

# True2Gold

*Golden Retrievers for Loving Life!*

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## NEW PUPPY GUIDELINES

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### **True2Gold HEALTH GUARANTEE**

Our one-year health guarantee covers 1/2 of your out-of-pocket expenses for a major genetic health disability or illness treatment, when applying an 80/20 or 90/10 puppy insurance policy. The medical evidence of necessary treatment needs to be validated by a licensed California veterinarian.

We do not pay for illnesses from native poisonous plants, exposure to toxic substances, injuries, mismanagement of the puppy environment, incorrect feeding and water, or overloading vaccines.

**Please read this entire document and agree to the guidelines herein.**

\_\_\_ **True2Gold tracks the health of our puppies.**

Buyers agree to send **True2Gold** a copy of the vet report after any irregular vet visits or health concerns. We request health records to track potential health problems and to refine our breeding program. This helps you as a dog owner, since we can alert you of potential health issues and offer preventative treatment options if we see needs arising.

\_\_\_ **True2Gold recommends the following pet insurance company:** [www.healthypawspetinsurance.com](http://www.healthypawspetinsurance.com)

\_\_\_ **True2Gold suggests microchipping your puppy and enrolling them in** The American Kennel Club Companion Animal Recovery program. In the past decade they have recovered over 360,000 lost dogs. See their website at: [www.AKCCAR.org](http://www.AKCCAR.org)

\_\_\_ **True2Gold provides an AKC Registration document as proof of registration and ownership. Each Golden Retriever puppy has their own AKC Registration number.**

Buyers agree to transfer their puppy's AKC registration into their own name within 10 days. Buyer also agrees to keep AKC informed of address and contact changes. [Register Your Dog with the American Kennel Club Today](#)

\_\_\_ **True2Gold dogs are sold as "Limited Registration", which means they are not allowed to be bred. This ensures the quality of our line.**

**NOTE** Midnight Golden is a carefully managed Golden Retriever and Newfoundland puppy, bred by **True2Gold** and we do not yet have approval for AKC REGISTRATION. We are working on this process. However, both the Dams and Sires come from AKC Registered dogs.

\_\_\_ **True2Gold gives every puppy a Vaccination Record. Puppies are fully vaccinated when they go home.**

Your vet is welcome to talk to us or our vaccine manufacturer to discuss our vaccination policies. Your Vet may recommend further vaccinations since they don't know us personally. We encourage you to make your own educated decision.

**NOTE:** Even though your puppy is fully vaccinated, we do not recommend going to Dog Parks until they are old enough to manage the emotional stress and appropriate behavior for this environment. Allow your puppy to socialize regularly with neighbor and family dogs first. You are your puppy's protector.

**NOTE:** Remember that when you are stressed, your puppy or dog will become stressed and instinctively want to protect you, thus causing conflict with other dogs and unnecessary aggression. Your dog needs you to be the primary in the relationship. Do not tense up when meeting other dogs.

\_\_\_\_ **True2Gold recommends that owners should NOT spay/neuter their dogs until two heat cycles for females, and 2 years for males.**

This ensures your puppy receives all the necessary hormones to give them healthy hips and eyes later in life.

\_\_\_\_ **True2Gold Puppies should be kept on the same food until they are 3 months old.**

You may change the food after 12 weeks of age, but please use a similar, nutritionally balanced 4-star feed. Check this website for 4- and 5-star feeds: [www.dogfoodadvisor.com/dog-food-reviews](http://www.dogfoodadvisor.com/dog-food-reviews)

We feed our pups Taste of the Wild puppy kibble, an organic, human grade feed. It is more expensive, but it is one of the best foods available. It also has the correct nutrients in the form they can digest fully. Therefore, less is required. In the long run, vet bills will be lower, and the risk of disease is minimized. Your dog will be healthier and happier. There will be less food given, less feces, less smell, and healthier teeth, bones, organs and coats.

**NOTE:** The Kirkland Brand at Costco has a similar quality and formula as Taste of the Wild.

\_\_\_\_ **True2Gold Puppies 8 weeks and older should be fed TWO times a day, at regular times.**

We feed our pups at 8am, 4pm and give warm goats milk replacer at 9pm before bedtime. Constant feeding (free feeding) does not allow you to see how much food is being eaten. Scheduled meals allow you to notice if your dog is sick, keep nutritional balance, keep food fresh, and, most importantly, allow you to anticipate potty times! Therefore, do not leave a bowl of food out all day, even if you work. Pick up the dish shortly after your dog finishes eating.

\_\_\_\_ **True2Gold Puppies should not be given human table food and scraps.**

Make healthy treats available and give them yummy pieces of roasted or boiled **organic** chicken. We cook a giant pot of soup with an organic chicken and put this on our kibble. However, a young puppy has very sharp teeth and should eat kibble dry until their teeth are not razor blades! Chickpeas are also a great source of protein.

