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DOMGOLD GOLDEN RETRIEVERS

"Lucky" OAKLASS DON CDX, "Lady" CH RAMGOLD RODIANI
& "Nicole" DOMGOLD NICOLE D'SUNSHINE.

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The 8 Lucky and family's commonly most asked questions:

1. *Is Lucky the dog that carries the mobile phone in the TV advertisements for Teleshop?* Yes...and if you see him please have him call home soon since he's taken my Micro Tac II!
2. *Will they bite?* No...but they'll sure energetically jump, gum, slurp and slobber you with love if you give them the slightest chance!
3. *How much do they eat?* Between the Dog biscuits; Vitamins; Dry Food with extra goodies (let's face it, Meat-Chicken-Fish); Milk; Bones and Birthdays or after a busy day at work, about S\$100+ each per month...come to think of it, they're eating better than us!
4. *How long did it take to train them?* Lucky, daily from age 4 months until about 15 months of obedience and agility (always play time); Lady and Nicole, both daily for 10 weeks training from 5 months old and play time with Lucky daily...it is actually a life long process, best started young where they learn social etiquette; computer trained for info technology "surfing" on the communication superhighway and a career so their owner can retire early!
5. *Are they good watchdogs?* Although their big size and initial barking might scare an intruder, the typical Golden Retriever is very friendly, gentle, loving and committed to carrying things around in its mouth...woops there goes the intruder's flashlight!
6. *Doesn't the hot weather bother them?* Most Goldens shed quite a bit and since it's hot their undercoat (as we laymen understand it) doesn't grow out in spite of our best attempts to get them looking prim and proper for competition...actually Goldens love to get wet and swim so with water on the property count on them to be wet and muddy and spending more time in the pool than us!

7. *We've seen Golden Retrievers in Annie, the Musical; at some SPCA events; at the Singapore Film Festival; on CNN; in the paper for Friskies and at the SKC Championship Dog Shows, are they yours? Yes...and the moral of the story is dogs love to go for car rides, happily getting into our vehicle anytime and anywhere we're off to so that's why I bought a Harley Davidson Motorcycle!*
8. *We're thinking about buying a dog and wonder what's the best breed? If you want a great pet, obedience/agility/show competitor, a jogging and swimming companion with a flair for the TV, the stage and commercials why not try a Golden Retriever...ssshhh don't tell our guys or else we'll never hear the end of it!*

What is a Golden Retriever...with compliments of the Golden Retriever Club Inc.?

The Golden Retriever was developed in Scotland and England in the late 19th century for retrieving wildfowl on land and water. Its physical characteristics and willing and trainable nature have also suited it well as a pet, obedience, agility or show dog, as well as guide dog. The Golden Retriever is a "natural" dog needing no surgical alterations to ears or tails and no exotic grooming to keep it looking characteristic of the breed. The Golden Retriever has a normal canine structure without distortions of leg, jaw or tail and is characteristically a healthy, sturdy and adaptable animal. Basic grooming for a Golden Retriever should take no more than 20 to 30 minutes a week. The mature male Golden Retriever is ideally from 22 to 24 inches tall at the shoulder and weighs 70 to 80 lbs (32-37 kgs). Bitches, 20-22 inches tall at the shoulder and 60-70 lbs (27-32 kgs). The build is sturdy and muscular, but neither massive like a Newfoundland nor over refined like a Setter. The head is broad and well proportioned with a kindly expression. The coat which is one of the most characteristic features of the breed is a "double coat" with a thick, weather proof top coat and a dense, soft undercoat. There are featherings of longer hair on the backs of the legs, on the neck and chest and on the tail. The adult coat may range from light to dark golden, and a golden body colour with a light feathering is quite common. The physical characteristics of the Golden Retriever are described fully in the Breed Standard, Appendix A.



An Introduction to Domgold Golden Retrievers...Lucky (Dad), Lady (Mom) and daughter Nicole

We had the wonderful experience last year of breeding our Golden Retrievers, Lucky and Lady. Quite a lot of work as a leisure activity to us since my wife and I both have professional careers of our own. We prepared a booklet for each new owner giving details on the new puppy, like background on the Mom and Dad, recommended Diet, Vaccination records, information on PPD Registration and the SKC, Pedigree documentation and some pictures to remember the happy day when the puppy left for their new home. We've taken the liberty to use the same information and share with you something about our Goldens.

LUCKY.....came to us at 8 weeks from Sydney. You'll note his background in Marigold Timson's book, *A Dog Owners Guide To Golden Retrievers*, and see along the way in his Pedigree the Camrose line which she shows in her pictures of all time Champs. Lucky has been a very Lucky Dog! He's played the lead in the Musical, Annie, been the Friskies' Dog and done many TV and news Commercials (e.g. Teleshop recent TV, newspaper and PR adverts in their Singapore Shops as well as Motorola's CNN TV Commercial carrying a phone). Additionally, he's achieved the highest level of Obedience, namely qualified 3 times in Open Obedience competition for his CDX. However, he's best known for his love of Agility and has been Agility Dog of the Year three times. A happy guy who loves people and playing.



