

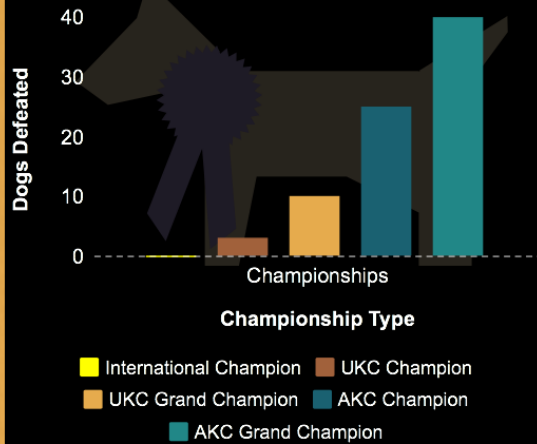
# Know What You're Getting Guide To Championships

In the US, there are many organizations that award Championships. They vary greatly in the steps to earn and prestige of each title.

## American Kennel Club Grand Champion

Most prestigious Championship in the US  
 Defeated at least 40 dogs  
 Fiercest competition in the country  
 Usually a month or more to earn  
 Professional handlers are common  
 Additional levels of Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum signify hundreds to thousands of dogs defeated

## Minimum Number of Dogs Defeated to Earn Championship (Continental US)



## American Kennel Club Champion

Second most prestigious Championship, just slightly behind the AKC Grand Championship  
 Defeated at least 25 dogs  
 Fiercest competition in the country  
 Usually a month or more to earn  
 Professional handlers are common

## United Kennel Club Grand Champion

Focused on family participation  
 Defeated at least 10 dogs  
 Earned over at least 3 days  
 Professional handlers are rare  
 Allowed to show only dogs they own

## Why should I care?

If you are looking to buy a Golden Retriever, it is likely because of the predictable traits they offer.  
 Those traits are set down in the Breed Standard, like a blueprint for breeders.  
 Titles prove that the dogs you are considering have been judged against that blueprint by experts and were found to be a good example of the breed.  
 It is also important to know the different levels of accomplishments because you should not have to pay top dollar for minimal accomplishments.

## United Kennel Club Champion

Focused on family participation  
 Defeated at least 3 dogs  
 Can be earned in 2 days  
 Professional handlers are rare  
 Allowed to show only dogs they own

## International Championship

Defeated at minimum 0 dogs  
 Can be earned in one day

Common for every dog entered in a show to earn this title

Note: International Championships earned overseas are very similar to the AKC Championships and cannot be compared to those earned in the US

**Champion Bloodlines** is a term used to infer dogs are the same quality as those who earn Championships. Don't be fooled by this marketing ploy. These dogs have not been evaluated in competition by experts.

## Sources

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Calculations of AKC Champion and Grand Champion based on Division 13 Point Schedule  
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