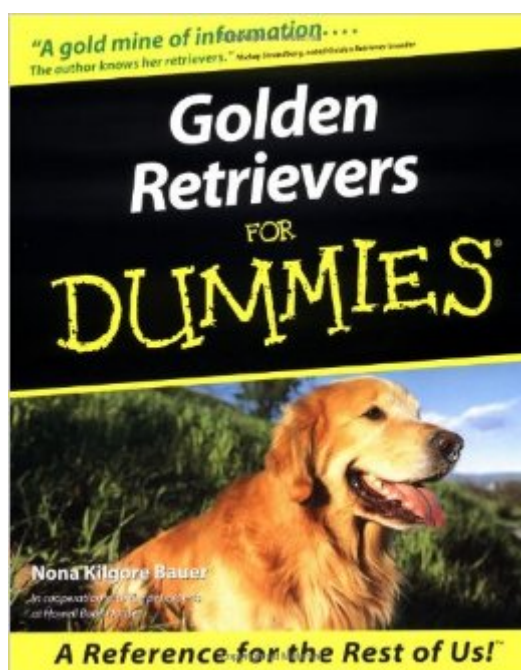


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# Golden Retrievers For Dummies



## Synopsis

For the past decade, the Golden Retriever has ranked among the five most popular breeds registered with the AKC, with more than 65,000 Goldens registered every year. The Golden Retriever's personality is as golden as his outer coat. He was bred to please, and please he does. He started out as a hunting partner who delivered birds to hand and has evolved into modern times delivering whatever suits his owner's fancy. Because Golden Retrievers were originally bred to work in tandem with humans, they are also highly trainable. *Golden Retrievers For Dummies* is intended for busy 21st century dog owners who don't have time to sit down and read through 300 pages at a crack. This is a reference you can jump in and out of as dog questions rear their furry heads. This handy guide is also for you if you own a Golden Retriever or thinking about getting one. You've just brought home a Golden pup. You want to find the best way to raise and train your Golden. You want to help your Golden to not just survive but to thrive. Find out what it takes to own this active, intelligent, and friendly dog. Explore the Golden's personality traits and living requirements. Discover which diseases are hereditary. This reference guide covers all the aspects of dog ownership, including: Looking at breeders, rescue groups, and animal shelters Adopting and caring for older dogs Selecting a puppy with help from an established testing process Dog-proofing your house and yard Crate training, housetraining, and obedience training Canine communication and growing pains Feeding, exercising, and playing with your Golden Dealing with illness, problem behavior, and treatment Grooming for health and beauty If you're serious about this Golden business and not just caving in to the kids or some other wild impulse, follow the advice of responsible dog owners and breeders. Look deep into your dog-loving soul and carefully consider the big picture. Love alone is not enough.

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## Customer Reviews

This woman knows and loves her goldens! What a valuable source of information! I first read it from cover-to-cover the first week I had my Golden Pup home (in between trying to houstrain her and keeping her from chewing on the pages...I had to flip forward to the parts that addressed those issues first!) I have since kept it as a reference to refer to when needed. The book is well laid out, has little tidbits of information that could be used to impress your co-workers and friends with your "golden knowledge", is humorous, heartwarming, and very, very on-target. The author does not sugar-coat anything, and deals with the GOOD and the not-so-good aspects of this breed. I own other books on raising and loving your Golden, but this one's my favorite.

Having been considering a Golden Retriever puppy for some time, I read this book with great interest. There is not a stone left unturned (or toy left unchewed) in the book. The author knows her dogs and covers every aspect of puppyhood and EXACTLY what to expect. If you read this book and follow it's advice, I don't know how you wouldn't end up having a great dog, instead of just a "good" dog. She puts the responsibility squarely on the owner and that you can't just have a casual relationship with your dog. You have to make a commitment to the dog. I have recently adopted an older Golden (thus the reason I bought the book) and while I would love to enjoy a puppy and train it through the years, I also realize it could take more time than I have to give at this moment, so I am extra glad I read the book. As I said, it should be required reading BEFORE anyone considers getting a dog. Also, don't fear, you will not be committing many nights to read the book, it is broken down very well and is a quick read. The dummies books also make it very easy to look up something specific when needed.

The author is a self-avowed golden nut who worships her dogs and lets them sleep in her bed (not as puppies though -- only after her dominance as the alpha dog is gained!). Every owner should have to read this before getting a puppy. Too many people think of puppies as cute little furballs but give little attention to their training. Even these adorable little dogs need strict training and discipline so they can rise to their best behavioral level. You'll learn all the things you SHOULD do to train your dog and many that you shouldn't like rubbing its nose in feces (who ever thought of that!). Obviously, some dog owners must be a bit daft. Do yourself a favor and read this book before committing to raising a puppy. No one should get a puppy unless they are prepared to work at being

a good trainer. Even this forgiving and friendly breed needs structure.

Golden Retrievers for Dummies is a solid contribution to pet maintenance and care. The book is by an author who has owned numerous golden retrievers. It shows here in the text. However, there are dozens of Golden Retriever books on the market, and some say the text is uneven and lacks detail. Many would not recommend the Essential Golden Retriever because of the lack of important information. Well, all of these problems are solved! This book covers every essential fact for someone pondering getting a Golden Retriever. There are many categories to read, including vital health concerns, keeping your dog content, and feeding the correct dietary supplements. Another brief section is about coping with the loss of an animal, and caring for an elderly dog. Yet another talks about Hereditary & Behavior issues. Out of the dozens of books on dogs available, this, without a doubt, would be the unsurpassed choice.

I am a Director of the Golden Retriever Institute ([...]) - one of the world's leading organizations engaged in research into the welfare and training of Golden Retrievers. I can tell you from my experience that this book should be required reading for anyone who is thinking of purchasing a Golden Retriever or already has one. The book does an excellent job of covering the basics of taking care of, maintaining and training Golden Retrievers. The sections on taking care of your Golden Retriever's health and ensuring that it has a long and healthy life are some of the best I have ever seen in books of this genre. And the Part of Tens will give you dozens of ideas regarding fun things you can do with your dog. Strongly recommended.

I bought this and 3 others Golden books, but this is by far, the best I ever see! It covers all aspects for a happy life with a Golden Retriever. The info about house break in and basic training are the most effective. I put in practice with my Golden and for a first time dog owner like me, it worked 100%. The "don't" do part of the book is great! It told me what not to do, and it works more than many oral commands. Thanks to this book, my Golden is a happy, obedient and healthy dog. Even living in Brazil, without much of toys, food, address, etc mentioned in the book, it is a must have book. I highly recommend for the first time Golden owner and for those who already has previously dog experience. And an extra bonus is the excellent price for so many good quality information. I hope the author will bring us another Golden book soon.

After having to say good-bye to my 10-year old Golden on Mother's Day, we decided to make

Father's Day a happier occasion with our new little Golden, "Lucy." I made so many mistakes in the puppy stage with our beloved Chloe and house training took a VERY long time. Lots of damage, messes, etc. This book is extremely helpful in giving simple, understandable instructions on the do's and don'ts of puppyhood. We have had Lucy only 9 days and already she is "getting it" which is so amazing to me! The book is written in a humorous vein and the important points are highlighted so even the biggest idiot can comprehend the mindset necessary for training this gorgeous little new best friend. We have opened our hearts (again) and are soooooo happy we did!

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