**ADOPTION**

**Thank you for considering adopting a Golden Retriever through us**

**Please give very careful thought about choosing to adopt a dog. It is a rewarding process which requires patience and understanding at every stage**

* When an owner seeks help it is our responsibility to establish the reasons for this serious decision to rehome their Golden. We do not have kennelling and aim to rehome a dog straight into their new home
* We visit the family to meet the dog and learn about health and behaviour history and how the dog has been cared for. Listening and discussing the reasons for rehoming their dog is very important
* We match the dog’s needs to suitable homes waiting to adopt, carefully considering the dog’s exercise needs, temperament and health. Particular attention is paid to the level of experience required of the new home. These details are provided by applicants on an Application to Adopt form
* You will receive a call from a volunteer who will discuss the details of a dog that we have assessed and who may be a good fit for you. You may decline a particular dog at any stage, sharing your reasons with us
* A home and garden check will be organised. A totally secure garden for an adult dog is essential
* Adopters have the opportunity to meet the dog, accompanied by an SGRR volunteer
* We reserve the right to withhold a dog from a person or home we do not feel suitable
* When the adoption is to go through, an **acceptance form** must be signed confirming the adopter is now taking full responsibility for the dog
* We do not routinely neuter the dogs or insist on neutering, but we **do not** allow any dog to be bred from. Neutering should be discussed with your vet.
* Pedigree papers, where they exist, are retained by SGRR. We do our best to ensure that a dog is a Golden Retriever, but this cannot be guaranteed
* We do not make any charge for our dogs, but we welcome donations, any time, from all parties wishing to support our charity

**This outlines our procedures. Each rehoming has differing needs and we are a small charity able to provide a personal service to assist everyone involved.**