

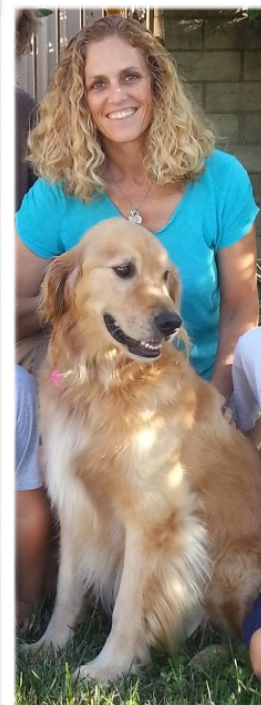
# FETCHIN' RETRIEVERS RESCUE HOME VISIT TRAINING OVERVIEW





# WHY DO HOME VISITS?

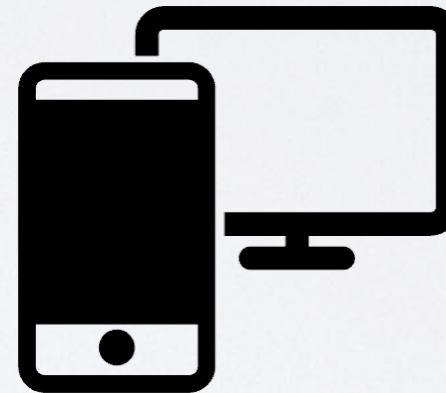
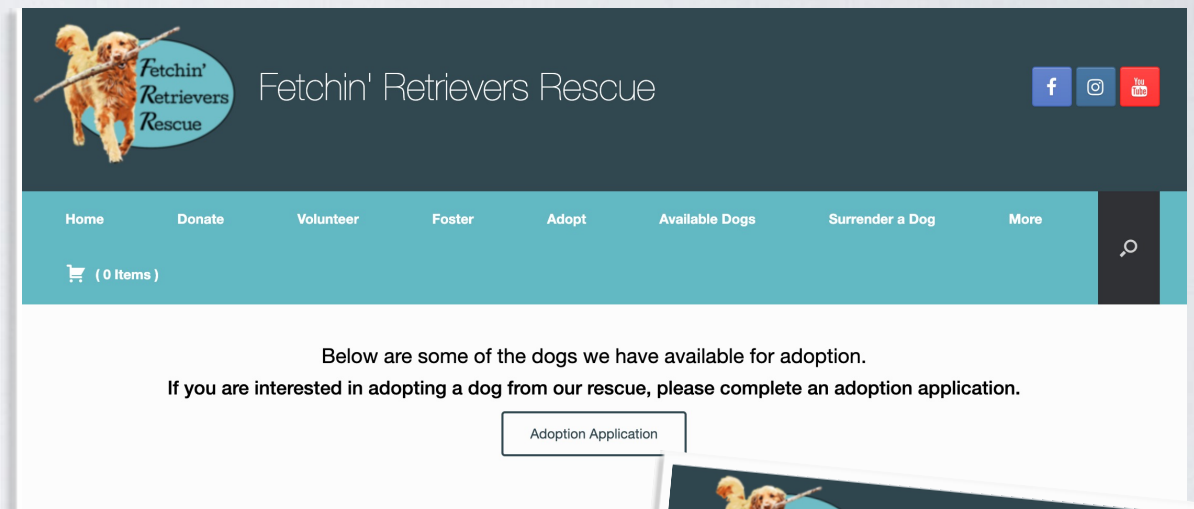
- Personal contact - Face and voice of Rescue
- Provide info to help make match
- Educate





# OVERVIEW OF ADOPTION PROCESS

- Step 1: Application
- Step 2: Home Visit (virtual for now)
- Step 3: Questions to Ask During HV
- Step 4: Submit Report Online & Dog Rep Contacts Applicant
- Step 5: Adoption Meeting and Decision

A screenshot of the "FRR Home Visit Report" form. The form includes fields for "Adopter name(s)", "City", "Date", "Completed by", and "Your Email". It also contains a section for "List family members present for the home visit and any who were not present". The form is titled "FRR Home Visit Report" and includes instructions: "Please share what you have learned from a potential adopter's home visit." and "Providing your email will enable you to 'Save and Continue' this home visit report and the link to it will automatically be emailed to you."



