



**[RRLV Rescue](#)** Please click the link and Watch this video to help understand our rescues.

Retriever Rescue of Las Vegas (RRLV) was founded in Las Vegas, NV. by Danielle Roth - Lapolla and Jon Lapolla in 2019 and focuses on International Rescue Retrievers (and other breeds) RRLV's goal is to save dogs in terrible situations overseas. RRLV is 100% volunteer based 501 c3 non-profit and we believe in making a difference one dog at a time and being the voice for the voiceless. We started this Rescue because we are aware of outrageous abuse happening in some overseas Countries and cases we saw crushed our hearts and made us think hard of what we can do to make a difference, even if one dog at a time. After volunteering throughout Las Vegas we wanted to not have to say no to non-purebred dogs and didn't want to base our rescue on votes. We just want to save as many of the loving fury faces as we can and make a difference in the furbabies life furever. As you may know, in certain areas in the world dogs are treated differently and are often times faced with horrific outcomes of abuse and torture. After seeing this we just couldn't say no to helping make a furever difference to stop the torture and animal cruelty.

Many breed specific dogs are being tortured and killed daily abroad because their blood is considered pure-the torture tenderizes the meat. Breeds such as Golden Retrievers and Labrador Retrievers -are at high risk. They are loving by nature -making them easier targets for Evil Meat Farms. The dogs we rescue are not simply meat because they are hungry and have to eat them. They are high priced overseas and believed to be a delicacy. These breeds are found in Meat Markets abroad being sold as meat while alive, which is not what our fight is; it is against the cruelty and abuse that is happening in many of these Dog meat farms is why we started focusing on saving these furbabies. We saw an opportunity to connect the dots saving these dogs and bringing them to homes who have been patiently waiting for a specific breed, age or temperament – Golden Retrievers (as many breeds) have such a loving temperament they don't tend to carry their pasts with them long. We also bring in Retriever mixes and furbabies that we see will make good family members. Our fight is to end animal cruelty furever.

RRLV works directly with rescuers internationally who we trust and screened to ensure the dogs temperament tested and receive proper health care prior to traveling to Las Vegas. We do not have a facility; We try to ensure the furbaby has a home/foster prior to arriving in Las Vegas, NV. The Rescue furbaby goes straight to a home which is referred to as a Foster with the intent to adopt (FWI). RRLV carefully watches to be sure the rescue and the family are a perfect match before the adoption. All our Furbabies and their families are part of our family-we enjoy playdates, photos, events and regular updates.

RRLV is 100% volunteer based non-profit rescue group. RRLV rescue dogs are funded through donations and adoption donations. The average rescue dogs costs RRLV \$1,000.00 which includes the overseas rescue, medical bills, shelter, boarding, vaccines, and travel. The adoption donations covers a fraction of RRLV costs. RRLV doesn't not have a facility or a housing shelter for the babies when they arrive; This means when a home is lined up a rescue dog they meet us when possible directly at the airport to greet the rescue and be part of the furbaby Freedom steps. They take the furbaby home with them for a trial period as FWI. Adoption is after it is mutually agreed between RRLV and Foster w/Intent that the rescue is in the perfect home for them. We can only save more furbabies after we have donations and Adoption to cover another rescue.



## Common Questions and Answers

### How are the temperaments of the international dogs?

RRLV dogs are put through a general temperament test. Our rescue partners overseas when possible provide videos of the dogs in various situations for us and for potential homes to review. The main thing we look for are that the dogs are friendly with both people and other dogs. The videos provided usually shows the dog with other dogs, playing, eating, if cats are around, etc... This is how RRLV can select the right potential home for the furbaby. RRLV tries to know and learn as much as possible about each rescue prior to them arriving-which can be just a photo at times. All rescue pets should be fed separately until they learn their food supply isn't something they have to protect and starving will never be something in their lives ever again. Remember 5,5,5. 5 Days to settle. 5 weeks to trust. 5 months to feel at home.

### Are the dogs healthy?

International Rescue dogs have to go through health checks, vaccines, tests in order to be approved to travel to the USA and for RRLV. All dogs must be up to date on shots and tests. Due to being international rescues they also have to clear their full CBC blood panel, PCR parasite testing, Fecal test, HW test in order to fly. Many of the rescue dogs need to be treated for minor issues after arriving. The furbaby Health check up and stool tests with a local veterinarian are recommended a week after arrival. Also if the furbaby isn't microchipped then they need to be chipped.

