

INTRODUCTION:

All the information you need about a Goberian puppy and how to get one follows--or is in the on-line xanadoodle.com link, "Making a Deposit."

XANADU has a newsletter, ***Pup Alert***, and I send out breeding information, notices of confirmed pregnancies, births with baby pictures, information regarding available puppies, etc. You will receive ***Pup Alert*** newsletters about our upcoming litters. This is the easiest way to keep up with a proposed litter that interests you.

If all of your questions are not answered in these documents, please call me: 432 249-0197. I do not text or have voicemail...just a phone that makes and receives calls. If I do not answer, please keep trying.

Most of our new Goberian puppies will be available for new homes between Spring and Fall.

I LOVE the Goberians, and we will have litters of XANADU target-sized dogs (around 35 lb.), standard (average sizes of 50 lb.), and large Goberians that could be between 65-80 lb. as adults (and these litters are rare, but upcoming next season).

We have all colors and coat patterns and eye-color options. My contact information is in blue below, and there is a note regarding pup selection and how to secure a place in line for a pup with your deposit. Please see the document, "How to Select a Puppy." This information is important no matter where you find your new BFF.

Now, having said all of that, while you may submit a deposit, there may not be enough of the size of Goberian you want--or perhaps not enough males or females or lower-shed pups or white pups or tri-colors available this season. But I can get a pup for those who are willing to wait for what they want in a Goberian puppy.

Thank you for writing to XANADU. Please call me if you have questions that are not answered herein; bringing a new furry BFF into your family is a big decision,

Sheron and XANADU of the Rockies

About the XANADU Goberians and Upcoming Litters

XANADU expects various sizes in our Husky/Golden Retriever Hybrid Cross breedings—Puppies will grow to be adult-sized dog sizes of 25-35 pounds through standard sizes of 45-60 pounds, and BIG dogs of 60-80 pounds or so. Because they are hybrid and multigenerational crosses, litters are described by their genetic dominance and phenotypes. For example, with the selection of Guardian puppies that are husky-marked pups, have black noses, eye rims, etc. season after season, the phenotype (what the pups look like) will include more of these dominant characteristics. Cashmere is a multigenerational Siberian Husky/Goldendoodle (+) cross who is a pretty marvelous example. (Photo on website.) Pups from these litters may look like low-shed Doodles (Cashmere), or like their Siberian Husky parent (Kinnikinnic and Chinook) or they may have retriever features. Chase and Vesper are examples of XANADU hybrid crosses who have retriever-like coats and body styles—and remarkable agility, intelligence, and devotion to their owners. Next season's line-up MAY include some Pomsky/Goberian crosses. VERY good combo (see Pomsky characteristics on xanadoole.com). I like this cross for reasons of greatly increased obedience / trainability than most Siberians and a greater level of calmness than most Pomsies. And they are still small--remember that XANADU does not breed for toy sizes; it's dangerous to be a small dog in rugged Colorado/most places.

Many people are not as familiar with the Siberian Husky breed, although most dog lovers are familiar with the beauty and willingness to please of the Golden Retriever.

About the Husky Hybrids:

Size --

Our smallest Husky crosses are the Pomsies--at about 18-35 lb. XANADU doesn't breed teeny-tiny Pomsies. XANADU Pomsies are hardy little dogs, although it should be noted that smaller dogs are more delicate and vulnerable to injury when roughhousing with

children, jumping from too-high places, and they are more vulnerable to air assault from predators, etc. Usually, small dogs and puppies are safer from bird-predators after they reach 13 pounds. And then there are the ever-present coyotes... Write XANADU for more Pomsky information and for pricing: xanadupack@gmail.com.

The smaller Husky/Retriever cross--the mini-Goberian--is about 20-38 lb. These are usually multigenerational Husky crosses that are selected for temperament, stoutness, health, and beauty--certain vanity features: Many will have blue eyes, black eye rims, etc., that is, characteristics for which XANADU breeds. These little Goberians have smaller parents.

Sometimes we have small Goberian / Pomsky and multibreed Husky crosses available—like beautiful Cedar or Cinnamon (see website photos).

The ‘Standard-Size Goberians’ weigh between 40 and 60 pounds as adults. These dogs are what you would expect from a Siberian Husky parent and a Golden Retriever parent. The parent and grandparent dogs likely fall inside this weight range.

