

British-Style Golden Retrievers in North America (BGNA)

Guidelines for Website Listings

Effective August 2020

We are not listing Litters or Stud Dogs at this time.

However, all Breeders applying to be listed must comply with all of the following criteria. Thank you for your understanding.

The BGNA Website provides a reference guide to reputable breeders in the United States and Canada who are breeding Golden Retrievers of the "British-style." The criteria for being listed is as follows:

- I. **BREEDER LISTINGS:** Breeders who meet the criteria below and have an approved Breeder Application on file with the website staff, will be posted on the BGNA Website.
 - A. **Breeder Qualifications:** Breeders should be active in their local and/or national dog community, routinely follow the code of ethics of the Golden Retriever Club of America (GRCA) and/or the Golden Retriever Club of Canada (GRCC), and follow accepted breeding and selling practices, such as:
 1. **Contracts:** Breeders should provide their buyers with a written sales contract describing the terms and conditions, and any guarantees offered. Breeders should have buyers sign the contract before release of the puppy, keep the original, and sign a copy for the buyer.
 2. **Non-breeding Puppies - US Litters:** US sales contracts typically include a spay/neuter clause for puppies not intended for breeding, except for puppies sold to those who wish to compete in CKC performance events. Breeders should discuss spay/neuter agreements and AKC Limited Registration with potential buyers well in advance of purchase.
 3. **Non-breeding Puppies - Canadian Litters:** Canadian sales contracts typically include a spay/neuter clause for puppies not intended for breeding. These puppies are often sold on CKC Non-breeding Agreement, except for puppies sold to those who wish to compete in AKC events. In addition, those sold for CKC conformation competition or breeding are often also sold on a CKC Non-breeding Agreement until certain conditions are met, such as obtaining clearances, titles, etc. Breeders should discuss spay/neuter agreements and the CKC Non-breeding Agreement with potential buyers well in advance of purchase.

B. **Making Application:** Breeders may apply by sending their name, kennel prefix, address, phone, email, website (if applicable), and the name and email address of one or more references to britishgoldens.org@gmail.com. Unless requested by the breeder, neither the breeder's address nor their phone number will be posted on the BGNA Website.

II. **LITTER LISTINGS:** Litters meeting the criteria below will be posted on the BGNA Website, at the discretion of the website staff, from breeders who have an approved Breeder Application on file with the website staff.

A. **Bloodlines:** Litters offered must represent puppies that are at least 1/4 UK, European, and/or Australian bloodlines.

B. **Litter Ownership:** The person submitting the listing must be the owner, co-owner, or lessee of the bitch, and be the person responsible for the screening and selection of buyers, and the follow-up and support after the sale.

C. **Age:** The sire and dam of the litters listed must be at least 2 years of age at the time of the breeding with full clearances.

D. **Genetic Health:**

Litter sires and dams should be of sound temperament and free from recurring seizures, hypothyroidism, swallowing disorders, and allergies.

Litter sires and dams must have the recommended normal examination reports, customary for their country of residence, for hips, elbows, and hearts, and a "CERF-able" ophthalmologist report (minimum age, 12 months) within 12 months of the breeding. With the exception of the cardiac examination, the sire and dam must be at least 24 months of age at the time of these examinations, regardless of the screening organization. Cardiac examinations may be done as early as 12 months. For litters by frozen semen, elbow information is waived for deceased stud dogs born prior to 1995.

E. **Preparing the Litter Listing Application:** An application form is available on the website for download which requests the following information:

1. Breeder's name, kennel prefix, address, phone, email, and website (if applicable). Unless requested by the breeder, neither the breeder's address nor their phone number will be posted on the BGNA Website.

2. For both the sire and dam:
 - a. Registered Name
 - b. Photo
 - c. K9data link
 - d. Normal hip, elbow, eye, and heart examination information.
3. Approximate or actual whelp date
4. The litter's k9data "Test Breeding" link, if available.

Litters by Frozen Semen: Elbow information is waived for deceased sires born prior to 1995. Eye information for deceased sires will be considered on a case by case basis.

- F. **Submitting the Application:** Applications need to be submitted by email to britishgoldens.org@gmail.com. Copies of OFA and CERF reports need not be submitted since they can be verified on the OFA database at <https://www.ofa.org/>. Copies of all other reports need to be submitted with the listing application, either as digital email attachments or photocopies by regular mail. (Address provided on request).
 - G. **Listing Duration:** Once the Litter Application is approved and pregnancy of the bitch is confirmed, the litter will be posted on the website. Unless the breeder requests an extension, the litter will be posted for 3 months and then automatically removed. The breeder should notify the website staff when the puppies are whelped and when all puppies are sold.
 - H. **Limits:** Breeders will be limited to three (3) BGNA Website litter listings per calendar year.
- III. **STUD DOG LISTINGS:** Stud Dogs that are at least 1/4 UK, European, and/or Australian bloodlines will be listed on the BGNA Website, at the discretion of the website staff, from breeders who have an approved Breeder Application and an approved Stud Dog Application on file. Stud Dog listings must meet the criteria above for litter sires and dams. An application form is provided on the website for download. For offerings of frozen semen: Elbow information is waived for deceased stud dogs born prior to 1995. Eye information for deceased stud dogs will be considered on a case by case basis.
- IV. **APPLICATION REVIEW:** Litter, and Stud Dog Applications that are 100% complete, submitted with OFA numbers, or with clearances as email attachments,

and are ultimately approved, should be posted by the website staff within one week. Other situations might take longer.

Breeder, Litter, and Stud Dog listing applicants will be notified if their application has been not accepted and why, giving them the opportunity to make changes and resubmit.

- V. **CONTENT APPROVAL:** The website staff is ultimately responsible for the website content and may refuse any material which is outside these guidelines, or is otherwise unacceptable.

- VI. **LISTING REVIEW:** Website visitors will be advised to educate themselves before contacting breeders, and to contact the website staff if they have any questions. Any listing which ultimately proves to be false, misleading, or contrary to these guidelines will be removed, and further privileges questioned.