

Jin Jin Smith

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Although her name suggests that she has Chinese roots, Jin Jin Smith was born and raised in the states. She is a 6-year-old Goldendoodle from Vermont. The name Jin Jin does, however, have a meaningful connection to China. The direct English translation is “Golden River”, which is very fitting because when Jin Jin was a puppy she had a golden-brown trail of fur stretching like a river down the length of her back. Because the Smiths' youngest son was born in China, they sought out a name with a strong link to a place that they hold near and dear to their hearts. Jin Jin was the perfect name for the perfect dog.

Because two out of the five members of the Smith family are allergic to dogs, they decided that a hypoallergenic dog was the way to go. They knew they wanted a Goldendoodle in specific so they found the closest breeder to home which was located in Vermont. When they picked her up, she was 3-months-old and full of puppy energy. She couldn't sit still the whole ride home to Wellesley and jumped around with excitement. Though she has calmed down over the years, she still fills with happiness when she meets and greets new people and pets.

Jin Jin is a great listener who is always trying to have a good time. When she goes outside to roam her backyard and run around, she always returns to the back steps immediately when her family calls her name. When the kids were younger, Jin Jin loved chasing them around when they rode their bikes and she also loved playing ball with them. On occasion, the Smiths rent a dog friendly ski house in New England, to which Jin Jin tags along. Whenever she gets a chance to venture back to her home state (or other places like it), she loves every second of it. She loves playing in the snow with her family and friends. Back at home, Jin Jin loves to relax and play with her favorite orange chew toy. Even though she sometimes keeps to herself when she meets new people, she warms up right away, so hopefully you get to meet this Golden River, Goldendoodle sometime soon!