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Dog Evaluation Guidelines

Your evaluation plays a crucial role in helping Golden Bond Rescue

Just as it is crucial to make a right match at adoption time, it's just as important that we place an incoming dog into the right foster home. Also, with the limited resources within the rescue (e.g., foster homes) GBR has to ensure that the dogs we take in are ones that can eventually be adopted. Golden Bond takes golden mixes, dogs requiring expensive medical treatment and dogs that have correctable issues, so we are not just looking for the cream of the crop. Essentially, your evaluation assures that the dog is a golden or an obvious golden mix (or sometimes a lab) and has the basic golden temperament. Issues that can be addressed by proper exercise, nutrition, training and the right environment are normal. The Intake Managers will do a full review of any possible aggression issues before a dog is accepted into GBR or declined.

In particular, foster homes greatly benefit from your evaluation. Your insights give them a head start on dealing with issues. Most owners try to give us a fairly accurate picture of the dog, but not all owners are dog savvy and may misread what a dog is doing. Owners have called a dog "aggressive" because it jumps on people when it first meets them! Gee, that means half the world's goldens could be labeled as aggressive.

BEFORE THE EVALUATION

You will need to go to the Golden Bond website and download three forms. Here are the steps:

Go the website at www.goldenbondrescue.com

From menu across top, click on the word "Volunteer"

Print out the following three documents:

1. *Letter to Owner*
2. *Owner Release and Policy Statement*, which includes the medical release
3. Dog Evaluation Form (to be completed by GBR volunteer).

You may want to print out two copies of each form. It may be helpful to have a spare set in the event you are called to do an evaluation on the spur of the moment and do not have time to print new copies or do not have access to computer at the time. HOWEVER, forms are often updated, so please check website whenever possible prior to doing the evaluation for the latest form.

Read over forms so you have a general idea of what you are to do. Call the Golden Bond person who asked you to do the evaluation if you have any questions.

If you have received any information about the phone conversation between the Golden Bond Intake Call person and the owner, read that as well.

Contact the owner and arrange for a mutually convenient time to meet. Most evaluations take about 45-60 minutes. Be sure owner understands that you are NOT coming out to pick up the dog at that time. You are only going to evaluate the dog and get the paperwork completed. It will generally take about a week after the evaluation to find a foster home. When a foster home has been assigned, the dog will be picked up from the owner. Be sure you mention that you will be bringing your dog to see how the dogs interact with one another. It is critical that a dog be taken on dog evaluations as almost all of our foster homes have dogs.

AT THE EVALUATION

Please be sure that the prospect dog is a golden, golden mix or suitable lab. If you have a digital camera, take some pictures that can later be emailed to dogevaluation@emaildodo.com.

If the dog is a mix, a 'golden' personality is the biggest deciding factor and that's what you should be looking for.

Your evaluation is essential to helping us know about temperament and personality. Please note any instances of growling, aggressive behavior or extreme shyness.

Try to pet the dog all over his body, gently looking into ears and mouth (if the dog will let you and you are comfortable doing so). If dog will let you, lift front paw and touch the feet. Very, very gently pet the hind quarters and see if the dog will allow you to touch his tail.

Get other information needed to complete the Dog Evaluation form.

It is also often helpful for you to describe general living conditions of the dog and how the dog interacts with its current family members and other pets.

Ask the owner to complete the *Owner Release and Policy Statement* and bring it home with you. This form does not take effect until the dog is actually surrendered. The purpose is two-fold: it guarantees that Golden Bond owns the dog; and it allows us to obtain medical records.

Give the *Letter to Owner* to the owner of the dog.

Try to get at least a \$300 donation from the owner at this time. Hopefully, the Intake Interviewer has made the owner aware of Golden Bond's policy to request a voluntary (and tax-deductible) contribution. If the owner cannot or will not give a donation, we will still take the dog, as long as the dog meets all other criteria. If a donation is made and the dog is not taken, the donation will be returned to the owner.

AFTER THE EVALUATION

On a computer, complete the online dog evaluation as thoroughly and honestly as possible and Submit.

If possible, fax or scan a copy of the *Owner Release* form to the appropriate Intake Manager as soon as possible. Then mail the original *Owner Release* form and donation check to the appropriate Intake Manager:

Dogs in the counties of Columbia, Washington, Multnomah, Hood River, Clatsop, Tillamook and State of Washington
Patsy Nolte, 6140 SW Picard Ct., Portland OR 97223 or fax 503-297-4106;
E-mail: patsysdoghouse@comcast.net

Dogs in the counties of Lincoln, Yamhill, Polk, Benton, Clackamas, Marion, Linn:
Kay Yates, 6930 NW Concord Dr., Corvallis OR 97330; fax 866-929-7872;
E-mail: kyates@peak.org

Dogs in the counties of Coos, Curry, Douglas, Jackson, Josephine, Klamath, Lane:
Shelly Skites, 857 S 46th St., Springfield OR 97478, fax 503-208-7144;
E-mail: sskites@msn.com
Rachel Van Driest, 8409 NE 62nd St., Vancouver WA 98662, fax 503-208-7144;
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Dogs in counties of Baker, Crook, Deschutes, Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Jefferson, Lake, Malheur, Morrow, Sherman, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, Wasco, Wheeler, and the State of Idaho:
Stephanie Lake, 1677 NW Pinecrest Dr., Prineville OR 97754, fax 503-208-7144
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Accept Golden Bond Rescue's heartfelt THANKS for a job well done and know that you have been an integral part of the rescue process!!!!!!