

## **You and your new puppy.... Now what?**

**“The foundation of trust and training that you build during the pup’s first weeks in your home will determine the dog’s patterns of behavior for the rest of it’s life.” - *“The Golden Retriever”* by Jeffrey Pepper**

In the following pages, I have provided you with some pertinent information about the newest member of your family – your new Golden Retriever pup! Please take the time to read and refer back to these pages as needed. Some of the following information pertains to this litter of pups specifically. My first word of advice is to read up on Golden Retrievers, especially if you are new to the breed. To those that have a Golden, you already know they are sweet, fun loving, athletic and intuitive.

**Collar color:**

**Birth date:**

**Birth time:**

**Birth order:**

**Dam:**

**Sire:**

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**“He is your friend, your partner, your defender, your dog. You are his life, his love his leader. He will be yours, faithful and true, to the last beat of his heart. You owe it to him to be worthy of such devotion.”**

**--Anonymous**

### **The first few days....**

The first few days, the pup will really miss it's littermates and be confused with its new living situation. The first few nights, the pup will probably howl itself to sleep if left alone. This is natural. As difficult as this may be, you may either tend to the pup and sleep near it for a couple of nights as many do or isolate the pup from your sleeping area and avoid tending to him during this time and he will soon learn that howling is not the way to get attention. Either way – it's your call. After a few nights, the pup will get accustomed to its new surroundings.

The pup is teething at this time and will continue to do so until the baby teeth are slowly replaced by their adult teeth by 6-7 months of age. It is important that any little children in the house avoid the pup's mouth area. The pup is looking for anything to relieve the soreness of the mouth. Be sure to provide plenty of toys such as Nylabone. If the pup is caught chewing on something inappropriate, use a firm voice and say "No" and quickly replace it with an approved teething toy while changing your voice to upbeat and cheerful.

### **Naming your Pup:**

Consider both a registration and a call name for your pup. When you register your pup with the American Kennel Club he will need a unique name since thousands of pups are registered annually. The call name is the pup's everyday name and is usually a part of the registration name. For example, the pup's mother Justice's AKC name is Liberty and Justice for All IV. And the pup's father Micah's AKC name is Mighty Micah of Kelly Meadow.

You will receive your registration application when you provide me with evidence of spay/neuter. (Your vet will have a recommendation on when to do that.) The AKC registration is very important and I highly recommend you do it when you receive the application from me. It contains a great deal of information about your pup and it's lineage and is also your proof of purchase, since it transfers title of the dog from me to you.

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