



Linda Konrad, Doug Bickerstaff, and Molly

Molly, a golden retriever, was born in April 2014 to Bella and Jack, owned by a breeder in Royal Palm Beach. Jack was a full “English” golden, who was so handsome he was used as a model in Ralph Lauren ads. Bella was about half “English,” so Molly is on the light side. Bella’s litter was small—only four pups. Molly had three very scrappy brothers, who seemed to fight all the time. It turns out, Molly learned to defend herself from her brothers and was a difficult pup to raise with respect to play-biting. She eventually learned that biting earned her a time-out in her pen, and for many years the word “pen” would stop her in her tracks.

Molly was six months old on her first visit to the dog park. We quickly learned that she cannot tolerate heat, so her visits were limited to winter mornings. Molly, like most goldens, is a sweetheart that never holds a grudge. She gets along with all dogs, even the aggressive ones, possibly because they can sense she just isn’t interested in fighting. She will, however, break your kneecaps if you’re not careful, as this 91-pound dog is a steam roller with fur.

Molly’s favorite activities, with eating at the very top of the list, are having her teeth brushed, getting blown dry after a bath, and goofing off in sprinklers during the morning walk. She is always on the lookout for humans, especially children, who might want to pet her, since she can never get enough doting.