Puppies for Profit



An introductory course on the business of breeding dogs



The Goldens with a Mission - Story

- How we got our first dog
- The story of the first birth
- How the business grew
- How we got into service dogs









Purchasing a Dog

Questions to Consider:

- What type of dog do you want?
- Have you researched the characteristics of the type of dog you are interested in?
- Is it AKC/CKC Registered?
- Should you breed your dog and why do you want to?

7 Categories of Dog Breeds

- Sporting Group
- Hound Group
- Working Group
- Terrier Group
- Toy Group
- Non-Sporting Group
- Herding Group





Cocker **Spaniel**

Sporting Group



Bloodhound



Bernese Mountain Dog

Working Group



Doberman Pinscher



Norfolk Terrier

Terrier Group







Dalmatian



Poodle



Chow Chow

Non-Sporting Group





Border Collie

Herding Group



AKC/CKC Registration

- American Kennel Club/Continental Kennel Club
- Shows information about the dog, especially about the dog's pedigree
- Required if you show dogs
- Doesn't matter as much if you don't show dogs
- AKC does NOT guarantee a healthy dog, but it does increase the chances

Dog Breeding

Why Dog Breed?

- For the Learning Experience
- To Make Money
- To supply a need in the area

Why I Shouldn't Breed my Dog

- If you have a busy schedule
- If your dog is poor breeding stock
 - Breeding unhealthy dogs is unethical
- If you expect to be able to do it hands-off then I highly discourage it.
- It is NOT a passive income!

Questions to determine whether to breed your dog?

- Are there a lot of people in the area breeding dogs?
- Is the market saturated with pups?
- What breed is your dog do you have and what are the weaknesses of that breed?
- Who do you hope will purchase the puppies?
- Is your dog healthy?

Breeding a Healthy Dog

- Vet check your dog and test for:
 - Heart murmurs
 - Worms/parasites
 - Eyes/ears
 - Skin/allergies, growths
 - Tick Diseases
- Female 2 Years of age
- Check to make sure the Stud and the female are not related at all
- May need to use someone else's Stud (Stud fee is common! Remember, Stud is 50% of the litter. Make sure he is healthy!)
- Tests that can be done on dogs genetic testing,
 Anaplasmosis/lymes/OFA hip/elbows x-ray results

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- Make a quiet area for the breeding
 - They will often stay locked for 10-15 minutes
- 62 days from the 2nd day of breeding until delivery (63 days for some breeds)



During Term

- Ultrasound for detecting early pregnancy
- Try to keep ticks off of them, but be very careful with tick medicine during pregnancy
- X-ray for counting puppies around day 50





Preparing to Deliver

- Towels
- Wading pool
- Bulb Suction
- Clamps (or dental floss)
- Heating pad with low heat
- Laundry basket
- Paper towels
- Trash can

Signs of Delivery

- Panting, digging, hiding, under a shed or barn, following you around, licking, shivering, excessive whining
- Temperature drops 24 hours before labor
 - Do a daily check of temperature 2 weeks ahead of time to keep watch

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- Encourage mother to clean the puppy. Make sure the face gets clean
- The best way for the umbilical cord to be severed is for the mother to chew it. This helps to lessen the amount of bleeding.
 - If she doesn't chew it, cut it with sterilized scissors about an inch long and clamp it or tie it with clean dental floss.





Set up for Puppies

- Not too soft of an area for (it can smother the pupples if they lay on it)
- Washable pads
- Let the mother dog care for her puppies unless she is ignoring them
 - Mother will take care of cleaning babies (including eating all the excrements!)
 - It is good to check to make sure the mother is licking all of the puppies urine. It requires stimulation for them to urinate. To check: you can take a paper towel and rub their genitals.



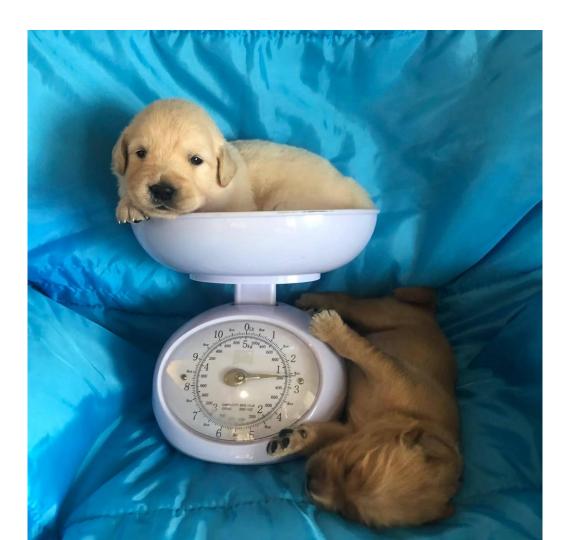


Care of Puppies

- In pool for 3 weeks for golden retrievers (depends on the size, indoor pen, no slippery surface (hard on hips)
- We potty train with a fake grass just outside of the puppy's crate so that they are going to the bathroom outside as soon as they come out
- Play area on a non-slip surface
- We raise dog in the house so they are used to sounds of a normal home. It is a lot of work carrying puppies outside several times a day
 - Some people have kennels, some use wood chips for bedding. Some say dust causes respiratory problems in puppies so that is sometimes discouraged.









Vet Visit

- Deworm puppies every 2 weeks from birth- worm eggs often in rectal area of mother.
- Complications:
 - Heart murmur (all puppies are born with heart murmur)
 - Undescended testicle
 - Hooded vulva
- We pay for the first vet visit and vaccinations.



Determining when to Sell

- 8 weeks is the rule of thumb
- Things to consider if keeping longer
 - Cost and energy
 - Influence (They will learn)

How to Sell Dogs

- Pink bows on your least favorite puppies. Pink always sells first!
- We use colors, others name the puppies, some use other things.
- Social Media works well.
- If AKC registered you can use their services.
- Honest and upright business practices
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Honest and Upright Business Practices

- Check around and see what others are selling for
- See what they are offering for their price
- If people can't afford the price, they can't afford to take care of it
- Background check the people
- If they try to dicker with you, they will probably never thank you
- Stand by your product
- Don't underestimate the cost of favors







Record Keeping, Taxes, Etc.

- You can have a business name if you want
- Keep your Receipts!
- Application to help screen people
- Tax
 - In Canada you are taxed based on your gross income
 - Charge tax after \$30,000 -check what your laws say
 - Expenses need to be kept track of
 - You can talk to your accountant to see all that you should keep track of

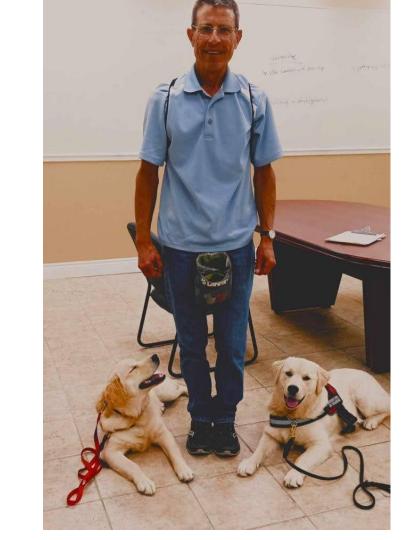
Mission Purpose

Why Goldens with a Mission?

 We should do no business that is not directly for the Lord's Glory









Questions?



