

## ***Rycroft Goldens***

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### ***Companion Puppy Sales Contract***

**Mike and Carol Abernathy, dba Rycroft Goldens**, agree to sell a golden retriever puppy on *Limited Registration\** for the sum of \$1000 to:

**Buyer/s:**

**Address:**

**Phone/s:**

**E-mail:**

**Terms of sale:**

- Sellers assure Buyer/s, to the best of our knowledge on the date of purchase, that the puppy is a healthy, active puppy, is considered a good representative of the breed and is structurally and temperamentally suitable for companionship, obedience, agility or hunting activities. (Limited Registration\* prevents competition in AKC sanctioned conformation shows and registration of any offspring.)
- Sellers assure Buyer that the parents (**Ch. Bravo Rycroft's A Wrink L N Thyme x Ch. MWM Rycroft's Chasin' Glory**) of this puppy have been screened and found free of the standard genetic disorders associated with this breed in an effort to produce healthy puppies; however, no guarantee is given that such genetic disorders will not occur. In the event that such a disorder occurs and requires surgery or extensive medical care as stated by an attending veterinarian, the Seller agrees to help with expenses up to \$600. This offer is good for the *first 36 months* of the dog's life.
- Seller assures that the puppies were raised in a carefully controlled environment with an eye toward preparing them for family life.
- Buyer/s agree/s to reserve puppy by providing a nonrefundable but tax deductible deposit in the amount of a \$200 cashier's check made payable to The University of Minnesota (Dani Cancer Research Fund #2001) and the balance of \$800 due upon transfer of the puppy.

- Buyer/s will have a health examination by their vet at their expense ***within the first 14 days*** from date of transfer.
- Buyer/s may return puppy for complete refund for any reason within the ***first 14 days*** from date of transfer.
- Buyer/s will house the dog primarily at the buyer's home and the dog will be provided climate controlled shelter from weather extremes, a securely fenced yard for play, and proper training suitable for a companion dog. ***Under no circumstances will the dog be allowed to roam freely.***
- Buyer/s also agree/s to maintain the dog's health and weight by providing proper exercise, quality food and fresh water on a daily basis.
- Buyer/s will continue regular health checks, including but not limited to complete vaccination series, annual veterinary exams, heartworm prevention, parasite control and any other standard treatment recommended by their veterinarian, for the duration of the dog's life.
- Buyer/s will register the puppy within the ***first six months*** using the prefix ***Rycroft*** and incorporate the word/theme ***Thyme*** in the registered name.
- Buyer/s will provide Sellers a copy of the final registration form.
- Buyer/s agree/s to spay/neuter the dog at the age of ***24 months*** and provide a statement attesting to the surgery from an attending veterinarian unless the Sellers agree to reverse the Limited Registration\*.
- Buyer/s agree/s that this dog will not be bred without Seller's permission. If a breeding does occur, Sellers may, at their option, reclaim the dog.
- Buyer/s will notify Sellers of changes in address or other contact information.
- Buyer/s will notify the Sellers within a week if the dog is ever lost/stolen or upon the death of the dog.
- Buyer/s guarantee/s Sellers right of first refusal at full or partial refund, at seller's discretion, if the dog is to be sold or given up at any time during the dog's lifetime. Sellers will help with placement of dog if unable to accommodate the dog.

**THE BUYER/S HAS/HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND/S THE TERMS LISTED ABOVE AND BY SIGNATURE AGREES TO ALL TERMS CONSTITUTING A LEGAL AND BINDING CONTRACT.**

Buyer's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Seller's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Limited Registrations are provided by the AKC in order to help control the exploding population of purebred dogs. Along with the Golden Retriever Club of America and the AKC, we believe that it is our duty to protect our breed by maintaining healthy stock, free from detectable genetic disorders, which have something special to offer to the future of the breed and have distinguished themselves by earning titles in any or all of the competitive venues. In addition, we believe that breeders should remain ever vigilant and continue their education about developments in the breed, health of puppies produced, and/or the science of detecting disorders.

Limited Registrations hold the same “perks” of full registration except that dogs registered under Limited Registrations may not compete in AKC sanctioned conformation events and their offspring *may not* be registered. These dogs *MAY* compete and earn titles in any other AKC sanctioned event.

In addition, if the breeders deem the puppy deserving of full registration at maturity (24 months), the Limited Registration may be reversed and full registration received. Those of you who find yourself bitten by the dog show bug should feel free to contact us for an evaluation of the dog at the age of 24 months. If the dog appears to have a great deal to offer the breed and is free of detectable genetic disorders, we will be happy to discuss reversing the Limited Registration and welcome you to exciting but expensive world of dog sports.

Regardless of the label “companion” or “show prospect”, your puppy is the product of much thought, planning and careful consideration. You will have some freedom in choosing your puppy, but you must be willing to

allow us to guide you. After all, we have lived closely with this litter for weeks and you have visited a few times or seen a few photos.

You must be very honest with yourself and us about the energy level/personality type you desire in a puppy. Finally, you must understand that while you may want a boy or a girl, we cannot control what appears on the whelping date.

Understand too that we will always reserve our idea of the best puppies for show prospects, but I assure you that even the best breeders are often wrong in the choices they make. The difference in a show prospect and a companion can be a hard thing to discern and often comes down to intuition on the breeders' part.

In the long run, we feel that our companion puppies are the luckiest in the litter since they will hold a special place in the hearts of their families and not have to share their time and attention with a large group of dogs. We look forward to helping you find the perfect match for your family.