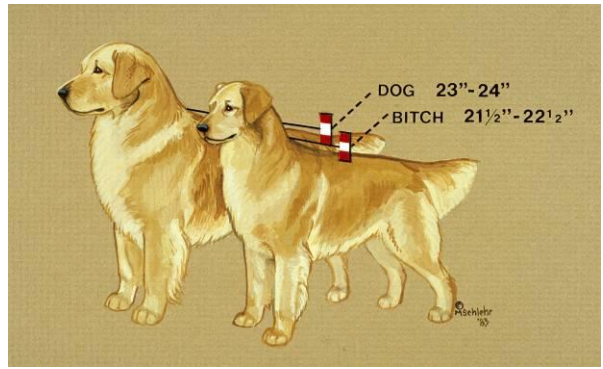


How to Measure Correctly

- The AKC standard for the Golden Retriever states: Males 23-24 inches in height at withers; females 21 1/2-22 1/2 inches. Dogs up to one inch above or below standard size should be proportionately penalized. Deviation in height of more than one inch from the standard shall disqualify.
- There is NO exemption from the size requirements for puppies.



- We encourage judges to measure any Golden Retriever in competition whose size creates uncertainty, whether at the upper or lower limit of the allowable size range. Dogs that are outside of the desirable size range but within the disqualification limits are to be proportionately penalized.
- To measure a dog that appears to be **below the lower limit** of the size requirements of the standard, the wicket should be set at 22 inches for males or 20 ½ inches for females. Check both sides of the wicket with a measuring tape to ensure it is set correctly and verify this with the exhibitor.
- The dog must be set up standing squarely in a natural position on a flat surface. The dog's head should be held in a comfortable and natural position, not dropped down or held up high by the collar. The hair can be parted if necessary to get an accurate measurement at the highest point of the withers.



- Bring the wicket over the back of the dog to the highest point of the withers, which you have marked with your fingers. If the dog is under the standard the legs of the wicket will touch the ground on both sides. If the dog is within the standard, the legs of the wicket will not touch the ground.
- To measure a dog that appears to be **above the upper limit** allowed by the breed standard, set the wicket at 25 inches for males or 23 ½ inches for females.

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- The dog must be set up in a natural position on a flat surface. Bring the wicket over the back of the dog to the withers, which you have marked with your fingers. If the dog is over the standard, the legs of the wicket will not touch the ground on both sides. If the dog is within the standard, the legs of the wicket will touch the ground.