

A Golden Retriever is Like Gold, but a Husky is Not

Disclaimer: I write this essay for the sake of writing an essay to convince my potential readers.

And golden retriever and huskies just happen to be my favorite two breeds of dogs. You should never apply the hierarchy of dogs to reality. Every dog is created equal, no matter their colors, sizes, or appearances.

If dumbness is worth money, then huskies are priceless. And if we also take appearance into consideration, huskies are definitely a luxury. If a husky is like a handsome boy with a 3-year-old mind, then a golden retriever is like a gentlemen with benign virtues. Nevertheless, golden retrievers with good characters always outvalue huskies with good appearances.

Huskies' beauty costs a lot — the moult of a husky and their fragile stomachs make them gaudy. Huskies moult during spring and summer, the seasons that already make people's noses runny. It normally lasts one to two months, during which there is fur everywhere — on the floor, on the bed, in the air, and in people's mouths and lungs. Isn't it romantic that the whole family, including your best friend, the lovely husky, sit together surrounded by pure white dog fur, sniffing one after another? Even if there is blazing sun outside the door, there could be *snow piles* in the house. On the contrary, golden retrievers moult in the spring, and the moult only lasts one to three weeks, which means the disaster lasts much shorter than the one that the husky causes.

On the other hand, huskies have a fragile stomach. The owner need to be extremely careful about what the husky eats, otherwise they can easily get Canine Parvovirus which is a disease in digest system of dog and has high mortality rate (Canine). Special diet and extra care equal to tremendous additional costs. Furthermore, huskies are like naughty boys who never grow up. All of the furniture, all of the adornments, and all of the property — anything they can see — could be their target to destroy. What makes a husky even more expensive to have is their

ability to wreck their sweet home. However, the good news is that the house will look a little different every week, which provides the feeling of freshness, since everything that gets ruined needs to be replaced by something new.

A husky often acts like a troublemaker, whereas a golden retriever is the warm friend of the owner. After seeing huskies doing all kinds of dumb behaviors, people have nicknames for them, such as *strong-destroyer*, and *go-with-the-wind* which vividly emphasizes the idea that once the owner lets go of a husky's leash, the husky will never return. In addition, one can never expect a husky to serve as a doorkeeper of their house. Because of the husky's notorious silliness, a joke once prevailed in China — if a burglar sneaks into your house and you happen to have a husky dog, the dog will help the burglar empty your house! Nevertheless, a golden retriever is much more worry-saving. According to the Dog Intelligence Ranking, golden retrievers are ranked the fourth smartest dog species, while huskies are ranked just forty-fifth (Dog).

If one wants to argue that the IQ ranking of dogs does not mean anything, they might want to search on Google about how much golden retrievers have done for society. In addition to a golden retriever's high IQ, they often serve for society, becoming not only a good friend but also a helpful assistant of humans. A golden retriever is considered a large dog, but a husky is medium, which physically causes the golden retriever to have more muscular power. Bosch, the Philippine Coast Guard's Labrador Retriever, received a lot of laudatory comments after retrieving four bodies during an earthquake that hit the Philippines (Gorecki). This beautiful golden retriever has melted people's hearts by risking himself to save people. By contrast, do huskies ever serve as seeing-eye dogs or sniffer dogs? Probably not, but it is sure that people have seen a golden retriever works for people in need.

If appearance does matter in society, a golden retriever will not lose in pageant, but a husky can not win in an IQ contest. Golden retrievers are just the combination of beauty and wisdom. And I believe that wisdom always outvalues beauty.

It is notable that there is a tendency for people to value appearance more than anything, neglecting the fact that benign virtues always contribute more to society. Nevertheless, beauty without wisdom is like a flower vase without a flower; beauty without wisdom is like a fountain without water; beauty without wisdom is like a chandelier without light; beauty without wisdom is like a cute doll without a mind.

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