The Large Goberian pups are between 65 and 90 pounds as adult dogs. These larger dogs are very popular. All pups, all Goberians, and especially the BIG hybrid puppies require consistent training as youngsters. Not only can they drag you down the street on a leash if not taught how to walk properly, but if they jump up on a child or older person—or ANYONE—they can knock that person down. There may be a larger litter (sired by Chinook) in the future.

Often, a gentleman client hopes for ‘the biggest, most serious-looking male you’ve got’. But they also want a dog that wouldn’t really hurt someone and that family members/young children are safe around. These are characteristics of the XANADU Goberian.

Sometimes, because of varying sizes in parents, grandparents, and recent-ancestors, we often have varying-sized pups in a litter, e.g., smaller and medium-as-adult sizes or medium and large. As we breed toward our goals, pup-sizes and personalities will be more consistent—like the puppies in Vesper & Pegasus’s new litter.

This is a good time to talk about Prey Instinct: If a cute little Jack Russell Terrier or Cavalier Spaniel brings you a gift of a mouse—that is prey instinct. Prey instinct in a large Goberian could look like bringing down your neighbor's prize bull. I always like to mention prey instinct in dogs; the prey instinct makes great retrievers, pointers, herding dogs, guard dogs, etc., but big breed young dogs need a confident, consistent, hand in learning manners. Remember also that dogs are carnivores. (See more about training for outdoorsmen/women in a Q&A that follows this general information.)

We breed various breed-dominant XANADU (Goberians, Aussiepoos, GoldenDoodles, etc.) puppies through June, so August-born puppies can go to new homes in October. August-bred females will occasionally permit a Christmas litter. All pups are expected to go to their new homes by Christmas Eve.

XANADU breeding dogs are tested for genetic issues by the Embark program at Cornell University. We are careful, responsible breeders; our breeding dogs' genetics are compatible and produce sturdy pups with no life-altering disorders that would affect quality or length of life — that is, IF there are disorders for which there are tests. Like humans and all life forms, there are more disorders than there are 'fixes' for those problems. We do not breed any dog with known problems in their lineage, whether testable or not.

Many breeds have fewer genetic issues than the beautiful, calm, easily-trained Golden Retriever that we all love—for example, the Siberian Husky, the Saluki, the Black Mouth Cur, the tough little Pomsky, etc.

The Golden Retrievers, Labrador, the Poodle, etc., are tested for problems, because genetics are not always sound and consistently hardy in these breeds. They may have inherited issues. Purchase a puppy from a breeder who does responsible genetic testing of parent dogs. Breeding tested and sound dogs helps insure that their progeny will not have hip problems, eye and heart problems, collapse disorder, inherited skin diseases—the list of genetic tests is very long and very important. (See "How to Select a Puppy" [document].)

The Siberian Husky is one of those 'no problem' (few problems) breeds. Recommended tests are not always nor routinely performed by most breeders, and the only recommended tests are for hips and eyes. I've never known a Siberian that did not test either 'Good,' 'Excellent,' and 'Normal' in those genetic tests. **All puppies from ALL XANADU litters are GUARANTEED for sound genetics, great health, AND great temperaments.**

We expect XANADU Goberian pups and XANADU Dog puppies each season. Pricing will range from between \$1300-\$1575 for future breeding pups or Guardian pups (one-to-three litters for females; (usually) four litters for male Guardians). Pet Home Puppy prices range between \$1800 and \$2750, depending on coat pattern and eye color. A \$2875 puppy is a Litter Pick male or female--and we do not always have Litter Pick puppies available, especially in small litters or litters of only one gender.

Any puppy that has not been sold by the time it is 10-weeks old will be discounted. We want each puppy to find a home during its developmental stages of socialization / bonding. We want each pup to be happy in his / her family, and we guarantee that you will love your new pup and that your new puppy will love you.

GOBERIAN CHARACTERISTICS

Parent dogs are on our website under "Breeding Dogs" with more information under "Upcoming Litters."

A description of the XANADU Goberian follows. Thank you so much for writing to XANADU. We've got your pup! But it may take a few months for him/her to be ready to come home.

