



**CONARHU**  
GOLDEN RETRIEVERS  
WESTERN AUSTRALIA *Breeding & Grooming*

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## **When you welcome a Conarhu golden retriever to your home you become part of our family.**

Congratulations! You are now the proud owner of a Conarhu Golden Retriever.

We are a home-based breeder in Perth, Western Australia and aim to produce good quality, healthy, social, and sound golden retriever puppies. Getting a puppy is a big step and we would like to help you along the way.

Our puppies are raised in a home environment and receive lots of love, attention, and cuddles until they go to their new homes. Being raised inside a home means puppies are exposed to many different sights and sounds, including music, TV, vacuum cleaners, smells, and general noise, as well as being socialised with other dogs, adults, and young children. This provides the stimulation and experiences which very young puppies need to become happy outgoing dogs and who can be confident in all situations.

The Golden is an alert, active dog, who thrives on human contact and being part of the family. They excel in all types of activities, including obedience, retrieving and agility, and to bring out the best in your dog, enrolment in your local dog club at 3-4 months of age is recommended.

Goldens thrive on love and discipline with a firm NO for unwanted behaviour being adequate. Always be firm but consistent in your handling of your puppy. Remember they learn bad habits just as easily as good habits.

Give your puppy a place of its own to go to i.e. his/her bed. Keep young children under supervision with your puppy, remember it is not a toy and needs regular sleep times and quiet play. Goldens love to be in the house, they need human contact. Also take your puppy in the car whenever possible to train it to accept travel at an early age (preferably on an empty stomach). It is also best to have a heavy container for water as puppies easily overturn or eat plastic containers.

Training your Puppy to fit into your family life is a very rewarding task. If you have young children you must educate them right from the beginning not to think of the puppy as a toy to be played with and



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then thrown away. Children must learn to have a responsible attitude towards their new family member.

Your puppy must also be taught the difference between right and wrong, e.g. Not jumping on the kids and not letting the puppy chew shoes as the puppy doesn't know the difference between a good shoe and an old shoe.

I usually suggest to owners of new puppies to teach the puppy to sit at your feet when he comes to you or the children because a Golden Retriever Puppy doesn't stay a puppy for very long. If he gets into the habit of jumping on you when he is a puppy he will not understand why he can't when he is older.

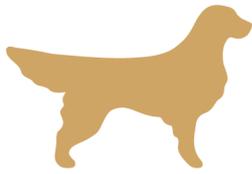
We also recommend you join the Golden Retriever Club of your State, that is a great way to be in contact with other golden retriever owners and breeders and get involved in activities the clubs organise during each year.

You can find information of all Golden Retriever Clubs in Australia at the National Golden Retriever Council Website - [www.ausngrc.org](http://www.ausngrc.org)

For residents of Western Australia, join the GRCWA - [www.grcwa.com](http://www.grcwa.com)

Kind Regards  
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**All Conarhu puppies are registered with the Canine Association of Western Australia on the LIMITED REGISTER.**



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As a concerned breeder, I have taken this step to try to curb indiscriminate breeding practices and to protect my Goldens. The Limited Register is an Official Registration of the CAWA.

A dog registered on the Limited Register is just as good as one registered on the MAIN REGISTER, but a puppy bought as a pet is not always a Show Dog, nor should every dog be bred from (no matter how good its pedigree is).

**A dog on the LIMITED REGISTER CANNOT be exhibited at a Dog Show or have any of its future puppies registered with the CAWA.**

**A dog on the LIMITED REGISTER CAN compete in Official Obedience Trials.**

However, if in the future (BUT BEFORE THE DOG IS 3 YEARS OLD) you feel your dog is a potential show winner or would benefit the breed by producing puppies, it can be TRANSFERRED to the MAIN REGISTER (where these things are permitted) with the WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE BREEDER (this is a CAWA REGULATION).

Transfer fees for this transaction are to be paid by the Purchaser(s).

In order for consideration to be given by me to transfer a puppy to the MAIN REGISTER, we would require that the puppy is 12 months of age or older and that it is tested for the hereditary defects known to affect the breed at that time. These include, but are not limited to hips, eyes, and elbows.

We also reserve the right to request any further tests to be carried out. Please note that the final decision regarding transfer rests with the breeders and that we may choose not to have the puppy transferred to the main register for any reason. The use of the LIMITED REGISTER is to protect you, the purchaser, your new puppy, and we as the breeder. It can always be changed subject to our approval and to the aforementioned criteria being satisfactory.

So please take your puppy home and enjoy it for what he/she is,  
**A BEAUTIFUL, HAPPY, FUN LOVING, GOLDEN RETRIEVER.**



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## **HOUSE TRAINING**

Puppies, like babies, have no control over their bladders and need to relieve themselves many times. They need to go outside when they wake up, straight after eating, and after an active play, and when they start to wander round sniffing with an expression on their face that you soon get used to !!! They tend to want to go the the toilet about 2-5 minutes after eating and sleeping. When you take your puppy outside, I tend to stay with the puppy until it does what he has to and then give lots of praise, then taking puppy back inside as its reward.

## **IMMUNISATION**

Your puppy has been vaccinated at 6wks of age.

He/She will need another at 10wks of age which is our vet's protocol. Check with your own vet what their protocol is as it might be different so you need to discuss it with them. We have included the protocol of our vet's vaccination.

## **WORMING - INTESTINAL**

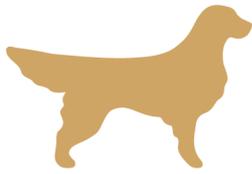
Your Puppy has been wormed at 2, 4, 6, 8, wks using Drontal All Wormer.  
They will need to be done at 10 and 12 weeks of age, then every 3 months.