### Do the dogs know English?

This is a very common question; many of the rescue furbabies have not been spoken to at all prior to our rescue partners rescuing them. They don't know much of any language and haven't been trained; so English or any language is foreign to the furbaby. Dogs are smart and learn very quickly it is preferred you use English and train the furbaby properly. Patience is the most important factor in a new home. Trying to speak a language that is foreign to you and not what is used in the household will just set the training back; this is their new life. Dogs speak Woof...

### Do you sedate the dogs during flight? How do they do during such a long flight?

We do not sedate the dogs during the flight. If the dogs require to be sedated to fly we don't approve them for the flights. The flight is long however most of the dogs usually just sleep throughout the flight.

### How do the dogs adjust after coming over? Do they have jet lag?

Some dogs adjust instantly while others may take a few days. Many are used to a different time schedule, but like humans adjust in a few days. Most dogs adjust easily and are happy to just get the one on one attention of a loving home. Most of the adjustments are common adjustments such as with food, potty schedules, sleep times. Some have upset bellies from flight and changing in food and environment but clears up after a few days. The most important thing to remember is patience and a lot love.



### **What we look for when viewing your application and approval process:**

The Most important part of this process is us knowing the babies will be in the best home with love, patience, and happiness. We look for a match for your family and also the best match for our Furbaby-we don't do a waiting list first in line or anything similar. We take what we know about the Furbaby and what we know about the adoption family and furry family. We get hundreds of applications -Follow up with us- like us on Facebook and Instagram – message us-show you really want one of our babies. First months are very important to the dog/s you adopted and you as a family, being out of Kennel/foreign country is a strange new planet they are experiencing, new soil, new smell, new faces and so on. The adopters are required to update weekly and share the progress in our page, @retrieverrescuelv . This is why we do not accept any applications from those without Facebook/Instagram or social media account -there are many volunteers involved with this process and they all deserve to know how the Furbaby they helped rescue is doing-also those that donated to help rescue deserve to see the happy Furbaby. Throughout time we have learned those without Social Media don't update us enough or sometimes at all the dogs in the new homes. You can share photos and videos of the dogs daily first couple weeks then weekly or monthly. Important to the large group of volunteers that helped rescue your furbaby.

The questions asked in an application are important to us-your notes in the application are important to us. If you say no to a home check then your application isn't approved. If you have young children we need to be sure the Furbaby for you has been kid tested. If you have Senior pets in the house we need to be sure the Furbaby isn't going to just annoy and be overwhelming. We check to be sure you have researched the process and the love and time one of these babies needs. Etc...

Take a look at rescue updates on our Facebook page. Please Take a moment and Watch some of our News Coverage and research. Our hearts and Souls are with each Furbaby. We hope you and your family become a member of the RRLV Family!

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<https://www.8newsnow.com/news/local-news/dogs-rescued-from-south-korean-meat-farm-get-2nd-chance-at-life-in-las-vegas/>

<https://www.8newsnow.com/news/boy-with-autism-meets-new-best-friend-dog-saved-from-south-korean-meat-farm/>

[https://www.fox5vegas.com/news/vegas-nonprofit-rescues-dogs-from-around-the-world/video\\_085f560a-3470-5e5d-add3-46f81d80141a.html?utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_source=email&utm\\_campaign=user-share](https://www.fox5vegas.com/news/vegas-nonprofit-rescues-dogs-from-around-the-world/video_085f560a-3470-5e5d-add3-46f81d80141a.html?utm_medium=social&utm_source=email&utm_campaign=user-share)



**ADOPTION/FOSTER AGREEMENT:** Formal Adoption is After foster w/intent to adopt period & RRLV agrees the Furbaby and Family are a perfect match / Compatibility are approved by all parties and adoption donation received. Transporter is defined as a foster while in possession of the pet. **Photo updates are a must- Pet Instagram accounts are awesome if you do one tag @retrieverrescuelv so we can stay updated but texting them is good if not on Instagram. We are not a normal rescue and without photos we assume the pet needs a new homes.**

I Dani Roth Address: xxxxxx Doggy Way, Furbaby, NV. 88888 Phone 702-245-4469  
Email : dani@retrieverrescue.org ("Adopter or Foster w/intent to Adopt") and Retriever Rescue Las Vegas, LLC (RRLV) hereby agree to the following:

1. This pet, a Retriever named Furbaby is being transferred by RRLV to Adopter with the understanding that Adopter is taking possession of the pet to keep and to provide for this pet for its lifetime. Adopter is adopting the pet solely as a domestic indoor pet for the Adopter/Foster and/or the Adopter's family.