# STEP 1: APPLICATION

- Review Application
- Contact Applicant w/in 72 hours if they have potential/approved.
- If approved, Applicant makes HV donation
- Home Visit is scheduled with all residents present
- During COVID: schedule Zoom, Skype or Facetime home visit instead of in-person

Fetchin' Retrievers Rescue only adopts dogs to the following areas in Southern California: Los Angeles, Orange, and San Diego Counties.

\$25 Home Visit Donation \*

☐ After you submit this application, our Application Team will review your app. If accepted, a home visit will be scheduled. You will be asked to make a \$25 donation before the home visit takes place. This small donation serves two purposes: 1) helps the dogs currently in our rescue whose care and medical costs often exceed the adoption fees and, 2) indicates your commitment to work with Fetchin' Retrievers Rescue to make the best match for the dog and your family. Please indicate you understand and agree to this policy by checking the radio button.

First Name \*  
E.g. John

Last Name \*  
E.g. Doe

First Name of Second Adopter (if applicable)  
E.g. Janice

Last Name of Second Adopter (if applicable)  
E.g. Doe

Street Address \*

Apartment, suite, etc

City \*  
State \*

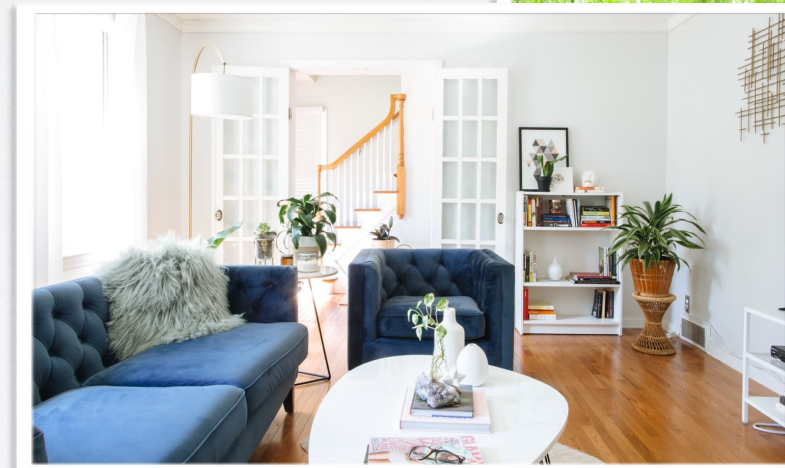
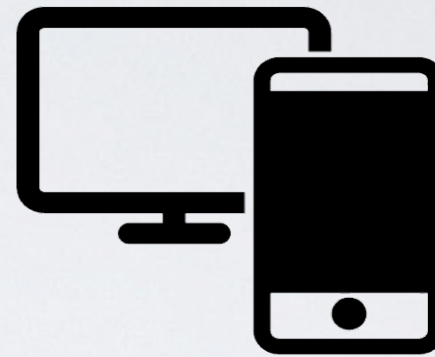
ZIP / Postal Code \*





# STEP 2: HOME VISIT

- Tools for virtual home visit during COVID times (Zoom, Facetime, etc)
- Family Life (applicant, children, home environment, other pets, neighborhood)
- What the applicant thinks about caring of dog and training needed
- Interior of House and Garage
- Yard, Fencing and Pool





# STEP 3: QUESTIONS TO ASK

## (GENERAL)

- Why want a Retriever breed?
- Age/Energy level?
- Where would dog spend time?
- Clarify deeper on any “red flags” noted in application
- Hours alone now vs. hours alone once Covid is over?