**NOTE** A dog can get loose bowels very easily. IN FACT, **any time you introduce a new feed, expect diarrhea.** Many human scraps are bad for dogs and often are too greasy. Dogs are not strictly carnivores, so they can and should eat veggies too. You can find information on this at [www.dogfoodadvisor.com](http://www.dogfoodadvisor.com) or check with the GRCA, the Golden Retriever Club of America. Remember, everyone has a different opinion. Check with professionals who have studied specific topics you have questions about. Read the canine POISON food guide and keep it posted in your kitchen. This guide is on the **PUPPY PAGE** of our website; [New Puppy Info | My Vxw Site 1sf7oj](#)  
Be aware of the everyday items that dogs CANNOT eat.

**NOTE:** Feed puppies with an open hand. Those baby teeth are sharp!

**NOTE:** Trim your puppy's nails as soon as possible and regularly so that they are comfortable with the process.

\_\_\_\_ **True2Gold puppies are raised on ALKALINE WATER. Please continue this to prevent cancer.**

All of our dogs and humans drink alkaline water.

Cancer cannot grow in an alkaline environment, so keep the body non-acidic. Alkaline water is available at any water store in 5 gallon jugs for less than \$5.

\_\_\_\_ **True2Gold Puppies and full-grown dogs should be exercised every day.**

As puppies become 5- 6 months old, a walk is not enough. They should be given regular off leash runs where they can build muscle and expend energy. If this is not done, dogs will become overactive and stressed at home and will get into trouble, which is not fair. Please find ways to give them space. Even when leash laws apply there are places to throw a tennis ball and let your Retriever retrieve. Please use a tennis racquet or a ball-thrower. They need to run long distances! We have developed a great inexpensive pet exercise toy you can use without barely moving, for those times when you are sick and your dog is not! Ask us and for a demo.

\_\_\_\_ **True2Gold Puppies are in training from the first day you take them home...**

Puppies will learn from everything you do! If you don't want your big dog to bite, don't let puppy chew your fingers! If you don't want your big dog to jump up, don't let puppy jump on you. Pups should not pull on the leash either. The ALPHA leads the way. You are the Alpha, not your pup. You should always go first and they should go behind or next to you. They should sit before leaving the car, crate, doorway and putting on their leash.

It's your responsibility to train your dog with at least the AKC basic obedience standards. You can find these on the [www.akc.com](http://www.akc.com) website. You and your dog will be happier if you train your dog well. Please see the [www.True2Gold.com](http://www.True2Gold.com) website for some good reading on training and also refresh yourself on the latest methods on [www.thedogtrainingsecret.com](http://www.thedogtrainingsecret.com), or other training websites.

Hitting a dog will only teach him to fear you. It may initially produce the behavior you want, but it will also bring other fear traits that you don't want. Be patient and be knowledgeable. Stay away from harsh training aids. They are a short cut and, in many cases, inhumane.

Remember that your dog is a "wild" animal being asked to live in a human environment. Everything he does is by instinct and every instinct is for living outside. He will be happy to learn, but please do not punish your dog for simply doing what he is genetically programmed to do.

Attending a good basic obedience class is great, even for experienced dog owners - and it's a fun thing to do with the kids! Life is going to be busy for the next year, please be prepared.

**NOTE:** *You may consider training your dog as a therapy dog and taking him to nursing homes, children's hospitals and rehab centers. Our line of Golden Retrievers are very quiet and can do this. If you are interested, call us and we can help you get started in a rewarding outreach that brings so much joy to others. Plus, you will be training your dog to go into public places such as malls, restaurants and grocery stores. This simply makes your life easier when you take your dog with you.*

\_\_\_\_ **True2Gold Puppies must have lots of chew toys.**

Pups will chew! Do not give them old shoes or stuffed animals, they will not know the difference between the old shoe and your nice new shoe! Do not spank them for chewing on the couch if you did not control their environment.

All bones splinter, including big bones. Do not give chicken bones, ever. Pork bones and steak bones can go down longwise. Stuffed animals come apart. Squeaky toys can be destroyed, and the squeaker can be swallowed if the pup is left unattended. For these reasons we prefer cow hooves from the feed store.

**We have found the best chews are cow hooves, available at any feed store. "Bully Sticks" are also available at Costco and Pet Stores, but more expensive.**

When puppy gets ahold of something he shouldn't have, simply take it away and say "No", then replace it with his toy or chew.

### \_\_\_ **True2Gold Puppies need lots of toys.**

Again, puppies will chew everything, so stay away from stuffed animals. Balls are good and hard plastic toys. A great game for a pup is tug-a-war with a special rope. If they begin to play tug-a-war with your clothes, simply say "No" and replace the item with their rope. We like the brands that are heavy duty and claim to be "indestructible".

### \_\_\_ **True2Gold Puppy should have their own crate.**

Puppies will love their crate! Dogs, and other canines, like wolves, foxes and coyotes, all live in small dens. They are cozy and safe. Please continue to use the crate for transportation and nighttime. Never leave your dog unattended in a crate for more than an hour.

### \_\_\_ **True2Gold Puppy Potty Training.**

First thing in the morning, get your puppy out of the crate and go straight outside. Once every hour, take puppy outside to the same place to eliminate. Set up a timer to ring, if necessary, but don't forget. Some people use a wee-wee sheet inside the house. If you see your pup starting to pee, pick him up and take him to the sheet. Once in a while set him on the sheet, he will know what to do. Praise him for doing his business on the sheet! If your puppy destroys the sheets, buy some bathmats from Ross. They can go in the wash and are less destructible.

