

A Chart comparing the different classifications of Golden Retriever Breeders. (Note in Victoria ANKC breeders with over 11 females may be registered as a Domestic Animal Business DAB) and must follow ANKC & DAB regulations). In Victoria many commercial puppy breeders/farms are now classified under C.)

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| | (A) ANKC Registered breeder | (B) Back Yard Breeder (BYB) | (C) Breeding and Rearing Domestic Animal Business (non ANKC breeder) | (D) Puppy Farmer |
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| Motivation for breeding | Want a puppy for themselves, they breed for a particular purpose such as showing or obedience trails. Follow breed standard. | Profit, accidental mating, wants puppies for friends or family | Profit – (Commercial enterprise if over 11 females) Registered with Council. | Profit- commercial enterprise although may be under the radar of council. |
| Registered with Council & meet all legal requirements | Yes, with local council and ANKC. Inspected by local council and ANKC field officer. | Possibly, should be with local council. (In Vic registered as micro breeder) | Yes, with local council, inspected by council annually. | Often are not registered, and do not meeting legal requirements |
| Choice of breeding stock | Only purebred pedigree dogs, selected for health, temperament, breed type and standard. | What is available, possibly dog down the road, or may own mum & dad. | What is available | What is available |
| Activities with breeding dogs | May do conformation showing, and /or performance activities | Occasionally | None | None |
| Care of breeding stock | Best care of stud dog and breeding stock. Dogs get individual attention, are fed premium diet. Dogs rehomed to good homes when retired. | Same as for any pet. Often inexperienced with breeding & puppy rearing. Basic facilities. | Must follow state guidelines on Code of practice of the Domestic Animals Act (varies greatly between states) | Whatever is cheap, dogs kept in outside pens, moved on or put down when can no longer breed. |
| Number of breeding Dogs | 1 -10 females. (State regulation dependent) Over 11 require a DAB permit in VIC | 1-2 females | Many >3-50 (Vic) Regulations vary in each state. | Many > 11+ |
| Whelping practices | Under supervision at home with vet on standby 24 hours if required. Whelp inside house. Spend first 3-4 weeks inside. | Often unsupervised at home. May be outside in shed and have poor facilities. | Females usually whelp outside, in sheds. Puppies not raised inside home. | Females whelp outside in sheds, often unsupervised. |
| Are pups socialised before sale? | Socialisation begins inside, and then introduced to many more people, and situations. Must follow ANKC code of ethics. | With family dogs and family members. | Must follow state guidelines on Code of practice of the Domestic Animals Act. (Differs between States) | Unlikely |
| Are pup's temperaments assessed before sale? | Yes usually. Good breeders will assess each puppy. | Unlikely | Unlikely | No |
| Cross Breeding? | Never (is not allowed) Only breed purebred pedigree dogs | Possibly | Yes - especially designer crossbreeds. But also, may sell purebreds (non-pedigree) | Yes -especially designer crossbreeds eg oodles. Occasionally purebreds |
| Breeder or breed club member? | Yes usually, but some ANKC breeders are not | No | No | No |
| Health testing of breeding stock | Yes. (hips, elbows, eyes & hearts) and DNA testing. | Unlikely | Sometimes (sometimes DNA and HD) | No |
| Are puppies sold with guarantee? | Yes usually & lifetime of support | No | Sometimes, depends on state laws | No |
| Sells to pet shops. (Many states no longer allow puppy sales in pet shops so puppies are sold online.) | No, sells via breed clubs, DogZonline or State ANKC club, or via recommendation. | Sometimes, sells on online market sites eg. Gumtree, Facebook or via friends & family. | Sells online market sites eg Gumtree, Website, & Facebook | Sells online, on selling sites like Gumtree, Trading post, website, and Facebook |
| How often do they sell pups | Occasionally possibly 1-3 times per year. | Occasionally | Often | Always |
| Pups registered as pedigree with ANKC or breed register | Yes, puppies come with ANKC pedigree papers, breeder has a registered kennel prefix. | Occasionally | No (maybe registered with MDBA or other associations). Has Kennel name but not registered prefix. | No |
| Are prospective owners carefully interviewed & visit breeder. | Yes, by phone, email, or application form. Meet breeder in person. Usually have a waiting list for puppies | Sometimes | Not usually. Order puppy online. May be allowed to visit. | No, order puppy online, usually puppy transported to you or pick up from neutral location. |