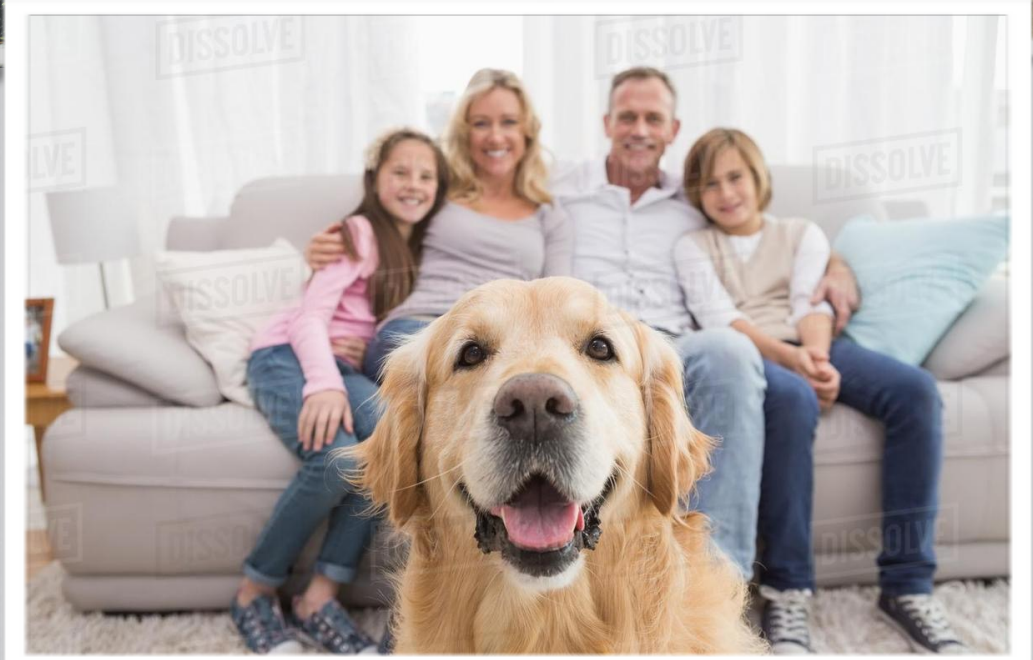




# STEP 3: QUESTIONS TO ASK

## (FAMILY)

- Have all household members present for visit.
- Where dog will stay and sleep?
- Plans for exercise.
- Had any previous pets and/or pets in house now?
- How do young children in home treat animals?

