## **TOPPER**DOB 2-20-2016

I did not have a goal to keep a puppy from Topper's litter born in 2016, until he was just too irresistible to pass up.

Early on, at 7 wks of age, he showed me a temperament, body style and structure that I could not pass up. He was a 'stand out, eye catching' pup in his litter. Topper was very people oriented, following and interested in me from the start. Rough and tumble play between he and I, was a game he enjoyed and always came back and up on my lap for more attention. A confident puppy and avid retriever, he would not let the litter mates take the live pigeon he had and would out run and maneuver his litter mates to keep possession of it.

Topper continued to show great ability in field work and at 7 months of age went south with Pro Trainer, Mike Ough for eight months. Topper was groomed to run field trial Derby Stakes and competed successfully. Earning two fourth placements, a Reserve Jam and a Jam in large competitive Derby competitions, earning him a place on the Golden Retriever Derby list

Topper spent three months, when he was 2 ½ years old, with noted Pro Trainer, Andy Attar. Andy expressed that, Topper had the best temperament of any Golden he had ever had in his kennel...always ready to do his work, with effort and style. Topper always got along wonderfully with ALL dogs when in a group in the airing yard.

Toppers structure is very muscular, athletic with a medium length coat, dark gold in color. He has a handsome strong head with black eyes and dark pigment along with scissors bite and full dentition. Strong top line, good tail set, 23 ¼ inches tall and about 68 pounds.

At three years old, in 2019, Topper earned his AKC Master Hunter title and placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in a Qualifying Stake at a Canadian Field Trial. To date Topper has 13 AKC MH passes.

Topper received a Reserve Jam in a Qualifying Stake on 5/7/21 at Flat River Trial in MI. On July 9/10, 2021 Topper placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in a 40 dog Qualifying stake at Flat River, with only 8 dogs finishing the stake. Then to finish his QAA Topper placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in a 63 dog Qual entry in MD on August 14, 2021.

Topper qualified in 2020 & 2021 to run the Master National and Master Amateur Trials.

Now as a 5 year old, Topper and I will concentrate on training and running Amateur stakes at field trials.

Topper is a joy to live with, train and own. He is extremely people oriented. Everyone and every dog/puppy is his friend. An enthusiastic handsome, well structured athletic boy always ready to work with a huge work ethic and an impeccable temperament.