GOLDEN DOODLE

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The Breed

A Goldendoodle is a Golden Retriever and Poodle cross. Goldendoodles have been bred in North America and Australia since the early to mid-1990's. As the smaller poodle hybrids had been such a success in filling the niche for small, allergy friendly family pets, Golden Retriever breeders decided to try a breeding with a standard poodle for a larger family pet. The quick rise of the popularity of Goldendoodles is due to the dogs themselves. They are a most marvelous hybrid.

Appearance

The size of the Dood depends on its parentage. A general rule of thumb is to add both the parents weights together and divide by 2 to get an average adult weight on the puppies. Within any litter there may be puppies that fall above or below the projected adult weights.

- Standard - A Goldendoodle that is predicted to be 45 lbs or more at adulthood.
- Medium - A Goldendoodle that is predicted to be 30-45 lbs at adulthood.
- Mini and Micro - A Goldendoodle that is predicted to be 15-30 lbs at adulthood.

Coat

Like many poodle crosses, most Goldendoodles are light to non-shedding, and most live easily with families with allergies. Families with moderate to severe allergies often find that Goldendoodle backcrosses work best (F1B).

Care

As a hybrid cross, Goldendoodles will inherit fur that looks retriever-like, or poodle-like, but usually something in-between. Unclipped Goldendoodles will have hair about 4-7 inches long, shorter on the face and longer on the body, tail and legs. They require combing every few weeks. Depending on how often the dog is groomed, clipped Goldendoodles are groomed several times a year.

The backcross (F1b) Goldendoodle is produced by crossing an F1 Goldendoodle with a Poodle. These dogs will have a higher success rate for non-shedding, and are recommended for families with moderate to severe allergies.

TEMPERAMENT: Goldendoodles are an intelligent and obedient family companion. They are everybody's friend and devoted to their family. They are friendly towards children, other dogs and pets, and easy with strangers. They are social dogs, happiest when with people. They are likely to get into mischief and develop behavior problems if they spend most of their lives alone. Their intelligence, eagerness to please, and love of learning make them very easy to train. They are medium-to large sized family dogs with easy dispositions.