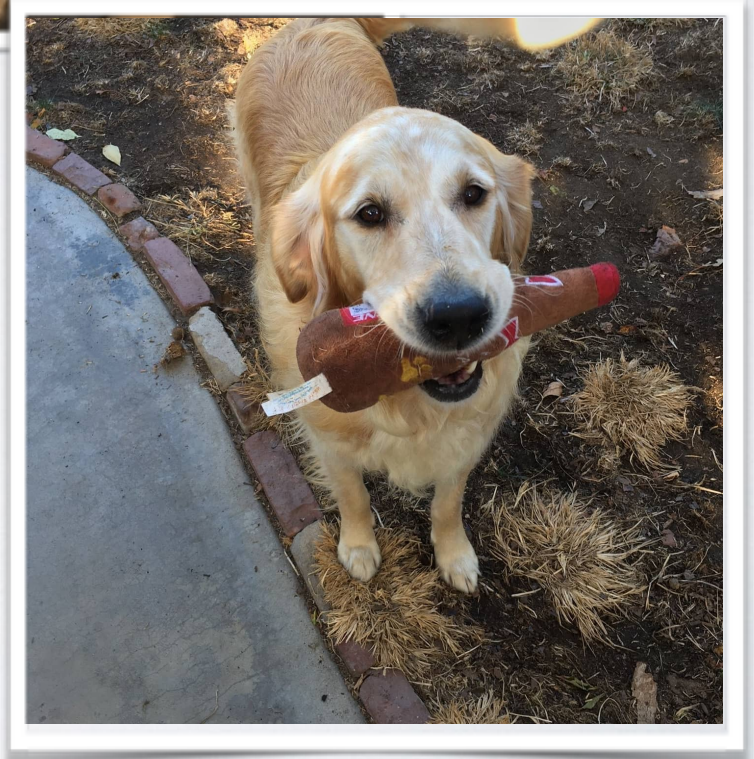
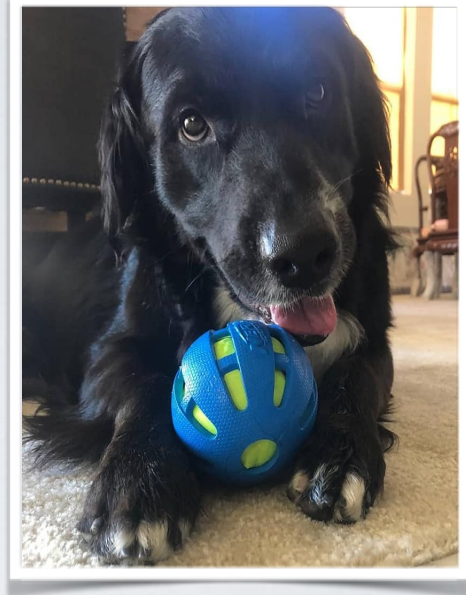




# STEP 3: QUESTIONS TO ASK

## (TRAINING)

- How would they deal with misbehavior?
- Give specific examples of training/behavior challenges (barking, leash walking, reactivity, etc).
- Test knowledge of how dog savvy they are.
- Ask for/get name of any previous trainers they used.





# STEP 3: QUESTIONS TO ASK

## (INTERIOR HOUSE)

- Before the visit, try to look up the house address on Zillow to get a sense of number of rooms/bathrooms.
- Ask to see/get a tour of the inside of the house via Zoom/Skype/Facetime.
- Red flag any concerns/issues.





# STEP 3: QUESTIONS TO ASK

## (EXTERIOR HOUSE)

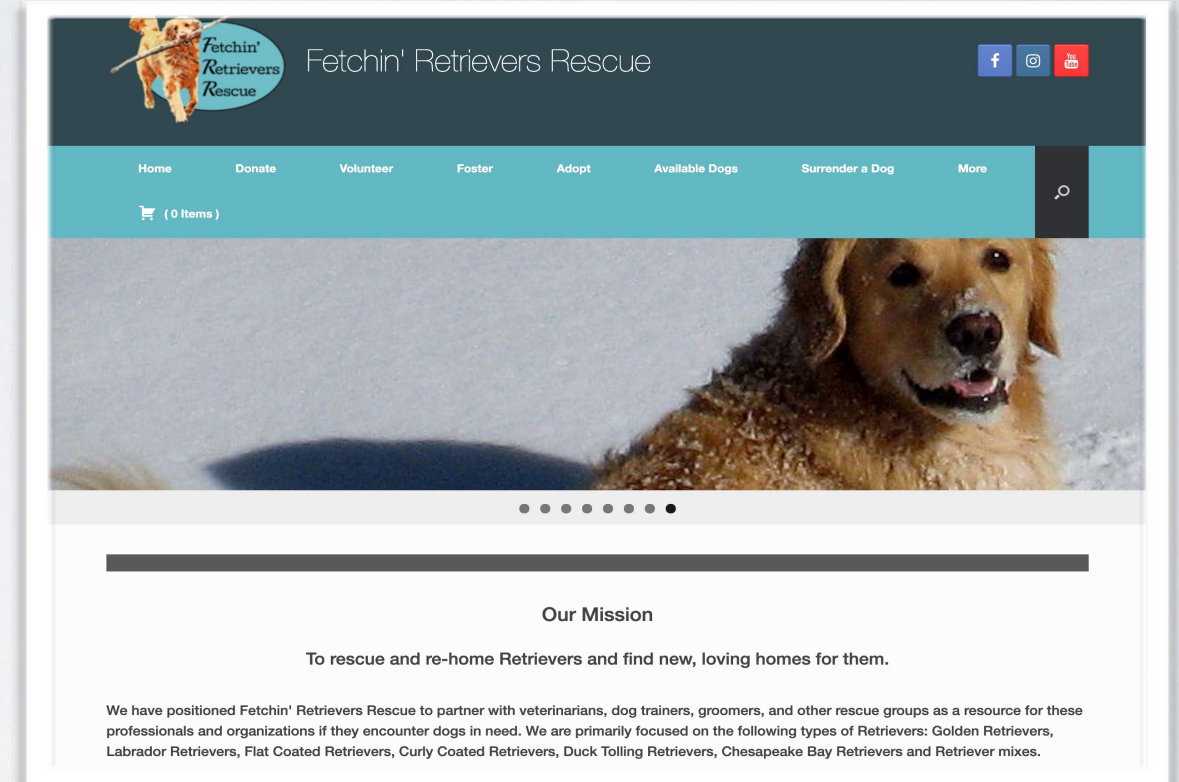
- Before the visit, try to look up the house address on Google Earth to see outside area.
- Ask to see/get a tour of the exterior of the house (front, sides, back) via Zoom/Skype/Facetime.
- Discuss front yard, back yard, fencing, pool, street traffic, type of plants, etc.
- Red flag any concerns/issues.





