Thank you for writing to XANADU of the Rockies. I'll help you get your new furry best-friend forever.​

All the information you (probably) need in order to decide about whether you want a Goberian puppy and how to get one follows--or is in the link below my name on emails, "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 most.

If all of your questions are not answered in these documents, please call me: 970 626-9747 or (cell) 970 708-8030. Please do not text or leave a voicemail or anything else...just a phone call. XANADU is so busy finding pups for our clients that other forms of communication just delay response.

Most of our new Goberian puppies will be available for new homes between the August and deep into November. That is because most of this year's breeding dogs were last spring's puppies, and we are waiting for a second heat--breeding heat. The new moms do not have well-established heats, and so it is hard for me to guess exactly when puppies will be ready--other than August to November.

Having said that, these puppies are absolutely worth waiting for. I LOVE the Goberians, and we will have litters of small (around 35 pound), standard (average sizes of 50 lb.), and large Goberians that could be between 65-80 lb. as adults.

We should have all colors and coat patterns and eye color options. My contact information is in blue below, and there is a link there regarding pup selection and how to secure a place in line for a pup with a deposit. 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 available this season. But I can get a pup for those who are willing to wait for exactly what they want in a Goberian puppy.

Thank you for writing to XANADU. Please call me if you have questions; 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**

**Upcoming Litters this Season:**

XANADU expects various sizes in our Husky Hybrid Cross breedings—Puppies will grow to be adult-sized dogs sizes of 25 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 dominace and phenotypes. For example, with the selection of Guardian puppies that blue-eyed pups and husky-marked pups, black noses, eye rims, etc. season after season, the phenotype (what the pups look like) will include more of these dominant characteristics.

We also expect some lower-shed Goberian litters that are crossed with the Goldendoodle instead of the Golden Retriever. 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.

This year's line-up also includes some Pomsky/Goberian crosses, as we did last season. VERY good combo (see Pomsky characteristics on xanadoole.com). I like this cross for reasons of increased obedience trainability than most Siberians and a greater level of calmness than most Pomskies have. And they are still small--remember that XANADU does not breed for toy sizes; it's dangerous to be too small in rugged Colorado.

Most people have not owned a Siberian Husky before, 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 Pomskies--at about 18-35 lb. XANADU doesn't breed teeny-tiny Pomskies. XANADU Pomskies 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 by hawks, eagles, owls, 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.

The small Husky cross--the mini-Goberian--is about 25-40 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 crosses available—like beautiful Cedar or Cinnamon (see website photos).

The "Standard-Size Goberians’ weigh between 45 and 60 pounds as adults. These dogs are what you would expect from a Siberian Husky parent and a Golden Retriever parent. The parent 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—and knock them down. There may be a larger litter (sired by Paz) later in the season. This litter should have some blue-eyed puppies.

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.

This is a good time to talk about Prey Instinct: If a cute little Jack Russell Terrier brings you a gift of a mouse—that is prey instinct. Prey instinct in a 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, and herding dogs, guard dogs, etc., but big breed young dogs need a confident, consistent, hand in training.

We will breed for all sizes of Goberian puppies until the end of August (Christmas litter possible), and while we usually exclude breedings in September, there may be a Sept. breeding this year only. September breedings produce January puppies. But generally, all pups are expected to go to their new homes by Christmas.

There are no known problems XANADU lineages; XANADU does not breed a dog that has a known problem. There are a several breeds that are not tested for genetic issues *as much/often as*, for example, the Siberian Husky, the Pomeranian, the Catahula (Carolina version of the Dingo, the Saluki, etc.). That is because problems in these breeds are so rare.

The Golden Retriever, Labrador, the Poodle, etc., are tested for problems, because genetics are not always sound and consistently hardy. 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.

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 Goberians, Pomskies, and Goberian / Pomsky crosses, F1 litters and F2 and Multigenerational no-to-low shed puppies each breeding season. Pricing will range from between $1000 for future breeding pups or Guardian pups (one-three litters for females; two-to four litters for male Guardians). Pet Home Puppy prices range between $1800 and $2250, depending on coat pattern and eye color. A $2500 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 are certain that you will love your new pup. Guaranteed!

**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 Goldens, 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 marvelous family-dog characteristics: They study their humans and are both smart and trainable (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 characterically PEOPLE-ORIENTED, friendly, non-barky, smart, healthy, good pups that don't chew on children (well, almost never), and they usually house train easily. They love to pull sleds or wagons or bicycles. They love skijor. The 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, and help wear out the neighborhood children and each other—we humans call that “exercise” or “playing” or perhaps “troublemaking.”

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 tan markings). Many people prefer the Husky-or-wolfy masks, as well as eye-color variety. These coat patterns and wolfy blue-to-hazel-and-even-amber eye colors in some pups often make those pups more desirable, expensive Litter Pick puppies.

At this time, I am the only deliberate 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).

**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). 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 for information if you are interested in a Guardian puppy.

Goberian pups are perfect indoor / outdoor dogs for the Rockies. 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](http://www.xanadoodle.com/)) Mission under the clickable “What Sets Us Apart” where our objectives are enumerated.

Deposits are $412 (and made through PayPal on the xanadoodle.com website). Please note the document link under ***my blue signature*** on each email: Making a Deposit.

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 information. At about three weeks old-to-seven-weeks of age, we can make pretty good guesses about eye color.

**PRICING—between $1000 and $2500:**

We always hope for a variety of eye colors, because some people prefer brown eyes--which are dominant; some prefer one blue and one brown; others prefer blue eyes, which are less likely to occur in litters where one parent has a brown eye. And blue eyes are more expensive--unless, of course, you get a Guardian male or female. Guardians are only $1000 with a very limited breeding agreement of two-to-three litters. XANADU Guardian pups are my "best" puppies according to characteristics for which I breed.

Litter Picks, male and female, are chosen next and are usually $2500, but that depends on the investment in the litter (stud fees and vet-assisted breedings could the prices higher). The number of puppies in a litter can also be a pricing factor—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 6-10 pups, my owning both sire and dam, and natural breedings—*could* lower puppy costs to, for example, $1500 to $2000, even for blue-eyed puppies.

Brown-eyed puppies cost less, and are just as sweet, smart, healthy, etc., and some people prefer those soft, warm 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, and Husky or wolfy markings.

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. 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, Malemutes, 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 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, high-shed characteristics of the Siberian Husky and the Golden Retriever be modified sufficiently in the low-shed 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?

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 shed-shed-shed--The use of a groomer is recommended between May and some time in July. You can forget about their coats for the rest of the year.

I breed for masks and blue eyes, for reds and tri-colors and soft, plush coats whenever I can; people seem to 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, if discerning 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, 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 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, their 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...**

In order to enhance the trainability of the F1 Goberian, I do intend to breed 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 of perhaps even more obedience-trainable F1b litters. This may take a few more years...

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. But 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 of dog--the Saluki. And you have probably seen images of the Saluki in photos of pyramid chambers.

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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