\_\_\_\_\_ Initials

2. Our Adoption donations go towards rescuing the next Furbaby for **obvious reason time is of the essence**. Adopter is donating to RRLV an adoption donation of \$500 before the pet ownership is transferred from RRLV to Dani Roth Checks payable to Retriever Rescue of Las Vegas, LLC (**mailing address below**) or **PayPal** dani@retrieverrescue.org (friends and family) or **Venmo** @retrieverrescuelv Donate it on our **website** [www.retrieverrescuelv.com](http://www.retrieverrescuelv.com) This is paid after the 5-7 day Foster period \_\_\_\_\_ Initials

3. Adopter understands and agrees that RRLV makes no guarantees or representations regarding this pet's behavior, health, or temperament. Adopter accepts full responsibility for any risks associated with owning this pet and hereby forever releases RRLV and its agents from any and all liability arising out of Adopter's ownership and possession of this pet, including but not limited to any claim for damages to persons or property caused by this pet. RRLV advises that any interaction between pets and children be closely supervised.

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4. Adopter will always provide this pet with adequate food, fresh water, bedding, indoor living and loving companionship. Adopter will never physically abuse, neglect or harm the pet in any way. Adopter will provide both routine and emergency veterinary care as needed, including an annual physical exam, regular vaccinations, boosters, and heartworm test and preventative care, if applicable. Any guidelines not met pet to be returned to RRLV immediately. \_\_\_\_\_ Initials

5. If the pet is a dog or cat, and is not already sterilized prior to adoption, Adopter agrees to sign and to abide by the terms of RRLVs' Sterilization Agreement, the terms of which are incorporated herein- Sterilization is required within 30 days of arrival to the USA(if proper age). \_\_\_\_\_ Initials



6. Adopter agrees to never: (a) abandon the pet; (b) give or sell the pet to another person or entity; or (c) deposit the pet at an animal shelter or research facility, for any reason. If at any time in the future Adopter cannot continue to provide proper care for the pet for any reason, Adopter agrees to contact RRLV and to arrange for the return of the pet. Adopter agrees to give RRLV at least three (3) business days notice before returning the pet and will provide safe and loving care of the pet until it is returned. However, before returning the pet to RRLV, Adopter agrees to exhaust all available options including, but not limited to, obedience training, a behaviorist, crate training or veterinary advice to solve a physical or behavioral problem that may occur with the pet. Adopter understand that the normal adjustment period for most new pets is approximately **30-45 days** and is prepared to make allowances accordingly as the pet gets to know its new surroundings. \_\_\_\_\_ Initials

7. Should it come to the attention of RRLV from any source that Adopter is not abiding by the terms of this agreement, or is abusing, mistreating, or neglecting this pet, RRLV has the right to take the pet into protective custody while the charge is investigated, and if the charge is deemed to be true and accurate, shall have the right to resume permanent ownership of the pet and Adopter shall relinquish all rights and this agreement shall be terminated. Adopter to cover all attorney and court fees the arise from Adopter failure to abide by agreement \_\_\_\_\_ Initials

8. Adopter agrees to contact RRLV if there are any changes to Adopter's address or phone number. \_\_\_\_\_ Initials

9. **A MUST/ Regular Pet photo updates**, this is a requirement to adopt from us and our rescuer partners/fosters count on seeing the baby living the good life – you can set up a Furbaby Instagram account or message to us – you should want to let us all know they are doing well – so many people love and care for this furbaby and makes all the difference seeing they are living the life we fought for. \_\_\_\_\_ Initials

10. Vet authorization to release any information as requested by RRLV. \_\_\_\_\_ Initials

11. There is nothing easy about bringing in a Rescue dog. Adopter agrees to have **patience** with the Furbaby and take all the necessary steps to by sure to provide a loving and caring home. If at anytime Adopter or FWI can not provide they agree to contact RRLV **immediately**. **The 1<sup>st</sup> week** you shouldn't take you rescue dog to parks, etc...let them learn their home and love and little moving around in cars or parks or neighbors...they should learn their happy place and get one on one family experience before being overwhelmed by visitors and parks and stores.