# STEP 3: EDUCATE / INFORM

- 501(c)(3)
- All Volunteers.
- All Donations.
- Shelters/Owner Surrenders.
- Partner Rescues.
- All dogs are vetted, current vaccinations, microchipped, spay/neuter.
- Senior Bloodwork.
- No extras unless symptomatic.





# STEP 3: EDUCATE / INFORM

- Not all dogs are on the website.
- Matching/Placement process.
- Adoption fees.
- Puppy spay/neuter deposit.
- Adoption meeting requirements.





# STEP 3: DISCUSS CHARACTERISTICS, NOT INDIVIDUAL DOGS

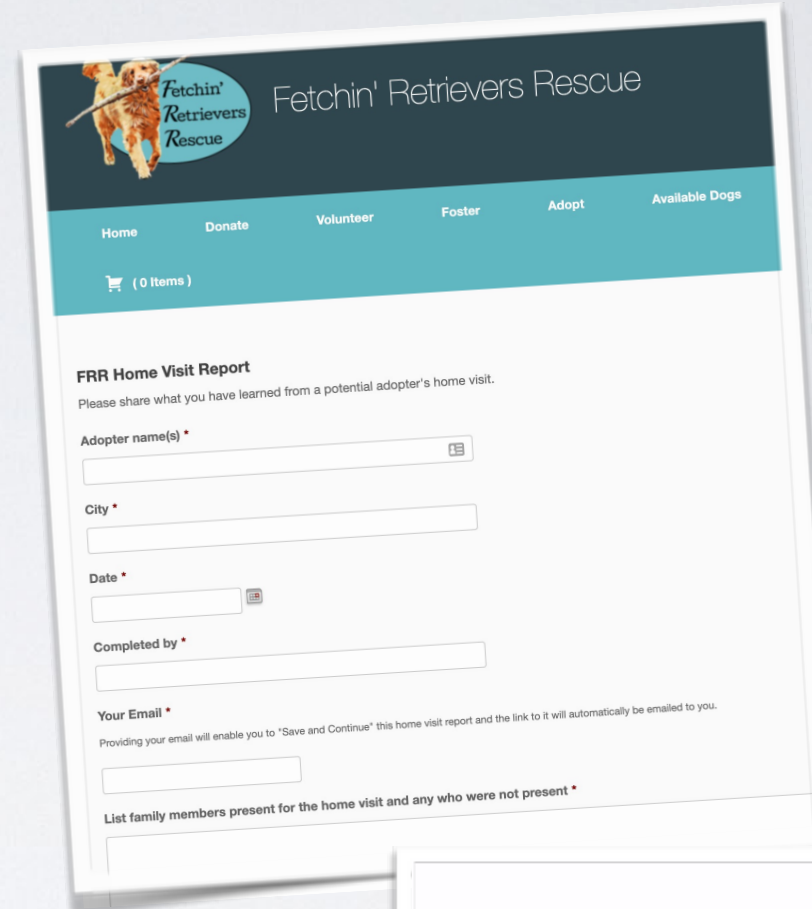
- Instead of specific dogs on website, discuss characteristics.
- Instead of age, color, sex, discuss energy level, temperament, training level.
- Flexibility vs requirements.
- Expectations vs reality of rescue dog.





