## STEPS TO ADOPT **FROM** NRGRR

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DOG ADOPTION FEE	
International dogs (all ages)	\$700
8 weeks – 1 year	\$400
1 year, 1 day – 4 years	\$350
4 years, 1 day – 9 years	\$300
Senior, 9 years, 1 day	\$150
Senior dogs 9 years, + 1 day for approved applicants who are 65 years and older.	No Fee

STEP Complete the application and pay the nonrefundable application fee, located on the "Adoption Info" tab on our website at www.goldenrescuenc.org. If you do not have access to email, call us at (919) 676-7144 and leave your contact information. A volunteer will call you back within a few days and send an application to you and you can mail it to us. Please be aware that this extends the time for approval.

A volunteer application advisor will be assigned STEP to you and will contact you to discuss your application. If you currently have any dogs or 2 have had a dog in the last few years we will contact your veterinarian for a reference and to verify your dog(s) is up to date on all vaccinations and heartworm prevention. If you have never owned a dog or it has been several years we will schedule a home visit.

If your application is approved, you will receive STEP an approval letter via email. Approved applications are good for one year from the date of approval. An application approval with NRGRR does not guarantee an adoption of a dog from our organization. In general the ratio of approved adopters to dogs in our rescue is 3 to 1 or greater.

When dogs are ready to be adopted we will post STEP them on our website. Check our website and/or come to our Meet and Greet events to see what 4 dogs we have available for adoption.

If you see a dog(s) that you like make sure you STEP carefully read the dog's profile to be sure you would be a great match; paying special attention 5 to the notes about children, fences, cats or schedules for that dog.

STEP If you think you would be a great match email your application advisor ASAP to let them know you are interested in one or more dogs. 6

STEP After a careful review of a number of applications and matching criteria, the foster decides who to call and possibly visit. The foster knows best 7 about the total needs of the rescue dog.

We ask you to trust our process and wait STEP patiently as the foster makes the decision on which applicants to contact. Your application 8 advisor will provide feedback as it becomes available. If the foster thinks your application is a fit they will contact you for a meeting to evaluate the match.

If the foster meets with you and decides you are STEP the right adopter for their foster dog they will contact you to verify that you are still interested g in adopting our dog. If you are not selected the foster or your application advisor will contact you and let you know.

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If it is agreed that you will adopt our dog a date STEP and time will be set for you to sign our contract, pay the adoption fee and pick up the new member of your family. We'll provide instructions on how to get the dog's vet records transferred to your vet, and your information will be added to the dog's microchip after adoption.