
Golden Retriever Rescue of Wisconsin, Inc.

Senior Golden**GRRoW Hotline: 888-655-4753**

How About a Senior Golden?

Are you are looking for a quiet, easygoing companion who doesn't require intense hard exercise daily? Then a senior Golden (**Age 8+**) may be the perfect choice for you. Most senior Golden Retrievers require little or no training, are adaptable and fit into busy lifestyles because they are less demanding.

Some families are reluctant to adopt a Senior Golden (age 8 & above). Advancing age is a significant disadvantage in the western civilized world. Whether it is a dog, or object; if it's old or broken, obsolete or unattractive, it is disposable in today's society. When it comes to senior dogs, we see this heart-breaking situation frequently. Young dogs have a great chance of being adopted, older dogs just hope to have someone adopt them and love them before their time runs out.



Nature: Senior dogs are calm, cool and serene but still enjoy an active lifestyle. They don't demand exercise as younger dogs do, nor do they require a constant watchful eye. Older dogs are usually housebroken; they no longer chew and it has been medically proven that dogs provide a calming effect and lower your blood pressure and may increase your vitality.

Life Span: There are no guarantees with any dog you may adopt. Cancer, among other life threatening diseases occurs in puppies, young dogs and older dogs. A Golden Retriever's life span is usually 10-12 years, but with quality food, exercise and vet care they can live longer. The memories a Senior Golden creates no matter how many years you spend together, will last your lifetime. A senior dog's health is already known in most cases (hip dysplasia, hereditary disease, arthritis).

They already have their likes & dislikes packed in a bag to come along with them. You will know what you are getting the majority of the time. If you have a new baby, many visitors through your home, or need to leave your dog for long periods of time, please consider adopting a Senior Golden. They are more able to adapt to your ever-changing environment, and will demand less of your time and attention. They will always love every little bit of time you are willing to give.

Companionship: Senior Golden Retrievers are content to simply be in the room with their family or curl up at your feet at the end of the day. Seniors are generally calmer than younger dogs. They tend to not jump up onto people when they greet them at the door. They are also less likely to scare small children by crowding them and are more likely to walk away from a wildly playing child than hurt them. Senior animals whose lives have been disrupted have so much love to give. They tend to bond quickly to their new family.

Training: In most cases, older Golden Retrievers have been socialized with other dogs and people and have had some training. It is also much easier to train a younger dog with a senior dog to show them the way.