# STEP 4: REPORT SUBMISSION

- Volunteer page of website [www.fetchinretrieversrescue.org](http://www.fetchinretrieversrescue.org) – go to more – go to log in and password is #823retrievers
- Submit within 72 hours of visit.
- Dog Rep contacts applicants within 7-14 days to discuss expectations and explore matches.
- Privacy, Confidentiality, Professionalism.



The screenshot shows the Fetchin' Retrievers Rescue website. The header includes the logo and navigation links: Home, Donate, Volunteer, Foster, Adopt, and Available Dogs. A shopping cart icon shows 0 items. The main content area is titled "FRR Home Visit Report" and includes a sub-header "Please share what you have learned from a potential adopter's home visit." The form fields are: Adopter name(s) \*, City \*, Date \*, Completed by \*, and Your Email \*. Below the email field is a note: "Providing your email will enable you to 'Save and Continue' this home visit report and the link to it will automatically be emailed to you." At the bottom, there is a section for "List family members present for the home visit and any who were not present \*".

Dear ,

Thank you for your interest in Fetchin' Retrievers Rescue. I am a volunteer with the Rescue who follows up with applicants in your area and am writing to see if you would like to schedule a home visit, which is the next step in our process. The purpose of the visit is to gather information about the physical environment and to meet everyone who lives in the home. For this reason, we require that all residents be present during the visit, which will take about one hour. We also ask for a \$25 donation that will be used only for the costs we take on, mostly for medical bills and sometimes for training needs of the dogs we rescue.

In the meantime, I wanted to provide some information about our process. FRR's Adoption Team considers both the needs and interests of our dogs and of the applicants. Not every dog is the perfect match for each home. There can be several reasons why we may say we don't currently have a dog that is a good fit for you, which is not meant to imply that yours wouldn't be a good home for a dog. Here are a few important considerations our Adoption Team considers when matching a dog with an applicant:

- the age of any children and a dog's previous experience, if any, with children;
- the energy level of the family environment and that of a dog;
- other pets in the family or that visit regularly;
- the number of hours the dog would be left alone; and
- layout of your house and yard (especially important for senior dogs and those with mobility issues).

Now that you have a little more information, if you would like to schedule a home visit, please make your \$25 donation at [Home Visit Donation](#) and a volunteer will be in touch soon to schedule a time.

Again, thank you for your interest in Fetchin' Retrievers Rescue.

Name  
FRR Volunteer  
Location



# STEP 5: ADOPTION MEETING AND FINAL DECISION

- If Dog Rep approves, then Dog Rep or Foster schedules dog and applicant meet up.
- No obligation meetup – either side can say it's not a match.
- If a match, the dog can go home right then with applicant.





# OTHER: FOSTER CANDIDATES

- Same Visit and Report
- “Foster Only” vs “Willing to Foster”
- Contact by Dog Rep or Foster Coordinator
- Explain Foster Program
- Foster to Adopt







THANK YOU!

