

Golden Retriever Rescue of Wisconsin, Inc.

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Puppies! The fact is that GRRoW doesn't get puppies very often. When you adopt an adult dog, it's pretty much "what you see is what you get". There is no guessing how big he/she will get or guessing what training issues there may be, and there is less guessing on potential health issues as they have had several years of veterinary check ups.

Many applicants prefer to adopt young Golden Retrievers, but younger dogs are not suitable for all applicants. It is important to remember that Golden Retrievers are bred to be high-energy dogs with a great deal of stamina. The younger the dog is, the more energy he will have and the more exercise he will require to expend that energy.

Do you run or take several very long walks daily? Like to play fetch non-stop? Are you involved in obedience, agility, flyball, dock diving, rally or some other active canine sport? Can you provide hard, consistent exercise several times a day? Then maybe one of the younger, adolescent Golden Retrievers **up to age 3** is right for you and your family. GRRoW rarely gets puppies in rescue.



Do you have a young and active family? We suggest you consider a Golden that is **three to six years of age**. By this time, the golden will have passed the troublesome puppy and teenage years and settled into a less challenging phase of life. These dogs are in the prime of their life and usually able to keep pace with a busy family or individual.

Do you like to relax after a rough day at work, eat dinner and watching prime time TV? Then a dog that is **seven and above** may be a better choice for you.