\_\_\_\_\_ Initials



## **Retriever Rescue of Las Vegas, LLC (RRLV)**

### **FOSTER/FOSTER WITH INTENT TO ADOPT/TRANSPORTER AGREEMENT**

While every effort is made to provide as much information as possible to the Foster Home concerning this dog, RRLV does not warrant a dog regarding medical status or behavior.

Many of our dogs come from animal shelters or impound facilities or much worse. We may have no history of their past circumstances. We assume no liability for unknown historical information about any dog. We try to pass on any information known to us. We assume no liability for information given to us by a former owner or caretaker. We have clear title to the dogs we place, either through shelters, rescuers or transfer permits.

You agree to indemnify and hold us harmless for any occurrence known or unknown, anticipated or unanticipated, relating to any dog you Foster/Transport or Adopt from us, its behavior, care, keeping or maintenance. You understand that dogs may carry diseases and parasites that may be transmissible to other animals, and hold RRLV and its representatives harmless. You agree that RRLV shall not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by the Foster/Transporter or Adopting family resulting from but not limited to, damage or injury to any persons or any property by the dog. The Foster or Adopting family releases, indemnifies and holds RRLV harmless from any and all liability and any cause directly or indirectly relating to this placement. From the time of adoption, you are the animal's owner and solely responsible for its behavior.

The Foster, Transporter and/or Adopting Home will provide food, water, shelter, exercise and a healthy and safe living environment for the dog. The Foster Home will transport the foster dog to the veterinary facility used by RRLV, at their request, for the continuation of any medical treatment. RRLV will be responsible for payment of veterinary fees for this approved treatment, including medication if dog is with a foster. RRLV will not be responsible for any medical bills incurred after adoption.

If, at any time in the dog's life you can no longer keep the dog for any reason, you must return the dog to us. We will refund your adoption donation in full if you return this dog within 30 days of adoption. After that, you are no longer entitled to a refund.





## **FOSTER/ADOPTION AGREEMENT or FOSTER WITH INTENT TO ADOPT:**

### Release of Liability

I understand that there are potential dangers incidental to my handling or adoption of any dog. Dogs are animals and may behave erratically. They may bite, lunge, or scratch, even if unprovoked, causing personal injuries or damage to property.

I agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Retriever Rescue Las Vegas, LLC from and against all claims, demands, liabilities, causes of action or costs (including attorney's fees and defense costs) made by third parties against Retriever Rescue Las Vegas, LLC (including claims against RRLV for its own negligence) as a result of the handling or the adoption/foster of the dog.

To the extent authorized by law, I, Individually and on behalf of my heirs, executors, administrators, personal representative, successors and assignees, hereby release, forever discharge and agree not to sue Retriever Rescue of Las Vegas, LLC and their officers, agents, volunteers, and representatives, from any and all liability, loss, claims, demands, causes of actions (known or unknown), suits, judgments, cost, expense or attorney's fees, including, but not limited to those arising from injury, loss or damage to my person or property, which arise out of, occur during, or are in any way the result of or connected with handling or adopting this dog, regardless of whether the injury, loss, or damage is caused by Retriever Rescue of Las Vegas, LLC own or sole negligence.

I Dani Roth Address: xxxxxx Doggy Way, Furbaby, NV. 88888 Phone 702-245-4469

Email : dani@retrieverrescue.org ("Adopter or Foster w/intent to Adopt") and Retriever Rescue Las Vegas, LLC (RRLV) agree to all terms of this contract:

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Signature

Date

***Pet's Name*** Furbaby ***Breed is or mixed w:*** Retriever Foster/Adopt MUST send lots of photos and updates regularly for first few months-this is part of the contract and greatly appreciated updates forever. Many people love this furbaby. 😊

\*Everything is included in the package for a reason – please read it. For tips on bringing in a rescue please YouTube some video's. No matter what you think you know bringing in a Dog Meat Dog or a trauma dog takes refreshing. Pick who you like and watch through videos before doggie's arrival. Zak George videos is a good start. You are not rescuing and bringing home a dog from a shelter – so research and ask questions.



