

D IS FOR DOODLE

RAISE YOUR GOLDENDOODLE
STRESS-FREE

From Crates to Care, Cuddles to Cuisine
MASTER GOLDENDOODLE PARENTHOOD



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INTRODUCTION:

Goldendoodles are a special breed and if you have one, you already know that. If not, you're in for a treat. These pets have become one of the most popular dog breeds and are referred to as "designer dogs" for their beautiful coats and amazing temperaments.

Be prepared to become obsessed with yours as it's pretty easy to fall madly in love with these precious pups. They are truly remarkable and quite human-like. They have eyes that lead you to their soul, look like stuffed animals, and are smart as can be.

If you're thinking about adding a Goldendoodle to your family, you're in for a fun adventure filled with lots of licks and love. With all the joy your new furry child will bring, taking care of a dog, especially a puppy is serious business.

They require your time, affection, wallet, willingness to part with some of your nicest and most expensive shoes, and of course, a lot of patience. Educating yourself about all things Goldendoodle will make for an easier pet parent journey.

We want to save your hands from constant puppy bites, prevent your buddy from matting, and provide important information for your older Doodle princess. With training, knowledge, and again, patience, this is all possible.

Whether you plan on getting a Goldendoodle puppy, rescuing an older Goldendoodle, or are currently in love with the Goldendoodle in your home, we want to welcome you to the ultimate Goldendoodle Starter Guide, *D Is For Doodle!*

Before we get started educating you on all things Goldendoodle, we want to say thank you for taking the time to learn with us. Let's Doodle this. (Okay, we may not be known for our humor, but we know Goldendoodles.)

Ultimate Guide to Goldendoodles-The Basics

So...you're thinking about getting a puppy, which means you're about to embark on some possible sleepless nights, puddles on your floor, and chewed shoes. Puppies are like babies and need love, attention, patience, and guidance.

They take up a lot of your time, visit the veterinarian's office quite a bit at first, are messy, and sometimes don't smell very good. We don't want to scare you, but instead, prepare you. When you commit to raising a pet, you need to show up.

In return, you'll receive the gift of unconditional love and a best friend like no other. In this chapter, you'll learn a summary of basic Goldendoodle information, including various types, sizes, colors, cost, care, health issues, behaviors, and more.



Photo - Zoe (F1) Full Size 08_12_17-15

What exactly is a Goldendoodle?

First-generation Goldendoodles are a crossbreed between a Poodle and a Golden Retriever, known as F1. Breeding a Goldendoodle with a Poodle will give you an F1b.

Both Poodles and Golden Retrievers are popular dogs for their distinct features, and the goal of breeding them together is to combine their positive qualities to produce a dog that is beautiful, smart, and playful. Goldendoodles are very intelligent which makes them easy to train.



Photo - Piper (F1B) Medium

Due to the popularity of this breed, it seems like everyone has jumped on the Doodle bandwagon. It can all be a bit confusing as you see Bernedoodles (Bernese Mountain Dog and a Poodle), Sheepadoodles (Sheep Dog and a Poodle), and many more crossbreeds created.

They are all adorable and unique, however, in this book, we will focus solely on Goldendoodles, as we are a bit bias.

What size is a Goldendoodle?

It's pretty remarkable how the same dog breed can be as light as 15 pounds or more than 100 pounds. Goldendoodles grow up to be multiples sizes, depending on the size of the parents.

There are mini Goldendoodles, who are usually under 30 pounds, medium-sized Goldendoodles who are roughly under 45 pounds, and standard-sized Goldendoodles which apply to those over 55 pounds. Goldendoodles can get quite large. The largest Goldendoodle that has been reported is over 100 pounds. That's a lot of Doodle!



Photo - Lexie (F2) Mini (22 pounds)

A small Goldendoodle is produced by breeding a Golden Retriever with a miniature Poodle while medium Goldendoodles are a cross between a Golden Retriever with smaller Poodles to create a variety of different size dogs. A large Goldendoodle is a cross between a standard Poodle and a Golden Retriever.