



ADOPTION FAQ'S

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE GRRoW ADOPTION PROCESS

What do I need to do in order to adopt a Golden from GRRoW?

- 1) Complete an on-line Adoption Application on www.grow.org and submit the required non-refundable \$25 application fee either via credit card or check. Make checks payable to the treasurer listed on the Donate page of www.grow.org.
- 2) Wait until a GRRoW volunteer contacts you to arrange a home visit.

What is a Home Visit?

A home visit allows a GRRoW representative to personally meet the potential adoptive family and evaluate the home environment where one of our Golden Retrievers may be placed. During the home visit, all family members that live in the home must be present. The home visit also allows your family to meet our volunteers and ask any questions that you may have about the adoption process.



What happens after the Home Visit?

- 1) If your application and home visit have been approved, your application is put on a waiting list. When our Placement Team believes that your application and criteria matches a Golden in our care, your application will be sent to the foster home for review.
- 2) If the foster home believes their foster dog will fit well with your lifestyle and home environment, it will contact you to tell you about the golden in its care.
- 3) If your family and the foster home believes this could be a great match, a meeting will be arranged for you (and all household members) to meet the dog.
- 4) After meeting the rescue Golden, the adoption does not take place that same day. GRRoW requires at least 24 hours between the applicant meeting the dog and officially adopting. This waiting period is very important; it gives both parties time to process whether or not the foster dog and applicant are a perfect match.

How do I know if I have been approved?

In any case (approval or denial), you will be contacted by a GRRoW representative.

How long does it take to adopt?

Based on how many dogs (if any) in foster care closely match the specifications on your adoption application (gender, age, personality, color, etc.), your wait time could be a few weeks to a few months.

What if I have children under the age of 10?

Because one of our top priorities is safety, GRRoW is very careful about the dogs we place into families with young children. Golden Retrievers who have not been exposed to children and/or have had limited child exposure, will not be placed into homes with young children.

Where are your foster dogs?

Golden Retrievers in GRRoW's care are fostered in volunteers' homes. We do not have a kennel facility.

Are all the photos of Golden Retrievers awaiting adoption on your website?

All GRRoW dogs that are available for adoption are on the *Dogs Currently in Foster Care* area of www.grow.org. The status of the dogs are in each of the dog's profiles.

If I see a dog on your website that I am interested in, can I adopt that dog?

We match our Golden Retrievers in foster care to each applicant based on criteria noted on your application and home visit report. It is very easy to fall in love with a picture or a story but that may not truly match what you are looking for in a dog. For this reason, we do not allow applicants to select the dog they want to adopt.

A great testament to this policy is the low rate of returned Golden Retrievers that were adopted from GRRoW. Check out the *Success Stories* page on www.grow.org and read about adopted dogs that are happily living in their forever homes.

What is the fee for adopting a Golden from GRRoW?

Please reference the Adopt page on our website (www.grow.org) for a listing of current adoption fees.

Have the dogs seen a veterinarian while in your care?

All dogs in GRRoW's care have been examined by a veterinarian and have had:

- The following vaccinations: DHLPP (or DA2LP-P) Leptospirosis, Rabies and Bordetella
- Snap 4Dx test. This test checks for Lyme, Ehrlichia, Anaplasma and Heartworm disease. If results are positive in any area, the dog will be treated prior to adoption.
- Monthly heartworm preventative (if the foster dog is not heartworm positive)
- Monthly flea and tick preventative (April – October)
- Fecal. If the fecal test is positive for worms, the dog will be de-wormed prior to adoption.
- Ear swab. If the dog has an ear infection, he/she will be treated prior to adoption.
- Complete Blood Count (CBC) and Chemistry Panel for all dogs ages 7+, all dogs prior to spay/neuter and/or all dogs prior to any surgery.
- Aspiration of any suspicious lumps. If aspirate results are of concern, further steps are taken prior to adoption.
- Thyroid Panel (if needed)
- Microchip. For identification purposes, all GRRoW foster dogs are microchipped prior to adoption

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