Characteristics as a Family Dog

F1 GOBERIANS are a cross between Siberian Huskies and Golden Retrievers. People love the Goberian puppies, because they love the beauty and calm disposition of the Siberian Husky, and the beauty and trainability of the Golden Retriever. Most people love Golden

Retrievers AND perhaps at times, find them to be too-much-of-a-good-thing. If you've been around sweet, loving, anxious-to-please Golden Retrievers, you have probably noticed that some want to be lapdogs and to kiss your face all the time. That's a lot of dog breath. The purebred Siberian Husky is a calm, quiet, strong sled dog when parents/grandparents/ancestors also have these characteristics. Siberians often ask, when given a command, "Hum...What's in this for me?" Or they may say, "Give me some time to think about that!" and off they run. But the combination of these two amazing breeds produces a Goberian with easy trainability and easy-to-love family-dog characteristics: They study their humans and are both smart and anxious to learn what their owners want (**some really do seem to be mind-readers**). These observant people-watchers get under your skin, and they and the multigenerationals that include Goberian genes are XANADU Dog favorites of mine. Goberian pups are characteristically PEOPLE-ORIENTED, friendly, non-barky, smart, healthy, good pups that don't 'mouth' children (well, almost never), and they usually house train easily. They love to pull sleds or wagons or bicycles. They love skijor. They love cold weather and snow, and are good indoor / outdoor dogs. And they love each other's company —like all pack / herd / school / flock animals that work or live in groups for the common good. Two Goberians can always find creative ways to get into trouble, to help wear out the neighborhood children and each other—we humans call that 'exercise' or 'playing' or perhaps 'troublemaking.' Many XANADU clients purchase two puppies (often two siblings) for all of the reasons that you can imagine. Dog friends love each other's company—and ALL pups need training. We recommend puppy classes through intermediate obedience. Goberians also love agility training. Many go into service, and make us VERY proud.

Owners enjoy watching their dogs paling around and playing with each other as much as they love taking their dogs out for a run. And like all Golden Retrievers, you can also exercise your Goberian if you teach it to fetch. Some retrieving dogs will fetch as long as you can throw a ball, Frisbee, or a stick.

Colors include ALL Siberian colors, from white, champagne, silver

and white, black and white, tri-colors, reds and chocolates. Golden Retriever colors are gold-to-red. Many Goberians have Husky-patterned red, silver, chocolate, and black-tri-colors (e.g., black / white / silver / and perhaps brick-red markings). Many people prefer the Husky-or-wolffy masks, as well as eye-color variety. These coat patterns and wolffy blue-to-hazel-and-even-amber eye colors in some pups often make those pups more desirable, expensive Litter Pick puppies.

At this time and to my knowledge, I am the only intentional Goberian breeder in the world. Every few years, you may also find accidental litters of Goberian pups from untested parents (parents have not been cleared of genetic issues—hips, eyes, heart, etc.—that can be problematic especially in Golden Retriever lineages). Never consider a Golden Retriever pup from untested lineages; they are expensive and likely to be heart-breaking.

Guardian Home Puppies

XANADU of the Rockies has a Guardian Breeding Program; that is, you may qualify to have one our best pups for the lowest price (contact me for information—Sheron at (432) 249-0197). Without XANADU'S Guardian program, there would be no beautiful pups in XANADU'S future and each lineage would not improve litter by litter. Basically, our Guardian Program permits a forever home to have the best pup from a given litter; the pup gets a great home; I get to see the Guardian pup's special characteristics in future litters. Guardians are USUALLY females, with a two-to-three-litter breeding agreement, depending on what XANADU is trying to 'capture' in dominant genes. XANADU pays for all breeding expenses and also pays the Guardian human for pup care until puppies are ready to leave the mother dog. Please contact XANADU of the Rockies (me) for information if you are interested in a Guardian puppy.

Goberian pups are perfect indoor / outdoor dogs for the weather in most of the U.S. Please note that XANADU breeds for temperament first, total health second—including genetic soundness, intelligence, longevity, and then for vanity features—like those pretty eyes, and etc.; please see our website (www.xanadoodle.com) Mission under

the clickable “What Sets Us Apart” where our objectives are enumerated.

Deposits are \$400 (and made through PayPal on the xanadoodle.com website)/other options are available.

It's fun to follow the selection your upcoming puppy's parent dogs, to be aware of the breeding, to receive a pregnancy confirmation, to see the day-old puppy photos and watch the litter grow up in photos and frequent descriptions. At about six--weeks of age, we can make pretty good guesses about eye color.

PRICING— The number of puppies in a litter can influence pricing in a litter—which makes sense when you think about it. **A Litter Pick puppy may have brown or blue eyes**—you decide which pup is the best for you and your family.

