

British-Style Golden Retrievers in North America (BGNA)

LISTING GUIDELINES

Guidelines for Breeder, Litter and Stud Dog Listings

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The BGNA Website provides a reference guide to reputable Breeders, Litters and Stud Dogs of “British style” in the United States and Canada. The listing criteria are 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 (<https://www.britishgoldens.org/>)
 - A. **Breeder Requirements:** Breeders must 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.
 - B. **Making Application:** A Breeder Application is available on the website for download. Breeders may apply by sending their completed application, including 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.
 - C. **Updates:** Breeders must notify the website staff at britishgoldens.org@gmail.com of any changes to their listing information and/or breeding status. BGNA provides website visitors with a list of (1) **reputable** breeders who are (2) **still breeding** along with their (3) **current** contact information.

- 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. A Litter Application is available on the website for download
 - A. **Bloodlines:** Litters offered must represent puppies that are at least 1/4 UK, European, Australian and/or New Zealand 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 - including 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.
- D. **Genetic Health and Temperament:** Litter sires and dams should be of sound temperament and free from recurring seizures, hypothyroidism, swallowing disorders and allergies. It is strongly advised that both the sire and dam be DNA tested for known issues in the breed.
1. 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 / CAER" ophthalmologist report within 12 months of the breeding.
 2. With the exception of the cardiac examination, which may be done as early as 12 months, the sire and dam must be at least 24 months of age at the time of these examinations.
- E. **Submitting the Application:** Completed applications need to be submitted by email to britishgoldens.org@gmail.com.
- F. **Listing Duration:** Once the pregnancy of the bitch is confirmed and the application approved, the litter notice will be posted on the website as a line item under the Breeders Kennel on the Breeder List page. The breeder should notify the website staff when all puppies are sold.
- III. **STUD DOG LISTINGS:** Stud Dog(s) must be at least 24 months old with verifiable health testing. Stud Dogs that are at least 1/2 UK, European, Australian and/or New Zealand bloodlines will be listed on the BGNA Website at the discretion of the website staff from breeders who have an approved Breeder Application on file. A Stud Dog listing application form is provided on the website for download. At least one high resolution photo (2-3 if you would like a slide show format) must be included with the application.

Note: For offerings of **frozen semen from deceased stud dogs**, whether it be associated with a Stud Dog or a Litter listing, all health information regarding listing approvals will be considered on a case by case basis.

- IV. **APPLICATION APPROVALS:** Breeder, Litter and Stud Dog Applications that are 100% complete with verifiable information are ultimately approved and 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 not been 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 REVIEWS:** Any listing which ultimately proves to be false, misleading, or contrary to these guidelines will be removed, and further privileges questioned.

Website visitors will be advised to educate themselves before contacting breeders, and to contact the website staff if they have any questions or concerns.