## **HEART WORM**

There are 3 choices for Heart Worm Preventative – Daily, Monthly, Yearly.  
Monthly or Yearly is recommended, again talk to your vet.

## **BONES**

Marrow bones are good for your puppy as they exercise your puppy's jaws and help keep teeth clean. Raw Chicken Wings, and when older Raw Chicken Frames, are also good for cleaning teeth.  
Your Puppy is used to having Raw Chicken Wing Tips, (Woolworths). These are just the tips of the wings which are very soft and juicy and puppies love them.



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## **WATER**

Fresh water must be available at all times.

## **GROOMING**

Your puppy will love being groomed. From the early age of 8 wks you can check their ears, clean them if necessary, play with their feet so when the time comes to trim their nails you won't have a fight on your hands. When grooming you can check for grass seeds and ticks

Conarhu Golden Retrievers also offers a grooming service exclusively for golden retrievers. We offer a Puppy Package tailored specifically to get your puppy used to the grooming process. The sooner you start, the better. Get in touch to book regular appointments so your puppy gets used to all the tools, including dryer, scissors and brushes. A golden puppy who learns to enjoy grooming is an easier dog to maintain in the future.

## **BEDDING**

Puppy's bed must be warm and free from any kind of dampness or draughts. Your puppy's bed was on a raised dog bed (Metal Frame Beds City Farmers).



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## GROWTH CHART

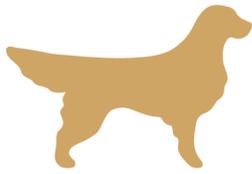
A golden retriever's growth throughout different stages of its puppyhood can be so irregular that it's easy to wonder if something is wrong. In general, the answer is no; growth is not linear for any breed of dog, but instead occurs in spurts throughout the first 24 months of life. Nevertheless, it is important to carefully monitor your puppy during this delicate stage of its life, so it is both fun and educational to know the growth sequence of your golden retriever.

The goal is to produce a slow rate of growth for puppies. The purpose of the slowed growth rate is to permit the healthiest possible development of bones and joints. Rapid growth has been proven to be linked to a greater incidence and severity of orthopedic disease such as hip and elbow dysplasia, and panosteitis. Faster growing pups are also more likely to sustain soft tissue injuries during play or exercise. Additionally, there is preliminary evidence that heavier pups may be at increased risk for developing cancer later in life.

Dog growth occurs in spurts and depends on the individual—no dog will exactly match the averages in the following chart. Growing too quickly is caused by overfeeding and low-quality food. When you read the ingredients on your puppy's dog food, the first ingredient should be an animal protein. If your puppy looks like it is gaining fat, cut back on the food.

### Golden Retriever Growth Chart - interim

Age Months	Male Range	Male average	Female Range	Female Average	% Adult weight (approx)
1	2-3.5	3.0	1.8- 2.8	2.5	10
2	5-8	6.5	4-7	6.0	22
3	9-13	12	7- 10	9	40
4	14-18	16	12-15	13	50
5	18-21	20	15-18	16	60
6	20-24	23	18-20	19	70
7	24-26	25	20-22	21	80
8	25-28	27	22-24	23	85
9	27-30	29	23-26	25	90
10	28-31	30	24-27	26	92
11	29-32	31	25-28	27	95
12	30-33	32	26-29	28	95
18	32-36	34	27-29	28	98
24	32-38	35	28-30	29	98
36	32-38	36	28-32	30	100



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## HEALTHY VS HARMFUL FOODS

### Healthy

Acai berries	Leafy greens
Alfalfa	Mango
Apples (not the seeds!)	Nectarines
Asparagus	Oats
Bananas	Olive oil
Barley	Oranges
<b>BEANS</b>	Organ meat: Liver, tripe, tongue, gizzard, heart
Beef	Papaya
Blackberries	<b>PARSLEY</b>
Blueberries	Peaches (not the pits!)
Bran (cereal, oats, rice, wheat)	Peanut butter (salt/sugar-free)
Bread (whole grain)	Pears
Broccoli	Peas
<b>BROTH</b> (chicken, beef)	Pheasant
Brussel sprouts	Pineapple
Buffalo	Pork
Cabbage	Potatoes
Cantaloupe	Pumpkin
<b>CARROTS</b>	Quinoa
<b>CELERY</b>	Rabbit
Cheese	Radishes
Chicken	Raspberries
Cinnamon	<b>RICE</b>
Coconut meat	Sardines
Coconut water	Salmon
Corn	Sprouts
Cranberries	Squash
Cucumber	Strawberries
Eggplant	Sweet potatoes
Eggs	Turkey
Eggshells (finely ground)	Venison
Flax oil	Watermelon
Fish oil	Yams
Honeydew melon	Yogurt (plain)
Kiwi	Zucchini
Lamb	

### Harmful

Alcohol	
Aloe Vera Plant	
Apple seeds	
Avocado (pits, skin, leaves, & stems)	
Baking powder & soda	
<b>BEER</b>	
Caffeine	
Candy	
Chives	
Chocolate (esp. dark)	
Coffee	
<b>FAT TRIMMINGS</b>	
Fruit Pits (apricots, peaches, plums, cherries, etc.)	
<b>GARLIC</b>	
<b>GRAPES</b>	
Hops	
<b>ICE CREAM</b>	
Leeks	
Medicine for Humans	
Milk	
Moldy Foods	
Mushrooms	
Mustard seeds	
Nutmeg	
<b>NUTS (ESP. MACADAMIA)</b>	
<b>ONIONS</b>	
Potato leaves, peelings, & stems	
Raisins	
Rhubarb	
Salt	
Sugar	
Tea	
<b>TOMATO</b> (unripe fruit, leaves, stems)	
Vitamins for humans (especially iron!)	
Xylitol (in gum)	
Yeast dough	