

Ten Reasons To Adopt A Senior Golden

1. **Adulthood.** In most cases, senior Goldens are well past the chewing and digging stages of life. They cause less destruction than puppies and younger dogs. They also have a longer attention span for training.
2. **Peace of Mind.** Over 90% of older dogs are housebroken before they go to a second home; those that aren't are easily trained. An adult dog has a larger bladder and can go for longer periods of time without relief.
3. **Experience.** Most senior Goldens have been socialized with other animals. They can provide an example and a calming influence to younger dogs.
4. **Tolerance.** Older Goldens are good first dogs for children because they are patient with tail-tugging and rough petting. They'll generally walk away from a rough playing child rather than hurt him.
5. **Companionship.** Senior dogs don't demand constant watchfulness and attention. They're content just to be in the same room while family members are working or relaxing. A Golden Oldie will be more happy with a sedate walk than with intense exercise.
6. **Dignity.** Senior Goldens are generally calmer than young dogs; they won't scare small children or the elderly by jumping up to greet them.
7. **Adaptability.** An adult dog will adapt more easily to changes in your household, such as a new baby, relatives or guests visiting, or being left alone for long periods of time.
8. **WYSIWYG** (What You See Is What You Get). A senior dog is fully grown, and most of its health history is known (hereditary diseases, arthritis, hip dysplasia are some). There are no guesses about how big it will get, whether it will bark a lot, or what its energy level will be.
9. **Personality.** A senior dog arrives with its own set of likes (e.g., soft places, belly rubs, tennis balls) and dislikes (e.g., cauliflower, squirrels, vacuum cleaners), and each one is different. Discovering all the facets of a senior's personality makes life with them truly enjoyable.
10. **Memories.** Even if you have a senior Golden as part of your life for only a few years, or for just a few months, the days and adventures you share are precious. The love you receive will more than compensate for the sadness of eventually losing such a wonderful companion.