

## Golden Retriever Care Sheet

A quick reference guideforkeepingyourGoldenRetrieverhappy,healthy,and well-groomed.

## **Quick Facts**

Trait	Details
Size	Large (25–34 kg)
Height	51–61 cm at the shoulder
Lifespan	10–12 years
Coat	Medium to long, dense, water-repellent double coat
Temperament	Friendly, loyal, intelligent
Best For	Families, therapy work, active owners
Exercise Needs	1–2 hours daily

## Golden Retriever Care Essentials

**Training & Socialisation:** Eager to please and intelligent. Start early with positive reinforcement and consistent socialisation.

Exercise: 1–2 hours daily including walks, swimming, and play. Mental stimulation is essential.

**Grooming:** Brush 2–3 times weekly (daily during shedding season). Bathe every 6–8 weeks. Check ears regularly.

**Health:** Prone to hip/elbow dysplasia, cancer, and eye conditions. Choose breeders who health test.

Diet: Balanced, high-quality food. Adults: 2 meals/day. Avoid overfeeding to prevent obesity.

Family Suitability: Gentle, patient, and affectionate — great for families and active households.

*Max's Comment:* "Always smiling, always wagging, and always finding the muddlest puddle in the park."