

# The best way to buy a Golden Retriever Puppy



## DO



- Be sure, before you start, that you can afford to keep and care for a dog for all of its life
- Ask your Vet about local reputable breeders
- Find a local breeder by contacting your regional Golden Retriever Club via the Kennel Club's listing  
<https://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/services/public/findaclub>
- Only look at reputable, genuine websites
- Check the Kennel Club website or phone them for Assured Breeders of Golden Retrievers that might have puppies available - 0844 4633980
- See the puppies interact with their mother
- Check the conditions they are being reared in are clean and safe and the puppies look healthy
- Ask the breeder if both parents have been thoroughly tested for all the recommended health tests relating to Golden Retrievers
- Play with the puppies to see if they have been socialised with humans and visit several times
- Ensure you are given a Kennel Club Registration Certificate at point of sale

**BUY FROM A  
REPUTABLE BREEDER**

## DON'T



- Don't look for an ad in the newspaper or on a notice board and certainly don't buy a puppy in the Pub
- Don't buy a puppy from abroad (unless it's from a reputable overseas breeder)
- Don't think a cheap price is a bargain. If it seems too good to be true, it probably is. The price of a well-bred puppy will vary, depending on region
- Don't proceed if a breeder can't/won't show you the mother with the puppies
- Don't proceed if a breeder says "I don't health test because I don't have a problem"
- Don't buy a puppy kept in filthy conditions
- Don't take a puppy home under 7 weeks of age
- Don't "rescue" a poorly looking puppy, difficult as it might be to ignore. You may end up costing yourself a lot of money and heartache
- Don't buy a puppy as a surprise present

**DON'T BUY FROM  
A PUPPY FARM OR SHOP**