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Fact Sheet: Golden Retriever

Dog type: gundog

History:

- Golden Retrievers were first bred during the 1800's.
- Golden Retrievers were bred from a variety of gundogs including the Tweed Water Spaniel, the Newfoundland, the Irish Setter and a variety of water spaniels owned by Lord Tweedmouth in Scotland.
- They were bred to create a powerful hunting dog that could retrieve waterfowl in lots of different weather.
- Golden Retrievers were used for hunting. They are especially good at retrieving game from lakes and ponds.

Do you know....?

- Retrievers work as guide and hearing dogs for people with disabilities, as search and rescue dogs, as drug detection dogs with the police, and as retrievers in field trials.
- They have a top coat and a hidden undercoat that helps to keep their bodies dry when swimming or warm when its cold.
- The first litter of four puppies were born in 1868 and named Crocus, Primrose, Cowslip, and Ada.

Retrievers as pets:

- A beautiful coat but needs regular brushing.
- Need plenty of exercise – love swimming.
- Gentle, lively and friendly family dogs.