



Please respect us and take the time to read this package. Many tips in the package to set you and your new foster or adoptive pet up for success. We have had vets, trainers and behavior experts guide us through putting this together. We have found we need to remove the pets from the homes when they have only skimmed this package. We over worry about our babies and we work full time jobs with our own families. We know what it takes and it is obvious when someone didn't take the time or care to read. We want to set you, your family and the RRLV baby up for success. **DON'T FAIL THEM.**

***All links in the document will work after it is signed and emailed back to you. We aren't sure why they won't work before then.**

[RRLV Rescue](#) Please click the link & Watch video some or all of it to help understand our rescues. We get an email notifying us when viewed and understanding how much we love each one. Each Link will work after this document is signed and emailed back to you.

Important Phone Numbers:

Pam Watson Behavior Specialist Trainer 702-817-3495

Dani RRLV 702-xxx-xxxx (please text because also a Realtor and voicemail fills up daily)

Jon RRLV 702-xxx-xxxx

Judee RRLV Volunteer 702-xxx-xxxx

Vetco 4 Locations, Summerlin, Centennial. Spring Valley and Serene 702-726-9866

Animal ER vet for emergencies afterhours 702-457-8050

Training over the phone, live video chat or Outside the Las Vegas area Kirk 805-570-7829

Our Instagram and Facebook is [@retrieverrescuelv](#) your new baby has a hashtag [#rrlv_\(dog name\)](#)

By agreeing to the terms of this agreement you agree to notify RRLV if at any time the baby is lost or you can't take proper care of the furbaby. Under ZERO circumstances can you abandon, put in a shelter or rehome the furbaby. We will happily take any of our rescues back and find them the proper care.

We often use our personal funds to cover vet bills locally and overseas, we have agreements with our vets. If you are not in our local area you need to commit to covering the costs. We are often broke and need to make payments on bills – please respect that and know every dollar counts.



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 furry faces as we can and make a difference in the furbabies life forever. 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 forever 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 forever.

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.



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 do look at if you allow pets on furniture like 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 baby's needs. Etc...

Take a look at rescue updates on our Instagram/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!

RRLV Rescue < Click link Our Rescue Video please take time to watch if you didn't already. Also some news coverage showing a little more about RRLV rescues links work after signing complete.

<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



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 @retrieverrescueelv so we can stay updated but texting them is good if not on Instagram. We are not a normal rescue, we are a family and without photos/updates we assume the pet needs a new homes.

I
("Adopter or Foster w/intent to Adopt") and Retriever Rescue Las Vegas, LLC (RRLV) hereby agree to the following:

1. This pet, named xxxx is part of the RRLV family and being placed with Foster/ Adopter with the understanding that Foster/ Adopter is taking possession of the pet to keep and to provide for this pet as a member of their family. Foster/Adopter is fostering/adopting the pet solely as a domestic indoor pet.

_____ Initials

2. Our Adoption donations go towards rescuing the next Furbaby for **obvious reason time is of the essence, but must be approved**. It costs us double at minimum each rescue and receiving the donation is important to keep rescuing. Adopter is donating to RRLV (501 c3) an adoption donation of \$ \$500 N/A for Fosters before the pet ownership is transferred from RRLV to **adopter**. Checks payable to Retriever Rescue of Las Vegas, LLC (**mailing address below**) or **PayPal** dani@retrieverrescue.org (**friends and family**) or **Venmo** @retrieverrescueelv Donate it on our **website** www.retrieverrescueelv.com **This is paid after the 4-7 day Foster period**

_____ Initials

3. Adopter/Foster understands and agrees that RRLV makes no guarantees or representations regarding this pet's behavior, health, or temperament. A/Fr 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 A/Fr'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.