Big litters of 8-10+ pups, my owning both sire and dam, and natural breedings—*could* lower puppy costs.

Brown-eyed puppies cost less, and are just as sweet, smart, healthy, etc., and some people prefer those soft, warm **brown** eyes. I do hope for some **blue eyes** in a litter, just because they are so popular. Because most dogs have **brown-eyes**; I aim for variety: **green, amber, blue, brown,** and **bi-eyed**, Husky or wolfy markings, and solid whites, creams, and light fawns.

Whatever you pay for your pup, that price will be the least of the expenses over the lifetime of your new family member—so do purchase what you want. XANADU breeds for longevity, as well as genetic excellence, great health, intelligence, vanity considerations, and **above everything else, temperament**. It is good to get what you want, because it is possible to find (and train for) what you want in your new dog. Sometimes you may need to wait—your pup may not be in the litter in which you hoped to find it. Pups can be tricky like that.

Following is more information about the Goberian: Goberian in Depth

for You Who Want to Know More about the XANADU Goberians.

Our best wishes,

Sheron and the Pack at XANADU of the Rockies

In-Depth Goberians:

The Goberians have me fascinated, and have captured my interest for many years--many years of not having a Goberian, although I have had Siberians, Golden Retrievers, Malamutes, Doodles, mixed-breed rescues, and Pomskies.

On our website there is a section called, "What Sets Us Apart." Here, you will see which breeds have been included in the XANADU Dog, and you will see why. As the owner and manager of XANADU, I am in a state of continuous evolution and learning. I love the translation of the XANADU world to the world of dogs, dog lovers, clients, supporters, and other breeders. And the Goberians fascinate me: Will the eager-to-please and loving Golden Retriever's character traits dominate all Goberian variety characteristics? Will the calm, quiet, independent, characteristics of the Siberian Husky and the Golden Retriever be modified sufficiently in the Goberian? How about the Goberian hybrid's independence? Its native thinking abilities? What of stamina, toughness, and trainability heritage? And can a low-shed Goberian be developed that has a clean face and legs? (Working on that!)

What I have found in the Goberian component of XANADU'S breeding program is the calmness of both Siberian and Golden Retriever—very sweet dogs, not barkers, confident, yet they are seasonal shedders. The use of a groomer is recommended between April and some time in June. You can forget about their low-maintenance coats for the rest of the year.

I breed for masks and **blue eyes**, for reds, whites, and tri-colors and soft, plush coats; people love these characteristics best.

Siberians are sweethearts, and they also seem to be closer to the

earth, the hunter, the pack, etc. AND that is INTERESTING. And they are also very intelligent about human wishes: Do I obey children? What if I'm busy and I don't want to 'Come.'

Golden Retrievers--even the rowdy pups in a litter--become mature dogs who **want** to know what you want, so they can do it. They are people-pleasers. They have great noses for sniffing out game birds and retrieving them. They'll play fetch with you all day. They are fun-loving, human-loving, interactive, beautiful, highly trainable, calm, smart dogs.

The BIG differences between these two wonderful breeds are moderated by the other parent, OR one characteristic, like barking, is completely overcome by a preference for an occasional howl and by carrying on other sound communications with you--and these sounds are hard for me to explain. One Guardian says, "sweet, soft growly-like yodeling conversation..."

The characteristics for which I breed Goberians include the wolfy-look -- the mask, the blue or green eyes, the calmness, quietness, the sturdiness, and also, trainability and willingness to please, the friendliness and playfulness with children--the fact that the Retrievers are always the favorite dogs in America. So, do we have a struggle between primitive independence and the very social dog? I don't find that to be true; **rather, the better characteristics of a great family dog from both the Siberian Husky and the Golden Retriever are what we find in the Goberian: Alertness and confidence, strength and the ability to think independently--and warn you of any real problems, wolfy-Husky markings and mask (usually), people-pack-loving cooperation, the playfulness of all dogs and pups--wild, domestic, lapdogs, Retrievers, circus dogs, and service dogs,...**

In order to enhance the trainability of the F1 Goberian, I bred **blue-eyed** Goberians with great masks and coats and colors back to a Golden Retriever, and hope to preserve some of those vanity considerations in future litters toward all XANADU Breeding Goals.

The calm, mature Goberian can happily live in an apartment with 2-walks-a-day and a game of Frisbee or a nearby great dog park. Goberians love each other's company, and many people who have the space, purchase two siblings.