## Your TO DO List/ PRINT THIS PAGE OR SAVE IT

- **Food** (dry-puppy if under 1 year). **NO GRAIN FREE DIETS for RETRIEVERS**. Purina or Purina Pro Plan might want to start on their sensitive stomach flavors first or Salmon and Rice flavor. Not uncommon for dogs rescues to not like Kibble- keep with it....It is a must for their overall health and teeth health. They will eventually eat it-add a couple teaspoons of vanilla yogurt, canned dog food without chicken byproducts or applesauce if won't eat.. [https://smile.amazon.com/Blue-Buffer-Limited-Ingredient-Natural/dp/B00YG05OXS/ref=sr\\_1\\_8?dchild=1&keywords=salmon+dog+food+blue+buffalo&qid=1624050186&sr=8-8](https://smile.amazon.com/Blue-Buffer-Limited-Ingredient-Natural/dp/B00YG05OXS/ref=sr_1_8?dchild=1&keywords=salmon+dog+food+blue+buffalo&qid=1624050186&sr=8-8) You can add some wet food Salmon based with steamed white rice is recommended for the first few days mixed with kibble to help upset belly. (many have been showing chicken bad reactions so avoid-check ingredients carefully for no Chicken bi-products)
- **Pet De-Wormer**  
[https://smile.amazon.com/dp/B07CXQQ4Q5/ref=cm\\_sw\\_em\\_r\\_mt\\_dp\\_1TKB6XMC4WQKFG7E7JZ?encoding=UTF8&psc=1](https://smile.amazon.com/dp/B07CXQQ4Q5/ref=cm_sw_em_r_mt_dp_1TKB6XMC4WQKFG7E7JZ?encoding=UTF8&psc=1)
- **Your dog if from Korea and 10 months or over when arrives needs -Preventative Heartworm Treatment** Chewables each month for 1yr. Heartgard is a good brand. All overseas dogs need to be checked 6 months after arrival. Have vet check and then order from 1-800PetMeds to save \$\$\$\$ <https://www.1800petmeds.com/Heartgard+Plus+Chewables-prod10002.html>
- **Martingale Collar** -you won't know exact size so start with a slip leash.  
[https://smile.amazon.com/dp/B00ACSQKZ4/ref=cm\\_sw\\_em\\_r\\_mt\\_dp\\_QRTTQCBR4B8TXEDSE9TQ?encoding=UTF8&psc=1](https://smile.amazon.com/dp/B00ACSQKZ4/ref=cm_sw_em_r_mt_dp_QRTTQCBR4B8TXEDSE9TQ?encoding=UTF8&psc=1)
- **Filled Bully Bones**. You can use forever the same way as a Kong, but they are a huge hit! They last just about forever. Fill w/peanut butter or cream cheese and freeze. [https://www.amazon.com/Redbarn-Filled-Cheese-Bacon-6-Inch/dp/B000633Y4U/ref=sr\\_1\\_6?keywords=bully+bones+filled&qid=1572390940&sr=8-6](https://www.amazon.com/Redbarn-Filled-Cheese-Bacon-6-Inch/dp/B000633Y4U/ref=sr_1_6?keywords=bully+bones+filled&qid=1572390940&sr=8-6)
- **Wee Wee Pads** helps with potty training and a bell they can bump with nose to go out.
- **Variety of toys** (a ball, rope, chew toy and puzzle toy are good starts) AVOID rawhide/bullysticks bones-avoid all types of chew bones the 2 weeks to avoid **resource guarding**.
- **Have Benadryl & Pepcid & Pepto** in the house. If dog shows signs of being allergic to what you have given them they can have 1MG per Pound of dog upset belly throwing up- Pepcid – diarrhea Pepto tablet. Put peanut butter on it and be sure eaten.
- **See Pet Smart** for full list of puppy/dog supplies **recommended**
- **Set yourself & Furbaby** up for success -PLEASE Watch these videos Read up/research on introducing a rescue pet and Resource guarding. Zak George videos-some that might help -  
[https://youtu.be/v6\\_EUuv7q1k](https://youtu.be/v6_EUuv7q1k) <https://youtu.be/HwXNXbg9qDI> [https://youtu.be/THZNO0zX\\_pg](https://youtu.be/THZNO0zX_pg)  
[https://youtu.be/yDQaKdH\\_Jr4](https://youtu.be/yDQaKdH_Jr4) [https://youtu.be/HNRpNVHii\\_E](https://youtu.be/HNRpNVHii_E) <https://youtu.be/4YytBgEfsho>  
[https://youtu.be/Wf9-q1\\_J3hs](https://youtu.be/Wf9-q1_J3hs)
- **Study** the photo album we sent you-watch the videos and learn as much about the furbaby as you can. Add your photos and videos to their album too so we can be excited and our rescuers/fosters can see them!