_____ Initials

4. Adopter/foster will always provide this pet with adequate food, fresh water, bedding, indoor living and loving companionship. A/F will never physically abuse, neglect or harm the pet in any way. A/F 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, A/F agrees to sign and to abide by the terms of RRLVs' Sterilization Agreement, . _____ Initials

6. Adopter/foster 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 A/F cannot continue to provide proper care for the pet for any reason, A/F agrees to contact RRLV and to arrange for the return of the pet. A/F 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, A/F 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/Foster 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/Foster 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/Foster 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 any time A/F cannot provide they agree to contact RRLV **immediately**. **The 1st 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 _____
("Adopter or Foster w/intent to Adopt") and Retriever Rescue Las Vegas, LLC (RRLV) agree to all terms of this contract:

Signature

Date

Pet's Name xxxxx **Breed is or mixed w.** xxxxxxxxx Foster/Adopt MUST send lots of photos and updates regularly for first few months-this is part of the contract and greatly appreciated updates furever. 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 videos. 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/ Intolerant to Chicken.** Instinct, Natural Balance Salmon, Solid Gold Alaskan Pollock w/grains, Blue Buffalo 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. They will eventually eat it-add a couple teaspoons of vanilla yogurt, Salmon canned dog food **without chicken byproducts** or applesauce if won't eat.. https://www.amazon.com/Natural-Balance-Limited-Ingredient-Formula/dp/B083X4HYBR/ref=sr_1_3?crd=K7G8EEXHNL&keywords=natural+balance+salmon+dog+food&qid=1640895528&sprefix=natural+balance+salmon+dog+food%2Caps%2C193&sr=8-3
- You can add some **wet food Salmon Purina ProPlan** with steamed white rice is recommended for the first few days mixed with kibble to help upset belly. Pepto-Bismol tablet 2x daily for 1st day or 2 if runny poop.
- **Your dog if from Korea and 10 months or over when arrives needs -Preventative Heartworm 1st of each month Treatment** Please ask RRLV dates to give -vet needs to prescribe this. Chewable each month for 1yr. Heartgard is a good brand. All overseas dogs need to be re-checked 6 months after arrival.
- **Martingale Collar** -you won't know exact size so start with slip leash. (We provide slip leash) https://smile.amazon.com/dp/B00ACSQKZ4/ref=cm_sw_em_r_mt_dp_QRTTQCBR4B8TXEDSE9TQ?encoding=UTF8&psc=1
- **Filled Bully Bones.** You can use over & over the same way as a Kong, but they are a huge hit! They last for months. 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
- **Wee Wee Pads** helps with potty training and a bell they can bump with nose to go out.
- **Variety of toys** (a ball, chew toy, stuffed animals and puzzle toy are good starts) AVOID rawhide/bully bones-avoid all types of chew bones the 2 weeks to avoid **resource guarding. (Read Up on Resource guarding)**
- **Have Benadryl & Pepcid & Pepto** have 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.
- **Dewormer** each should be treated with a Dewormer when they arrive. Pancur or Bayer order online based on the pets approx. weight and have ready to start them on when they arrive. https://smile.amazon.com/Bayer-136mg-Chewable-Dewormer-Greater/dp/B0713PL5ZX/ref=sr_1_2?keywords=dewormer+large+dogs&qid=1639772802&sr=8-2
- **See Petco or a popular dog website** 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 , Resource guarding, basic training and Potty training. Zak George videos-some that might help - https://youtu.be/v6_EUuv7q1k <https://youtu.be/HwXNXbg9qDI> https://youtu.be/THZNO0zX_pg https://youtu.be/yDQaKDh_Jr4 https://youtu.be/HNRpNVHii_E <https://youtu.be/4YytBgEfsho> https://youtu.be/Wf9-q1_J3hs
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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! Remember how many people fought to save this furbaby we try to set them and you up for success. Dani tries to add all notes and relevant screenshots to the album. If you see something RRLV hasn't brought up please ask. Multi-tasking often gets the better of us. Vaccines and medical records are in the album also.

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 to come meet them, No play dates and **no groomers!** They should only meet the people & animals living in their new home. They need to learn their name, our language, their family only first. They need to learn who to trust and all the smells and voices that go along with it.

These dogs have just gone through a huge life change they might not show it. Very Long Transport, boarding, airport, seeing crates for the first time, flight, arrival then meeting you. Set up for success! Not failure.

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 1st time living inside a house. Always have a nightlight and let them see you overnight – they are not cats and can't see in the dark. Night terrors are real and very scary for them. Counter surfing is a real thing...potty training...manners ..etc.. is a must and YouTube videos really help. Don't brush their teeth or mess with them in any way that could make them uncomfortable -please for 1st week. This sets them up for success.

