

**ATTACHMENT TO FORM 1023  
APPLICATION FOR RECOGNITION OF EXEMPTION**

**FETCHIN' RETRIEVERS RESCUE  
PO BOX 88183  
LOS ANGELES CA 90009  
EIN # 84-3535860**

**Part II, Question 1**

Fetchin' Retrievers Rescue (FRR) was incorporated as a Public Benefit non-profit corporation in the State of California on October 30, 2019. A copy of the Organization's Articles of Incorporation, certified by the California Secretary of State, are attached, labeled Exhibit A.

**Part II, Question 5**

A copy of the Organization's Bylaws is attached, labeled Exhibit B.

**Part IV, Narrative Description of Activities**

Fetchin' Retrievers Rescue is a Public Benefit nonprofit corporation organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes. The primary mission of our organization is to rescue and rehome Retrievers (Golden Retrievers, Labrador Retrievers, Flat Coated Retrievers, Curly Coated Retrievers, Duck Tolling Retrievers, Chesapeake Bay Retrievers and Retriever-mixes) and find new, loving homes for them. Additionally, our goals are to promote and encourage responsible pet ownership, reduce the abuse and neglect of discarded or unwanted dogs, provide educational services regarding dog rescue and to educate the public about training, behavior, spay and neuter and promote compassion for all dogs. Our organization is an all-volunteer group operating in the Southern California region.

**Rescue**

The rescue process utilizes volunteers to identify dogs that need our assistance. Our volunteers monitor area animal shelters, social media sites and online rescue sites on an ongoing basis. We also accept dogs whose current owners are no longer able to care for. As our organization grows, we will also partner with veterinarians, dog trainers, groomers and other rescue groups as a resource for these professionals and organizations if they encounter dogs in need.

### Care

Once a dog is in our care, we provide appropriate veterinary care to include exam, deworming, vaccines, spay/neuter and treatment for other medical conditions that are identified. Many dogs are turned into rescue organizations because families are not financially able to provide needed care and our policy is to help any dog we can within the constraints of our budget and donations. We will also provide basic training and behavior modification training to help challenging dogs find loving homes.

### Foster Homes

Our dogs are primarily housed in volunteer foster homes while awaiting adoption. If we do not have an available foster home, a dog may be placed in a boarding facility until a foster home opens up. Although many foster homes will provide the required food and supplies to care for their foster dog, our organization will also provide these if needed.

### Permanent Foster Homes

Occasionally we will have a dog that is deemed unadoptable due to health reasons (such as cancer.) If the dog is otherwise experiencing a good quality of life at the current time, we will place the dog in a permanent foster home to live out its life in a caring environment. FRR will continue to financially support the care of these dogs.

### Adoption

Dogs that are in the care of FRR are promoted on our website and through other adoption sites and social media. We accept applications for adoption through our website. A potential adopter will complete the application and will be contacted by a volunteer to conduct a home visit. Once an applicant is approved, FRR will work with that applicant to find an appropriate fit. Our dogs are not adopted on a first come, first served basis, but rather we look to find the right fit for the dog and the prospective family. When we identify a potential match, the family and the dog will have the chance to meet and interact. If the match is agreed upon by both FRR and the family, an adoption contract will be completed and the family will take the dog home. FRR requires that if an adoptive family cannot keep their dog, they must return it to FRR.

### Encouraging Responsible Pet Ownership

FRR works to educate potential adopters on responsible ways to care for their pets, including regular veterinary care, quality nutrition and positive reinforcement training. We also encourage the public to consider their lifestyle when looking to adopt a dog, and to make sure they are able to meet the dog's needs. To do this, we attend local pet fairs, provide online articles and offer one-on-one conversations.

### Reduce the abuse and neglect of discarded or unwanted dogs

As an animal rescue organization, FRR is helping to reduce abuse and neglect by offering to take in dogs who are in less than ideal situations, regardless of their medical condition. We work to rehabilitate these dogs and provide love and security, as well as medical care, on their path to finding a better situation with a loving family.

### Provide educational assistance to interested public regarding dog rescue

FRR provides information to interested potential adopters and other members of the public on the joys and challenges of adopting a rescue dog. We also provide resources for training, veterinary care, potential health issues common in Retriever breeds, nutrition and supplies.

Educate dog owners about training, behavior, spay/neuter and promote compassion and respect for all dogs.

Many dogs that come into rescue organizations have not had any training, and some have minor to severe behavioral issues. We promote the use of positive reinforcement techniques and will refer dog owners to trainers who practice these methods. All adult dogs that are adopted from our rescue are required to be neutered or spayed before adoption. The spay or neuter of puppies may be delayed due to veterinarian recommendations, but will also be required before the adoption is considered finalized.

Promote and participate in partnerships and programs with other organizations with similar purposes and goals.

FRR will partner with or promote other organizations that also work to rescue and rehome dogs or promote responsible pet ownership and prevention of abuse and cruelty of animals. This may be through participation in events or accepting dogs from another organization in need.