**We have a certified Trainer we HIGHLY recommend using and beginning after 1st week of the furbabies arrival A dog trainer experienced with overseas rescue dogs. We want them to have the best lives and a trainer for a few sessions is important to their furever happiness.**

**Pam – Dog Behavior Specialist 702-817-3495 we cover the 1<sup>st</sup> visit if you sign up for an additional visit. Setting our rescues and adopters up for success.**





## **For ALL overseas rescues**

We have what we call the 5-5-5 Rule that we give adopters. Don't set them up for failure.

If you can't commit to giving them time to settle, please don't bring them in your home we have plenty of applications and they don't deserve to be shuffled around after all they have been through. It will set them back so much for us to move them in under 5 days.

5-Days to Settle, decompress, trust  
5-Weeks to learn the rules and start to feel safe  
5-Months to know they are home.

**Those first 5 days are critical!!!** They go nowhere but to the Vet if sick and short pack walks. No dog parks, No company over, No play dates and no groomers! They only meet the people & animals living in their new home. They need to learn their name, our language, their family only first. These dogs have just gone through a huge life change. Very Long Transport, boarding, airport, seeing crates for the first time, flight, arrival then meeting you.

**Please don't let your dog fool you either.**

They really need this time to decompress. To learn and be comfortable with the sights and smells of their new home. Most adopters find they have a different dog 5 days later.

If you have any questions please ask. Remember this is most likely their 1<sup>st</sup> time living inside a house. Counter surfing is a real thing...potty training...manners ..etc.. is a must.

For those adopting no matter the dog. People get relaxed because they are after all they seem happy. We know what their lives have been like while with rescuers. The life before that is terrible very terrible. We need to give them the time for the real personality to emerge. We need to not set them up to fail.

It is important too for families with existing Pets. Your new pup need their own food & water bowl. They & your existing pets should not have access to each other's bowls for awhile – see Resource guarding.

### **During your Foster with Intent to adopt please use Our Vets In in NV**

Greatful Pet Animal Hospital [\(702\) 294-4899](tel:7022944899)

Vetco – Any Location in side Petco for vaccines “Total Care” for Vet visit Vetco Total Care in Petco – Any Total Care Location Serene 725-726-9869 or Summerlin 725-726-9866 Tropical 725-726-9870

**Text** Dani or Jon with questions – please remember both work full time so voicemail fills up quickly.

Jon 702-299-5457 Dani 702-245-4469



## **STERILIZATION AGREEMENT**

1. Adopter understands that this dog is   x   or is not        yet   spayed   or   neutered  .
2. RRLV requires all adopted dogs or cats to be sterilized. Adopter understands this requirement.
3. RRLV, requires that all animals adopted from their organization be spayed or neutered within 30 days of the date when the pet is 8 months old. By signing this agreement, Adopter agrees to have this animal spayed or neutered by TBD which date is 30-45 days after this pet turns 8 months old ("Sterilization Date"). we recommend with females waiting until she has been in home 30 days before a surgery but within 60 days
4. Adopter agrees to have the pet spayed or neutered on or before the Sterilization Date by the local veterinarian of their choice if not already done.. Adopter agrees to provide proof to RRLV by a veterinarian of Sterilization (this is the law), Adopter is responsible for the cost of the spaying or neutering if adopter can't afford or needs assistance to Sterilize then discuss with RRLV so they can arrange it to be done.
5. Adopter understands and agrees that the pet is to be micro-chipped for identification purposes, and that the registered owner of the pet is RRLV. Upon submission of written proof of timely sterilization of the pet, RRLV will register Adopter as the owner of the pet.