No matter the dog -People tend get relaxed because they are after all they seem happy. We know what their lives have been like while with rescuers and prior. 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 and that is on all of us.

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 please.



Decompression - helping another to relax and feel comfortable Part I

"The highest form of knowledge is empathy." Bill Bullard

Our rescue dogs are stressed and often suffering both physically and emotionally, more than we can fathom. The most important job we have as fosters and adopters is to help our furry friends to decompress.

How We Can Help:

- * When meeting your new dog for the first time, avoid direct eye-contact. To a dog this is considered rude and often aversive. Wait until they seek your gaze.
- * Resist the urge to hug your dog. Once again, dogs, especially ones that don't know you won't appreciate it. This can also be aversive to a dog. Once you have established a relationship, your dog, he might let you do this. Please stress this with your young children.
- * Young children should never be left alone with any dog rescue or not.
- * If your dog will let you touch him, under the chin is usually accepted.
- * If your dog does not want to be touched, please respect that. Many rescues have negative associations with hands. It will come with time.
- * Use calm, quiet tones when speaking and make slow movements.
- * When possible, let your dog come to you.
- * As you arrive home or the dog comes to you, take him on a leash and go for a "Sniffari" around your house outside and inside. Bring some yummy treats to give while having these tours. Sniffing gives your dog loads of information.
- * Everything about living indoors might be new -always have a nightlight on-they must be able to see they will be terrified of pitch black. TVs/Radio/Ceiling fans/doors/Appliances are scary – be aware but keep on doing what you do. Ignore the fear and proceed so they can process as not harmful. Don't try and comfort in the fearful moments instead show confidence and ignore their fear – otherwise comfort shows them they have a reason to fear it. Do what you do and let them watch you – ceilings oh and lights on the ceiling -how scary – walls around me – floor is shiny -metal bowls - let them process it isn't going to hurt them.

Decompression- Part II

- * Introduce your dog to the area outside in which you would like him to potty. Reward with yummy treats if he goes -cheer them on.
- * Avoid lots of people and neighborhood walks for one to two weeks as this can be overwhelming -you haven't bonded yet please don't try to push before your bond is formed -walks are good but avoid people approaching excited and their dogs -they can walk by or approach you and ignore until doggie requests their attention..
- * Try to see things from your dog's point of view, He or she is in a strange place, with new people, possibly new animals and doesn't know the language -most likely never lived in a house.
- * Dogs thrive on routine and schedule, so what they might have been through doesn't match that. Try to stay true to your routine, feeding about the same time, potty after, bedtime the same, etc. They need to adapt to your routine.
- * Wait to meet the extended family and friends for about two weeks. Too many people is too stimulating and could set them up for failure.
- * Create a safe place with a crate, ex pen or other blocked off area with a comfy bed . Some dogs don't like crates, so an area enclosed with an exercise pen up or baby gates can work. Before you leave your pup, make



sure they can not get caught in either place. This should always be a place they feel comfortable going to for some alone time and rest- never used as a punishment. Their personal space for their personal time and safety.

- * Limit access to the house to one or two rooms where you can have eyes on your dog when you are not right next to them. You will not overwhelm your dog and reduce accidents this is for their safety not to protect your things.
- * Physical and mental stimulation- If an only dog Playing with toys, play chase and retrieve, any game your dog likes, a walk. Mental stimulation can be food puzzles and games.
- * Watch your dog's body language. A good resource- <http://en.turid-rugaas.no>
- *Try to schedule at home time or take some vacation time for the first few weeks.
- * * *Leaving a fearful dog alone at first can be too much for him.

Any questions, feel free to contact me. Chris Loftis -

If you have another dog: Properly Introduce -please ask Dani & Jon too.

***Be Sure all food, toys, bones, balls are picked up the 1st week. Introducing anything dogs might share takes time and is done slowly. Feed separately too for 1 week.

1) Always introduce dogs on a walk. Dog already in home leads the walk before they meet. Both dog walkers ignore each other, and dogs ignore each other- just strangers walking. New dog follows but not close about 5-6 feet behind. A good walk - after about 5-6 minutes - close in gap slowly to 3 feet. Still Ignoring like there isn't a dog in front. If dog in front stops to sniff or potty - dog on back stops and waits. Then if feels comfortable slowly close in gap 1 foot for a few minutes. Then if comfortable let sniff butts not face to face quick sniff 3,2,1. Walk. New dog always behind for 1st 3-4 days then together side by side. This is teaching order of the pack. This is a big deal.