Keep puppy confined in a closed off area. If you give them the run of the house they will eliminate everywhere! Move a pen from room to room with you, keeping a wee sheet in the pen. The pen should be only four times the size of puppy at first, until he is able to use the wee-wee sheet. Leaving your pup alone in a room will invite him to cause a lot of trouble! Do not spank him, put yourself in a timeout! You should know better!

Rule of thumb for puppy potty times:

- 2 months old – a pup can last 2 hours
- 3 months old – a pup can last 3 hours
- 4 months old – a pup can last 4 hours

After that a dog should have the opportunity to eliminate every four hours, even during the night until they are at least six months old. Eventually they will last through the night. Every dog is different. It is well worth the effort to get up in the night one time and take your dog outside until they can last all night. They will wake you up whining from their crate. If they are not in a crate...good luck. Keep the bedroom door shut or you will have the Phantom of the O-Pee-er, the nightly eliminator.

### \_\_\_ **True2Gold Preventing Destructive Behavior**

If you find your dog digging holes, chewing a lot of things, barking uncontrollably or other menacing behaviors it is most likely because he is bored. Please don't leave him alone for long periods. If you work and family are going to school, please take him to a kennel or a friend's **house**. In **Golden Retriever language**, "Alone" = Miserable.

A dog alone in a yard all day will have negative behavior and he will be miserable, and so will you. Two dogs alone can cause even more trouble. If you have this kind of busy schedule, you should wait before getting a big dog. If you want a yard ornament, get a fountain!

However, if you must leave your dog alone now and then make sure there is a doghouse or kennel and a lot of water in the shade. It is surprising how much water a dog can drink on a warm day. Keep a fresh supply in a bucket.

Leave a lot of toys. Rotate toys every few days to prevent boredom. There are some good feeders that hide treats and the dog must work hard to get the treat out, this keeps the brain active.

Read articles, do your research on ideas that will work for you. Often there is a neighbor teen who would love to get away for a few hours and take care of your dog. Make sure they are responsible first. Try them out when you have a short outing. Always ask for references and make sure the parent is close by, just in case there is a problem.

**VERY IMPORTANT:** Be prepared to greet your dog properly when you get home, even if you are tired. Plan ahead for this. Your best friend has missed you and wants to see you. Do not allow excessive barking and “hyper greeting disorders” to develop, trust me, they are very hard to break. It is fun to have your puppy go nuts when he sees you, it is unbearable to have the same behavior in an 80lb dog! Keep your dogs’ four feet on the ground and give him a good scratch AFTER he is seated and quiet. Do not encourage hyperactivity.

THANK YOU FOR READING THROUGH THIS DOCUMENT. I HOPE IT WILL SAVE YOU AND PUPPY A LOT OF TROUBLE AND ASSIST YOU IN HAVING A GREAT EXPERIENCE WITH YOUR PUP. WE WANT YOU TO SUCCEED AND TO HAVE A HEALTHY LIFETIME FRIEND WHO HAS NEVER BEEN SPANKED OR LEFT ALONE BECAUSE HE IS NAUGHTY OR UNCONTROLLABLE.

Please call us if you have any questions or concerns. We are here to help you to succeed. We do not judge, we have probably been through the same things and have found answers. If we can’t help, we will refer you to someone who will be able to assist you.

Many thanks for choosing a **True2Gold** companion. We know your dog will make you proud!

**FOR FAMILY USE:**

**We have read this entire document, and we agree with the guidelines herein. We will try to follow these guidelines as much as possible and get further assistance whenever needs arise.**

**We understand this commitment is for more than 15 years and we will provide a stable loving home for our new family members, giving him/her the respect, nurture and health care that all animals deserve.**

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## Recommended Websites:

Please check out our own [www.True2Gold.com](http://www.True2Gold.com) website for many more recommendations and useful information.

**Pet First Aid Emergency Assistance** – [www.avma.org/public/EmergencyCare/Pages/Basic-Pet-First-Aid-Procedures.aspx](http://www.avma.org/public/EmergencyCare/Pages/Basic-Pet-First-Aid-Procedures.aspx)

American Kennel Club [www.AKC.com](http://www.AKC.com)

American Veterinary Medical Association - [www.avma.org](http://www.avma.org)

The US Humane Society - [www.humanesociety.org](http://www.humanesociety.org)

ASPCA - [www.aspca.org](http://www.aspca.org)

Dog Training You Tube [@TheDogDaddyofficial](https://www.youtube.com/@TheDogDaddyofficial)

Dog Training Website. <https://thedogdaddy.com/>

Dog Training Website Victoria Stilwell [@ItsMeortheDog](https://www.instagram.com/ItsMeortheDog)

Dr Jon's Informative email newsletter - <http://www.petplace.com/newsletter-2.aspx>

Informative, holistic magazine - [www.dogsnaturallymagazine.com](http://www.dogsnaturallymagazine.com)

Service Dog Website <https://activedogs.com>