\*we will cover the sterilization with our vet at Greatful Pet Henderson or Vetco Summerlin or Serene to be done when vet thinks ready - about males 6 months – females 8 months. We understand health concerns with spaying and neutering to early and we are open to waiting with communication and if the vet recommends that- but must be done before 1 yr of age.

### **During your Foster with Intent to adopt please use Our Vets**

Greatful Pet Animal Hospital [\(702\) 294-4899](tel:7022944899)

Vetco – Any Location in side Petco for vaccines “Total Care” for Vet visit Vetco Total Care in Petco – Any Total Care Location Serene 725-726-9869 or Summerlin 725-726-9866 Tropical 725-726-9870



## **Things to know or expect**

### **Some Dog Costs:**

- More likely than not, the adopting agency will charge a fee or request a donation to help defray the extreme cost of rescuing animals. The adoption fee/donation you pay will be a tiny fraction of the money you will spend over the life of your dog.
- You need to pay for your adopted dog to be spayed or neutered when of age if not already done at adoption.
- Some expenses are mandatory for all dogs, including:
  - Food (Purina Pro Plan -most should start on sensitive stomach)
  - Routine veterinary care
  - Licensing according to local regulations
  - Collars, leashes and identification tags
  - Basic grooming equipment and supplies
  - Toys, treats, etc...
- Other expenditures may not be required but are highly recommended:
  - Permanent identification, such as a microchip if not already chipped
  - Training classes
  - Additional grooming supplies or professional grooming (depending on your new dog's needs)
  - A spare collar or leash
  - A bed and toys
  - A crate or carrier
  - Vacation care/dog sitter/dog walker
- Unexpected costs: Accidents and illness can result in costly emergency veterinary care. Recovery tools for finding a missing dog can include posters and rewards.
- A dog with special physical or behavioral challenges may require specialized professional support to overcome any obstacles these issues present.

### **Time Considerations:**

- Dogs need to be fed two times a day, more often in the case of puppies, and need a constant supply of fresh water.
- A responsible dog parent should spend at least one hour per day giving direct attention to his or her dog. This may include training, exercising, grooming, and playing, park visits, etc., it may just be lap time on the couch. Dogs will need to be taken out to potty several times a day and never left alone longer than 7 hours. Youngers dog never more than 4-5 hours. Young Puppies never left more than 3-4 hours.
- A dog with an abundance of energy needs more time to exercise and interactive toys to keep them entertained.
- Dogs with long coats may need 20 minutes a day of grooming to prevent matting.
- Dogs with certain medical conditions may need additional attention, including specifically timed injections in the case of diabetic animals.
- Remember that adopted dogs may need additional bonding and reassurance time in the early weeks patience and lots of love is the key to giving them the second chance they deserve at life; .



## **What To Expect When You Are Expecting ... A Rescue Dog**

### ***Congratulations – you have a new family member on the way!***

Bringing home a new dog is an exciting event; in the excitement pet parents may, understandably, forget their new four-legged family member might take just a bit more time to join in the enthusiasm.

Change can be stressful for some dogs (and some humans), particularly for those who have had a harder than we can ever imagine start to life. Because they've taken a few more knocks than the average canine. Your new pup may show stress by acting in unexpected ways. Rest assured, with a patience, lots of love and positive reinforcement any unwanted behaviors typically disappear quickly as the dog adapts to his or her new surroundings. Your new best friend is eager to shower you with love and affection, and the following are a few tips to help bolster that relationship.

***Expect an adjustment period*** – for some dogs this may be days; for others it may be a few months.

Both you and your new dog need to get used to each other: the dog needs to get used to a new environment, you need to get used to a new schedule, and other adjustments may be required. Some behaviors your new pup might exhibit during the adjustment period include:

- Shyness, hiding, or timidity (trusting humans again or other pets-they haven't been treated kindly)
- Barking for reasons not obvious to us mere humans
- Marking territory
- Separation anxiety
- Forgetting any former house training skills- if ever had any. Expect the Furbaby to need training..
- Possessiveness with you, toys, food , treats or the house-this is a first they have had all these things and they want to protect from ever being taken away.
- Leash aggression -trying to pull or get out of.
- Nervousness around strangers

(Please note: 99% of the time, you will have few or no unwanted behaviors crop up, but because you are dealing with a dog and not a Ficus plant, always be ready for the unexpected).

