

Yorkbeach Puppies

About us

www.yorkbeach.co.uk

We have been breeding since 2009 and have had 12 previous litters (four with Florence's grandma, four with mother, three with her and one with her half niece). We aim to breed golden retrievers that have a lovely temperament and a golden colour. We are a member of The Golden Retriever Club, The Golden Retriever Club of Wales and of Champdogs. We were also long time members of the Kennel Club Assured Breeder Scheme until the scheme ended.

Four dogs we bred have been Assistance Dogs with Dogs for Good (Dogs for the Disabled as was) and six dogs have qualified as Therapy Dogs, including Florence. We train our own dogs for the Kennel Club Good Citizen awards. Elsa, Daisy, Florence and Gemma all made the Gold award.

Getting to know you

Once the mum to be has had a scan confirming she is pregnant (or sometimes earlier if we are already in touch), we ask anyone who has not had a puppy from us before to complete a questionnaire. Aside from the fact that we are looking for people who have the time and inclination to provide a loving lifelong home, there are no right and wrong answers, just honest ones. We then invite potential new owners to join us for a walk with the mum to be and our other dogs, if any. Currently we just have Florence. We hope that you enjoy your time with her and this gives you a good idea of what to expect for the future. Puppies do not stay puppies for long!

Special care

Soon after they are born, we name our puppies and give them nail varnish identity markings. Each puppy is special to us and we love getting to know them.

We weigh the pups regularly to check their weight gain. They usually have an all milk diet for nearly 3 weeks. After that they start having solids (wet food and goat's yoghurt, then dry kibble that we soak and puree). For the 6th and 7th weeks they have solid food 4 times a day and milk also half way between meals. In the final weeks we gradually replace maternal milk with organic rice milk or with goat's milk so they learn not to depend on their mother. They also drink water from around 6 weeks old. The food we use is Akela 80/20 original small paws dog food (tel. 01502 371414)

Lots of love

We raise puppies indoors to start with and then in our garden in a large purpose-built breeding kennel. Our puppies have a lot of handling and are happy and trusting, loving human company. By the time they leave they will be used to eating and playing in the garden and are often quick with outdoor toilet training at their new home. All puppies have a microchip and vet check before they leave and usually two doses of worming treatment. They do not always have a first vaccination while they are here as they still have too much maternal immunity for it to take full effect.

Finding new homes

Soon after the puppies are born, if we have not already met, or if you would like to do so anyway, we arrange a Zoom meeting. Following that, we invite you to come and see the puppies. As we only arrange as many visits as we have puppies to place, we are looking for some commitment at this point in the form of a £150 non-refundable visit fee. If unfortunately we do not have enough puppies to be able to offer you one, we would let you know at this point.

Visiting time

We arrange for you to meet the puppies when they are about five weeks old (approx. 28 December 2025 this time). Your visit will coincide with when they are due to wake up (they are usually awake for about 30 minutes and you should allow for being here for 60-90 minutes in total). If you are unsure how long your journey will take, you could allow extra journey time and spend some time at the beach if you are early. Everyone who is going to live with the puppy should come and normally nobody else. If, however, you live on your own, you are welcome to bring a friend or relative. We email the contract for you to read in advance; then you sign the contract while you are here.

“Who will be my new family?”

Puppies can change between five and eight weeks old, so we do not allocate puppies to particular homes when you visit at five weeks. We do, of course, take note of any preferences. We usually arrange for someone to come when they are about seven weeks old to do some aptitude tests (this tests things like confidence, retrieving ability and dominance). Sometimes a friend who shows their dogs assesses the puppies for conformation and sometimes the stud dog owner visits. Overall this gives us the full picture that we need to make the final decision that is best for everyone.

Homeward Bound

Once the puppies have had their vet check a few days before they are eight weeks old, they are then ready to leave us (from about 18 January 2026 this time). We usually decide a date and time for you to bring them home during your visit at five weeks. The puppies spend a lot of time awake when they are eight weeks old so we can offer a wide choice of times for you to come to collect. While it is not essential for everyone in the household to come then, we do hope to see the main carer(s).

Keeping in touch

We are happy to stay in touch after your puppy leaves here and offer telephone support for the first few weeks. We normally hold a puppy party when the puppies are about six months old, featuring a short walk followed by fun and games. We usually have one or two reunion walks a year, often one on the beach locally and one in the Thames Valley. We also have a Facebook group.

Is it okay to breed?

Puppies come with two endorsements, 'not progeny eligible for registration' and 'not eligible for export pedigree'. The former does not mean that you cannot breed from a bitch: you just need our agreement. For a bitch the main thing is that she has an X-ray of hips and elbows, an eye test and possibly one or two DNA tests; you will also need to understand the risks and work involved in raising a litter of puppies. In addition we may want to help in choosing your bitch's first mate. For a dog the chance of breeding is lower because bitch owners choose which stud dog to put their bitches with and there is strong competition – but again he would need a range of health tests.

Insurance

Puppies come with five weeks free insurance, which will normally start on collection day. We recommend that you continue insurance for at least the first year of your puppy's life.

Cost

In total £2,000: £150 non-refundable visit fee paid soon after birth and £1,850 just before collection.