

WHO CARES

The litter was bred to be just pets.

The breeder made sure the sire and dam had their hip and eye clearances, but she really didn't know about their littermates, their sires, their dams, their grandparents, etc. She really didn't care; these pups were to be pets only.

The breeder just knew her female was beautiful and the sire always got lots of compliments from his vet. But the breeder had never bothered to show the dogs to see if they really measured up to the breed standard or not. To see if anyone else in the world thought they were beautiful too. She didn't care; these pups were just to be pets.

The breeder was sure the sire and dam were very smart and trainable and had good temperaments. But she didn't care enough to prove it to the rest of the world by earning a basic level obedience title, or even a Canine Good Citizen certificate on either. They were only pets.

The breeder thought these pups would make terrific hunting dogs; so she told the buyer who came looking for a hunting companion. She just knew the sire and dam would have been good hunting dogs. Of course, they had no hunting experience, no hunting titles, not even a Working Certificate.

She didn't care; their puppies were only to be pets. her buyer walked away in disgust **HE** wanted **MORE** than just a pet, **HE** wanted a good hunting companion.

The breeder didn't care

Her puppies were JUST pets, no more

The buyers came and bought their pets. They didn't care that the breeder didn't know the full health background behind their puppy ... it was JUST a pet. They didn't care if the sire or dam met the breed standard or not. They didn't care that their puppy might NOT grow up to look like a breed standard Golden Retriever ... it was just a pet. They didn't care that the temperament and trainability of the sire and dam were unproven ... their puppy was just a pet and they were SURE it would be sweet and good with kids because ALL Goldens are, RIGHT?

They didn't CARE ... It was JUST a pet

Until it came up lame at 8 months age and the vet said severe hip dysplasia, expensive surgery needed. Until they found they could NOT control the puppy and they couldn't seem to train it. Until the puppy **BIT** the baby and it took 20 stitches at the hospital to close the wound.

Then they **CARED** ... enough to promptly dump the puppy at the nearest animal shelter. Maybe someone else will care enough to fix the problems. Maybe someone else will care enough to give the puppy a hug before he is put to sleep **FOREVER**. The breeder didn't care, she had another litter just born that were just pets. WHO CARES?

Don't people buying a puppy for a pet have a right to a puppy that is healthy and has the BEST possible chances of staying healthy for its entire life? Don't they have a right to a puppy that will grow up to **LOOK** like a Golden Retriever? Don't they have a right to a puppy that **WILL** have a good temperament and be easily trained? Don't they have a right to a puppy that is a **RETRIEVER** in addition to a **GOLDEN**? **HOW** can a breeder ensure that her dogs will have all these traits if she doesn't **TEST** them?

Would you **REALLY** want a puppy from a breeder who doesn't **CARE**? What chances does that puppy really have if its breeder doesn't care that much and is willing to settle for "**just pets?**"

Would you want someone **BUYING** a puppy when they **DON'T CARE**? What chance does that puppy have if the buyer **right from the start** doesn't really care about what they are buying? The rescues, shelters, and landfills in this country are **FULL** of "**just pets.**"

Some of us CARE! Do you?

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