2) After walk go to backyard with leashes not inside yet. Allow longer butt sniffs. If not behaving playful keep them on the leashes- if playful let them play. Then after a good play or smelling period outside you can go inside - Dog of the house goes inside 1st. New dog follows a couple minutes later and goes into crate if any growling occurs. Leave dogs alone for 20 minutes. New dog locked in crate - dog of house in same room - humans gone. Let them talk and safely work it out in doggy language.

If all calm let new dog out with leash on. Grab leash for quick re-directing from potty inside or growls etc... leash on while everyone is active inside for a couple days or new dog in crate. Gets them used to leash and gives control – reminds you to watch and the easy grab is very helpful.

3) Dog of house gets everything 1st. Greetings 1st, fed 1st separately, treats 1st, in car 1st, walks 1st out door and in door.

This is changing mentally a dog - makes the dog of house less scared of a new dog taking their place or invading their space. Makes a new dog learn they aren't the boss/leader/dominate - they learn to respect the pecking order.

These steps help both dogs. Mentally changes the vibe all around.



Potty Training

Watch YouTube Videos~ We recommend Zak George

Potty training is an essential life skill for all puppies and dogs. It looks somewhat different for puppies than dogs, but the concept is the same. Remember they maybe never ever had a home before and if they did it wasn't your home. They will not know where to potty until you teach them. Research different ways. Watch YouTube Videos pick what works for your household.

HOW TO HELP:

- *Make sure to feed on a schedule. Free feeding makes it hard to judge when your dog may need to potty.
 - * Having free run of the house is hard for puppies and new dogs. They need supervision and guidance when new to your family. It is easier for your dog to let you know when she has to go and won't have far to go. A small area which is all hers is good or keep her with you on a leash.
 - * Take your dog outside on a leash in the area you want her to eliminate.. Walk around until she eliminates. If she is nervous or not ready, try again in a few minutes. When she does, praise excitedly and reward with a yummy treat (small pieces of cheese or raw hotdog are magic-training treat don't work well for potty training). Next time say "Potty," Get her use to the word. Repeat each time until she gets the idea. Go out every hour for the first couple of days. She will catch on if you are consistent.
 - * Watch for your dog's " Tell." Some dogs will whine or cry when they need to go potty. Some will jump around, bark or even spin. (a hanging bell on the door helps too)
 - *After six months, an older puppy, like most adult dogs has the ability to hold it for up to six hours. Keep in mind all dogs are different and this may vary, Senior dogs or dogs with incontinence will be different, Puppies go a lot.
 - *Make sure to be positive. If a dog is yelled at or otherwise punished for having an accident, chances are they will not go in front of you outside, then return inside and eliminate while you are not there. Be patient and kind. Teach your dog with love and kindness, It will help build your bond. Also hurt feelings inside might help-sad and hurt they made a mess and super excited outside.
 - *This time will be well spent in the end. Hang in there.
 - * Remember to praise and reward. Patience and consistency are your best friends.
 - ** You can purchase Poochie Bells or Recordable Buzzer Buttons that help your dog alert you when they need to potty. They are available online.
- Happy Tails, Chris Loftis BA. Ed. CPDT-KA



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 a 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 and Zak George on YouTube)
- Resource guarding -this is the most common behavior issue please watch videos on it and have no toys, bones, food, etc.. out. Introduce new things slowly.
- 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 working with them on training immediately-which means research- be ready.

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 harm's 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.



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 and we know ahead of time. They are microchipped and registered to RRLV before they travel. We meet all USDA and CDC requirements with all our rescues.

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, traumatizing, and not easy on the dogs -however sedation is dangerous so we just give them the love and understanding they need upon arrival.

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.



STERILIZATION AGREEMENT

1. If furbaby is not Spayed or Neutered prior to adoption.
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 help cover up to \$150 per pet the sterilization with our rescue friendly spay/neuter vets please ask for the list- 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

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 Pecos-Russell Animal 702-456-3848

Signature highlighted only if dog **isn't** spayed or neutered