Before the Goberian, XANADU bred for GREAT hips and stirred the genetic soup with:

Doodles for several reasons:

1. Availability of an International Champion Moyen Poodle stud, Glitz--with perfect hips (male stud from Doodlequest in KY).
2. The popularity of the Doodle, because of the no-shed, no-doggie-odor (both are characteristics for which I breed). Doodles are an enduring fashion: F1s, F2 crosses, F1bs, Multigenerational, etc., etc.
3. The agility, complete sweetness, loving nature, intelligence, coat quality, vanity features, personality, etc. of the STANDARD Poodle. My breeding dogs' genetic qualifications were / are perfect to compete with established kennels.
4. My first Doodles were SalukiDoodles--the only litter in the world. As a breed, Salukis are sweet to their owners, they are agile and gorgeous—and it is good to rest one's eyes on such grace. And they are attentive, responsible, intelligent hunters (and mine doesn't get lost—ever; rather, she has passed a homing ability along to some of her progeny). If I lose my car in a mall parking lot, I can say, “Alice, find the car.”

The Saluki royal lineages were mercilessly culled litters for thousands of years until Arabian people had their ideal dog--the Saluki. And you have probably seen images of the Saluki in photos inside pyramids.

I don't like that 'culling'-puppies fact of history, yet the Saluki is a tough, healthy, FAST, intelligent, loyal friend and playmate, the world's fastest middle-distance mammal, a great hunter—and smart enough NOT to tackle bear and mountain lions, and they have the best hips in the dog world.

Salukis are magical dogs: They stare into your soul, are the epitome of grace, they are healthy; they are personable. Your commitment is for the life of your Saluki, if you decide to own one—and can find one.

But did I mention that they are ummm...resistant to obedience training--to "Come!" when there is a rabbit in sight. But could another breed ever love you more?

That was the beginning of XANADU'S attempt to bring together dogs with good native sense and unusual intelligence, trainability, grace, toughness, and gentler and gentler, friendlier and friendlier, long-lived, sensible breeds with fantastic hips/other testable health and genetic contributions to the XANADU breed. As noted on our website: www.xanadoodle.com, on the "What Sets Us Apart" page, you will find our objectives, our reasoning, and our Mission. Way, way back in the lineages of MOST XANADU dogs, including our Goberians, are the strong characteristics noted above.

Thank you for contacting XANADU. You are welcome to contact me any time with questions that I may have failed to answer above. Bringing a new forever family member home is a big decision. We want you and your family to be happy, to feel lucky, and to be surprised with your great new puppy's happy personality, playfulness, and antics.

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Q & A Regarding Prey Instinct: in Large Dogs of All Types (for Serious Outdoorsmen/women):

The Goberians are marvelous--and that's mostly because of temperament, awareness, and noted very-smart Goberian characteristics.

Any bored dog will try to master escape; I recommend doggy-day-care for young dogs that have to be left alone for long periods of time. Also, dogs will dig holes in your lawn. They must have somewhere to dig; dogs dig. Solution for digging in the wrong place: Fill the hole(s) with dog poo; dogs don't like to dig up their poo. Solution for where they can dig: Let your dog see you digging in that area. Let them see you bury their toys there. Let them dig the toys up. It's a game; keep it up.

Check Siberian Husky characteristics online to see what could possibly be a problem that you don't want to deal with. Please note that Goberian shedding is seasonal (springtime). Take your dog to the groomer when you notice that s/he is losing her/his undercoat and say, "Strip that undercoat!" You may need to do that a couple of more times in the springtime and then you have a wash-and-wear

dog for the summer, fall, and winter. And probably, your dog won't really need to be washed either.

From a very early age, socialize pups with kitty, with neighbor livestock--horses and cows and chickens and ducks--teach them about deer and elk and not to chase *certain* animals.

I've used a tri-tronics training collar in the past, because I want to be able to get the attention of my off-leash dog who is thinking about chasing something s/he shouldn't. I don't always trust that a young dog will do as I ask when getting into big trouble may be well worth the adventure at hand in a dog's noggin, and I don't always want my dog to be leashed. But that's just me.

Pups should also be socialized with many humans and children, too. Example: You don't want your 50-lb Goberian to jump up on an older person or a child and either scare that person or knock the person down.

You are welcome to call me with any questions. (I'm really behind on emails.)

Thank you and good luck with the best pup you could own--a XANADU Goberian pup.

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