Fundraising Activities

FRR derives most of its funding through donations from the public. We promote our organization on our website, through social media such as Facebook and Instagram, word-of-mouth and community events. We provide receipts to all donors and keep records of all donations. Donations may be made by cash, check, credit card, Paypal, and in-kind donations of supplies. We also offers sponsorship opportunities for dogs undergoing medical care, as well as for our permanent foster dogs. We also anticipate fundraising through grants, company matching and rebate programs once we obtain 501(c)3 status.

Community Events

FRR supports the local community by participating in local pet fairs and other community events with an educational booth. These events provide an excellent avenue to educate the public on dog adoption, information on educational topics such as training, nutrition and dog enrichment, and ways to reduce abuse, neglect and overpopulation.

**Part V, Question 3a**

Name	Duties	Qualifications	Average Hours
Kriss Harrigian	Kriss Harrigian is the founder and a Volunteer director. She serves as the President. Her duties include overseeing The organization and supervising the Various components of the process from Approving intakes through adoption.	Ms. Harrigian is the founding member of FRR. Previously she has volunteered with other rescue organizations for over 10 years.	20 hrs/ wk
Barbara Shaw Renken	Barbara Shaw Renken is an original director of FRR. She serves as the Treasurer. Her duties include maintaining the rescue's financial accounts, overseeing support in the San Diego area and coordinating Intakes of dogs in this area.	Ms. Renken is an original director of FRR. Previously she has volunteered with rescue organizations for over 15 years.	10 hrs/ wk
Sandra Diamond	Sandra Diamond is an original director of FRR. She serves as the Secretary. Her duties include maintaining records and documents for the organization, coordinating board meetings and taking and distributing minutes.	Ms. Diamond is an original director of FRR. She previously volunteered with rescue organization for over 15 years.	10 hrs/ wk

**Part V, Question 4a-g**

Fetchin' Retrievers Rescue is an all-volunteer organization and does not plan to compensation officers, directors, employees or independent contractors.

**Part V, Question 5a**

The Conflict of Interest Statement is included in the Bylaws, Article 10, Section 2.

**Part V, Question 5b**

See Bylaws, Article 10, Section 2.

**Part V, Question 5c**

See Bylaws, Article 10, Section 2.

**Part VIII, Question 4a**

1. Mail solicitations: FRR will send out letters and postcards to individuals and businesses to request funds and/or supplies. We anticipate letters will be sent out annually.
2. Email solicitations: FRR will use electronic communication to request donations through emails, online newsletters, social media and other methods.
3. Personal solicitations: Board members and individuals will personally contact prior donors, adopters, friends and family for donation support.
4. Vehicle, boat, plane or other similar donation: Although we do not anticipate receiving these types of donations, we are prepared to accept any and all if offered.
5. Foundation grant solicitations: We will proactively pursue foundation grants through animal welfare organizations as well as local business foundations, such as through employers of our volunteers and adopters.
6. Accept donations on your website: We do accept donations on our website through a "donate" button. Donations are processed through Paypal and are directed to the organization's bank account.
7. Receive donations from another organization's website: Although we don't anticipate this to be a frequent event, we are prepared to accept donations directed to FRR through another organization's website.
8. Other:
  - a) Events. We will occasionally conduct small-scale events such as adopter reunions or get-togethers, yard sales, parties and other social events where we will collect donations.
  - b) Online charity auctions. We may conduct online charity auctions with donated items through a site such as Ebay.
  - c) Crowdfunding. We may utilize crowdfunding to quickly raise funds for emergencies such as an extraordinary medical expense for a specific dog.
  - d) Employer matching. We encourage our donors to apply for matching funds if their employer offers this benefit.

**Part VIII, Question 4d**

Our fundraising efforts will primarily be conducted in Southern California, however due to the reach of social media, our donations may come in from other parts of the state or country.

**Part VIII, Question 11**

We may accept donations of real property, closely held securities, intellectual property, automobiles, planes, boats or other vehicles or collectables if the donation is beneficial to our organization and can be used to further our mission. We will not accept donations if conditions are imposed by the donor, unless those conditions benefit the rescue.

**Part IX, Financial Data**

A. Statement of Revenues and Expenses

1. Gifts, grants and contributions received.

2019 data reflects donations received from our inception of 10/14/19 through 12/7/19 of \$850, as well as projections through the end of the year.

We expect to increase our gifts, grants and contributions in 2020 and 2021 significantly.

23. Any other expenses not classified, such as program expenses:

	2019	2020	2021
Organizational fees	717	0	0
Accounting Software	75	75	75
Phone	20	20	20
Website	83	536	36
PO Box Rental	92	92	92
Insurance		1,800	1,800
Tax Prep Fees		500	500
Marketing Material		200	300
Shelter Pull Fees		1,000	1,500
Medical Expenses	700	60,000	100,000
Boarding		4,200	7,000
Training		2,000	3,000
Dog supplies		150	300
TOTAL	1,687	70,573	114,623