***Some tricks to help manage these behaviors include:***

- Crate training the dog (read online on crate training)
- Read our Resource guarding information page-this is the most common behavior issue.
- Providing ample exercise
- Executing a consistent routine
- Ignoring the dog until he or she decides to come out from their hiding place (we know, this one can be tough!)
- Being a calm, confident pack leader/pet guardian – don't get angry or frustrated-they don't know you mean them no harm. But be their mom or dad so strength and secure-not fear and anger with them.

Issues like possessiveness, nervousness, and leash aggression will require some additional training. We had recommendations.

Introduce the dog slowly to your house and new surroundings. Give the dog one or two rooms at a time for exploration. Dogs naturally like small spaces (that's one reason crate training is easy and a good idea). A dog will initially feel safer with a small area to explore rather than having the run of the house.

Many people like to take their dog to the pet store/park/have neighbors over/friends over, etc.. right away; don't -for a rescue dog this is overwhelming and terrifying, this is not a "fun" event yet. Let your dog get used to you and your house before taking him or her to what might be a scary environment. If your dog trusts you, he or she will do much better in new surroundings. You get to know your pup first and your pup gets to know you.



### ***Be ready to start training immediately.***

Training could be on your own or with a trainer (or both), but training starts the minute the dog walks into your house.. Clean your stuff off the ground-move items off the counter-counter surfing is popular with rescue dogs, don't leave shows-electric cords, or items you don't want chewed in harms way. Put away all toys and bones except balls if you have other pets at home- introduce those items slowly. Remember a squeak might frighten them at first-they have never had a toy before and may try and protect it. Very important, reward any good behaviors – sitting, going potty outside or sitting by the door to go outside-if no doggy door try a bell if pup isn't afraid of the bell noise, chewing on a treat instead of your shoe...

### ***Now is the time to establish your alpha relationship.***

This can be done in a loving, trusting manner , but you and the dog need to understand that you are in charge. A Google search on "Nothing In Life Is Free" or NILIF training provides great information on how to set up this relationship (you don't have to follow NILIF to a T to benefit from the concepts). Remember, dogs are pack animals and they want someone to lead them.

### ***Plan to spend some extra time with your dog in the first few weeks.***

To aid in the bonding between you and your dog, schedule some additional time in your day with him or her. This extra time together will also benefit your training and house breaking programs. A new dog may also need more frequent bathroom breaks until a routine is established, so be prepared to come home on lunch breaks and before happy hours. You'll also need to learn how much exercise to provide your dog – some may be good with 1 long walk a day, some may need several walks a day – until you figure this out, you may find yourself late for work the first few mornings you spend with your pup. Just ask us for referral if you need a good dog walker.

Work on off-leash recall in a secure environment before taking your dog to the park, or off-leash events.

Make sure your dog knows and trusts you and knows his or her name before you head out to an off-leash park. Taking a dog to an off-leash park too soon can lead to several problems:

1. Your dog may run off as he or she doesn't associate you as his or her leader yet;
2. Already adjusting to change at home, you dog could be overwhelmed by the chaos at a dog park. You need to be confident your dog will respond to your training commands in this chaotic environment;
3. Unfamiliar dogs, a new owner, and wide open spaces can really stress your dog, enough to act aggressively towards others even when he or she is not aggressive.

Trust and confidence in the new relationship will help avoid any negative scenarios.

Introduce your dog to new pets and animals slowly.

**Most likely you are going to experience a few less than perfect days with your new pup...very little sleep...a chewed up shoe, a puddle of pee/poo on your carpet, a ravaged garbage can, counter surfing. Sometimes, the best solution to these adjustment problems is to maintain a sense of humor!**

### **Feeding and Shopping:**

Feed you dog twice a day- AM and PM. Dog will need to potty 15-20 minutes after eating so plan ahead. Puppies under 6 months should be fed 3 times daily.

Dog just change dog food without doing a proper transition. Don't do Grain Free on Retrievers-causes heart disease. Use normal dog food-we recommend Salmon and Rice Blue Buffalo is the most popular.