dog cannot be supervised.
- Teach your dog to wait at doors, gates, and when exiting vehicles.
- Perform regular inspections of fence perimeters and dog runs. Check for holes or weak areas in the fence and repair if necessary immediately. Remember that other animals could dig in too!
- Your dog should always be wearing an identification tag. All Golden Bond Rescue dogs are micro-chipped before adoption. Be sure to notify the micro-chip company of any change in phone number or address.
- Do not go for walks or runs with your dog off-leash, even in remote or rural areas. It only takes one moment of inattention or distraction to lose track of your dog.
- Dogs should never be allowed off-leash except when in a totally enclosed or secure area.
- A retractable leash is a good way of exercising your dog however, be sure to keep hold of the line and maintain control at all times.