

The breeder vetting checklist

Use this on any English Cream Golden Retriever breeder you're considering — including us. Print it, screenshot it, and bring it to the conversation.

LOOK FOR THESE

Green flags

- ☐ Shares the parents' **OFA clearances** — hips, elbows, heart, eyes — and registered names you can verify yourself
- ☐ Health-tests every parent **regardless of coat color**, and never claims a color is "healthier"
- ☐ Raises puppies **in the home**, around everyday life and people
- ☐ Keeps a **waitlist** and asks you questions — they care where each puppy lands
- ☐ Puts pricing and a written **health guarantee** in a signed contract
- ☐ Stays **reachable after pickup**, for the life of the dog

WALK AWAY IF...

Red flags

- ✗ Says "**vet checked**" instead of real OFA testing, or won't share the dogs' names
- ✗ Claims their Goldens "**don't get cancer**," or are a rare or separate breed
- ✗ Charges a premium for "**white**," "**platinum**," or "**rare**" coloring
- ✗ Always has puppies, **ships to anyone**, takes any payment, asks no questions
- ✗ **Pressures a deposit** before you've seen testing or a contract
- ✗ Goes **quiet** the moment the sale is done

VERIFY IT YOURSELF — THE FOUR OFA CLEARANCES

Hips

OFA-graded X-ray — Excellent, Good, or Fair

Elbows

OFA-rated "Normal" to rule out dysplasia

Heart

Cardiologist exam — not just a stethoscope

Eyes

Ophthalmologist exam, renewed every year

Ask for the parents' registered names, then look them up free at ofa.org. Real clearances are public and independently verified — "vet checked" is not the same thing.

WHAT YOU SHOULD EXPECT TO PAY

A well-bred, health-tested Golden runs in the low-to-mid thousands. Be skeptical of \$500 "purebreds" and \$7,000 "rare platinum" alike — you're paying for testing and care, never a coat color.

Ivory & Pine Goldens — English Cream Golden Retrievers raised in our home in Hamilton County, Indiana. Vetting us too? Good. Ask us anything, and join the waitlist when you're ready.

ivoryandpinegoldens.com
Peace of mind, not just a puppy