

ENGLISH BACKGROUND GOLDENS IN NORTH AMERICA (EGNA) WEBSITE
Guidelines for Website Listings: Breeders, Litters, and Stud Dogs
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The EGNA Website provides a reference guide to reputable breeders, litters, and stud dogs of English-style Golden Retrievers in the United States and Canada, with pedigrees that reflect at least 50% post-1950 Golden Retrievers imported from the UK, Europe, Australia, and/or New Zealand, or their fresh or frozen semen. The criteria for these listings is as follows.

- I. BREEDER LISTINGS: Breeders who meet the criteria below and have an approved Listing Application on file with the website staff, will be posted on the EGNA Website.
 - A. Breeder Qualifications: Breeders should be working with pedigrees that represent at least 50% post-1950 UK, European, Australian, and/or New Zealand imports, or their fresh or frozen semen. Breeders should be active in their local and/or national dog community, routinely follow the code of ethics of the Golden Retriever Club of America (GRCA) and/or the Golden Retriever Club of Canada (GRCC), and follow accepted breeding and selling practices, such as:
 1. Contracts: Breeders should provide their buyers with a written sales contract describing the terms and conditions, and any guarantees offered. Breeders should have buyers sign the contract before release of the puppy, keep the original, and sign a copy for the buyer.
 2. Non-breeding Puppies - US Litters: US sales contracts typically include a spay/neuter clause for puppies not intended for breeding, except for puppies sold to those who wish to compete in CKC performance events. Breeders should discuss spay/neuter agreements and AKC Limited Registration with potential buyers well in advance of purchase.
 3. Non-breeding Puppies - Canadian Litters: Canadian sales contracts typically include a spay/neuter clause for puppies not intended for breeding. These puppies are often sold on CKC Non-breeding Agreement, except for puppies sold to those who wish to compete in AKC events. In addition, those sold for CKC conformation competition or breeding are often also sold on a CKC Non-breeding Agreement until certain conditions are met, such as obtaining clearances, titles, etc. Breeders should discuss spay/neuter agreements and the CKC Non-breeding Agreement with potential buyers well in advance of purchase

- B. Making Application: Breeders may apply by completing the Listing Application available on the website at <http://www.englishgoldens.net/breeders.htm>, and attaching it to an email to mail@englishgoldens.net. The application asks for the applicant's name, kennel prefix, address, phone, email, website (if applicable), and the name and email address of two or more references. Unless requested by the breeder, neither the breeder's address nor their phone number will be posted on the EGNA Website.
- II. LITTER LISTINGS: Litters meeting the criteria below will be posted on the EGNA Website, at the discretion of the website staff, from breeders who have an approved Listing Application on file and submit a Litter Application which is subsequently approved.
- A. Bloodlines: Litters offered must represent puppies whose pedigree reflects at least 50% post-1950 Golden Retrievers imported from the UK, Europe, Australia, and/or New Zealand, or their fresh or frozen semen.
- B. Litter Ownership: The person submitting the listing must be the owner, co-owner, or lessee of the bitch, and be the person responsible for the screening and selection of buyers, and the follow-up and support after the sale.
- C. Age: The sire and dam of the litters listed must be at least 18 months of age at the time of the breeding (preferably two years of age, per GRCA recommendations).
- D. Litter Frequency: Although protocols exist for the breeding of bitches on consecutive heat cycles, we believe that this information is often misconstrued and abuses occur. Consequently, listing applications for litters from consecutive heat cycles ("back-to-back" breedings) will be reviewed on a case by case basis.
- E. Genetic Health:
1. Litter sires and dams should be of sound temperament and free from recurring seizures, hypothyroidism, swallowing disorders, and allergies.
 2. Litter sires and dams must have the recommended normal examination reports, customary for their country of residence, for hips, elbows, and hearts, and a "CERF-able" ophthalmologist report (minimum age, 12

months) within 12 months of the breeding. The sire and dam must be at least 18 months of age at the time of these examinations, regardless of the screening organization, however cardiac examinations may be done and submitted to OFA as early as 12 months.

3. For litters by frozen semen, elbow information is waived for deceased sires born prior to 1995. Eye information on deceased sires will be considered on a case by case basis.
4. Breeders should see that the k9data page for each parent has all current genetic information recorded.

F. Preparing the Litter Listing Application: Breeders may apply to list a litter by completing the Litter Listing Application available on the website at <http://www.englishgoldens.net/litters.htm>, and attaching it to an email to mail@englishgoldens.net. The application calls for the following information:

1. Breeder's name, kennel prefix, address, phone, email, and website (if applicable). Unless requested by the breeder, neither the breeder's address nor their phone number will be posted on the EGNA Website.
2. The litter's k9data "Test Breeding" link, if available.
3. Approximate or actual whelp date.
4. For both the sire and dam:
 - a. Registered Name
 - b. Photo
 - c. K9data link
 - d. Genetic Information: Normal hip, elbow, eye, and heart examination information. A scan or photocopy will be needed of any report not available in a searchable online database (see II.F below).

G. Searchable Online Databases:

1. OFA: <http://www.offa.org/search.html>
2. CERF: <http://www.vmdb.org/verify.html>
3. OVC: <http://www.ovc.uoguelph.ca/cfm/hip-elbow/search/advanced.cfm>
4. BVA: <http://www.the-kennel-club.org.uk/services/public/health/search/Default.aspx>

H. Litters by Frozen Semen: Elbow information is waived for deceased sires born prior to 1995. Eye information for deceased sires will be considered on a case by case basis.

- I. Submitting the Application: Applications need to be submitted by email to mail@englishgoldens.net. Any reports not available online need to be submitted with the listing application, either as digital email attachments or photocopies by regular mail. (Address provided following initial application).
 - J. Listing Duration: The litter listing will be posted on the website after the bitch has been bred and the Litter Application has been approved. Unless the breeder requests an extension, the litter will be posted for 2 months following the whelping date, and then automatically removed. The breeder should notify the website staff when the puppies are whelped, the sex split, and when all puppies are sold.
 - K. Limits: Breeders will be limited to three (3) EGNA Website litter listings per calendar year.
- III. STUD DOG LISTINGS: Stud Dogs with pedigrees that reflect at least 50% post-1950 Golden Retrievers imported from the UK, Europe, Australia, and/or New Zealand, or their fresh or frozen semen, will be listed on the EGNA Website, at the discretion of the website staff, from owners who have an approved Listing Application and an approved Stud Dog Application on file. The Stud Dog Application is available for download on the website at <http://www.englishgoldens.net/studDogs.htm>.

Stud dogs must meet the criteria above for litter sires and dams. Owners should see that their stud dog's k9data page has all current genetic information recorded. For offerings of frozen semen: Elbow information is waived for deceased stud dogs born prior to 1995. Eye information for deceased stud dogs will be considered on a case by case basis.

- IV. APPLICATION REVIEW: Litter, and Stud Dog Applications that are 100% complete, with clearances available online or as email attachments, with each dog's information recorded on its k9data page, and which are ultimately approved, should be posted by the website staff within one week. Other situations might take longer.

Applicants will be notified if their application has been not accepted and why.

- V. CONTENT APPROVAL: The website staff is ultimately responsible for the website content and may refuse any material which is outside these guidelines, or is otherwise unacceptable to them.
- VI. LISTING REVIEW: Website visitors will be advised to educate themselves before contacting breeders, and to contact the website staff if they have any questions. Any listing which ultimately proves to be false, misleading, or contrary to these guidelines will be removed, and further privileges questioned.