LADY.....came to us 3 years after we imported Lucky. She arrived at almost 8 weeks, from Sydney also, and it was love at first sight for Lucky...the lonely guy up until then. She's from the Styal Pedigree line which is pictured in Marigold Timson's book. We have been showing Lady at SKC Championship Shows and she's picked up her Champion Certificate. She also starred as the first dog that was brought on stage in Annie and is always part of the gang when he's doing his thing, like standing in for Lucky before the camera or attempting Agility runs.



Both, as a pair, won the Brace Stakes at the AKC Show in 1992 and she's also qualified in Novice Obedience first time out. Being a Lady she's more reserved and we'll take it easy on her intensive training but a beautiful dog and first class Mom.



NICOLE.....was born August 18th 1994 in Lady & Lucky's first litter. She was one of 6 in the litter which comprised of 2 males and 4 females. She's a really beautiful mix of both the Mother and Father and we're looking forward to training and showing her along with the parents in the coming years at the SKC Championship Shows where we'll, hopefully, be seeing their sons and daughters.



We love them all and sincerely appreciate the opportunity to share them with *Dogtalk*.

Lucky break in Annie for Golden Retriever

(The Straits Times, Saturday, May 23, 1992.)



■ IT WAS literally a Lucky day.

A three-year-old Golden Retriever named Lucky has been chosen to be one of two dogs who will play Sandy, little orphan Annie's dog, in Annie, The Musical.

The other dog has yet to be chosen.

The two will join the American cast of National Touring Musicals, which will stage the musical from June 9 to 15 at the World Trade Centre Harbour Pavilion.

Lucky, a half-metre tall pure bred, is no stranger to show business, having taken part in dog shows and commercials. Chosen from five dogs at an audition, he had to undergo an obedience and temperament test.

But Lucky still has one more test to pass. He will have to respond well to 10-year-old actress Sara Zelle, who plays Annie. Then he will get to appear on stage for five to ten minutes while the other dog will be a stand-in.

Lucky belongs to Mr Thomas Doehrman, 43, a company director, and his wife Madam Lim Ai Wah, who works in an insurance company. Madam Lim said of Lucky: "He's a show-off who really likes children. The only problem may be he's so obedient that it's difficult to get him to respond to a stranger."

Top dog ... three-year-old Lucky and his proud owner Thomas Doehrman at the audition yesterday.



BREED STANDARD FOR THE GOLDEN RETRIEVER

GENERAL APPEARANCE: Symmetrical, balanced, active, powerful, level mover; sound with kindly expression.

CHARACTERISTICS: Biddable, intelligent and possessing natural working ability.

TEMPERAMENT: Kindly, friendly and confident.

HEAD AND SKULL: Balanced and well chiselled, skull broad without coarseness; well set on neck, muzzle powerful, wide and deep. Length of foreface approximately equals length from well defined stop to occiput. Nose preferably black.

EYES: Dark brown, set well apart, dark rims.

EARS: Moderate size, set on approximate level with eyes.

MOUTH: Jaws strong, with a perfect, regular and complete scissor bite, i.e. upper teeth closely overlapping lower teeth and set square to the jaws.

NECK: Good length, clean and muscular.

FOREQUARTERS: Forelegs straight with good bone, shoulders well laid back, long in blade with upper arm of equal length placing legs well under body. Elbows close fitting.

BODY: Balanced, short coupled, deep through heart. Ribs deep, well sprung. Level topline.

HINDQUARTERS: Loin and legs strong and muscular, good second thighs, well bent stifles. Hocks well let down, straight when viewed from rear, neither turning in nor out. Cowhocks highly undesirable.

FEET: Round and cat-like.

TAIL: Set on and carried level with back, reaching to hocks, without curl at tip.

GAIT/MOVEMENT: Powerful with good drive. Straight and true in front and rear. Stride long and free with no sign of hackney action in front.

COAT: Flat or wavy with good feathering, dense water-resisting undercoat.

COLOUR: Any shade of gold or cream, neither red or mahogany. A few white hairs on chest only, permissible.

SIZE: Height at withers: dogs: 56-61 cm (22-24 ins); bitches: 51-56 cm (20-22 ins).

FAULTS: Any departure from the foregoing points should be considered a fault and the seriousness with which the fault should be regarded should be in exact proportion to its degree.

NOTE: Male animals should have two apparently normal testicles fully descended into the scrotum.

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REMINDER TO MEMBERS

We would like to remind our Members, once more, that whilst in public areas, all dogs must be leashed and under the control of a handler at all times. Please also do remember that owners must clean up and properly dispose of any fouling by their dogs.