

# About Goldendoodles...

## Traits:

One of the most popular mixed breeds, Goldendoodles are a highly affectionate crossbreed known for their intelligence and loyalty to their humans. Active and playful, doodles fit in well with families and are great for first-time dog owners.

The beloved Goldendoodle, a golden retriever and poodle hybrid, earns popularity points for his affectionate nature as well as his beautiful and allergen-friendly coat.

Available in both the larger standard size and as a smaller miniature, Goldendoodles are playful yet gentle dogs that crave human interaction. They do best with daily walks or outdoor play sessions to fill their physical fitness needs.

Both of their parent breeds are friendly and highly intelligent, making Goldendoodles ideal for families with small children, first-time dog owners, as well as emotional support and therapy dogs.

## Social:

As extremely affectionate dogs, they love to socialize and rarely meet a human or fellow animal they don't like—even smaller critters like cats. Simply put, they love attention and they will pay you back with affection

## Coats and Care:

While the teddy bear gold hue might be the most popular, breeding can also result in black, white, brown, cream, and red Goldendoodles.

Perhaps one of the biggest appeals of Goldendoodles is their "hypoallergenic" coat. As a descendant of the poodle, a popular option for dog owners with allergies, a Goldendoodle doesn't shed much, which means they can be a good fit for people who tend to sneeze or itch around pups.

A Goldendoodle can have very curly, poodle-like locks or inherit a more wavy mane from their retriever parent. Despite their allergen-friendly fur, doodles have a double coat that consists of a dense undercoat of short hairs beneath a top coat of longer hairs, called guard hairs. Dogs with this layered fur need regular brushing.

## Training:

They're incredibly trainable, thanks to the big brains they inherit from both parents. Both poodles and golden retrievers score in the top five of the 150 smartest dog breeds, according to the Goldendoodle Association of North America. So while playful, with the proper training these pups are obedient and can learn some fun tricks, too

## Exercise

A Goldendoodle is active and does well with regular exercise. He has the build to take whatever you dish out, so bring him jogging, hiking, swimming whatever you like to do.

They also love mental challenges that are just as taxing. For example, give him a toy stuffed with food, rather than food in a bowl, and make him work for it – he'll love it!

## Health and Life Expectancy:

You can avoid many health issues by taking your dog to the vet regularly, making sure they get lots of exercise, and feeding them a high-quality diet.

Goldendoodles tend to be lively and strong due to mixing of two breeds, the chance of the puppies being prone to certain breed related diseases and health issues is greatly reduced and it is common for them to live 12 - 15 years.



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