



International Rescue Fact Sheet

FACT: We are a golden retriever rescue. *People come to us wanting to adopt a golden retriever. For many reasons over the past several years, our ratio of purebred goldens to mixed breed dogs has been roughly 50%. We are seeing a rise in this percentage now with the international dogs (purebreds) which is what our adopters are looking for.*

FACT: No golden retrievers in NC, that we are able to assist, are ever turned away. *The work we are doing is local AND international, there is no one or the other. Our local intake team is dedicated to our local work, which includes purebred goldens and golden-hearted mixed breed dog, and believe us when we say that they are amazing!! There is a separate team working on rescuing international dogs - so there is no overlap and no distraction of local needs.*

FACT: The cost is comparable to what we typically spend on a local dog. *The average cost of bringing local dogs into the program is around \$1200, but can be significantly higher as we never turn a local golden retriever away based on cost to treat them. The cost for international dogs varies significantly based on many factors, including country of origin and travel requirements (such as how many dogs can one person accompany, etc.). The average cost is estimated to be in the \$1500 - \$2000 range and we are offsetting some of these costs with higher adoption fees for international dogs. NRGR has conservatively allocated international rescue funds, taking careful consideration to ensure our local rescue operations are not impacted financially. Our supporters are also able to designate funds to specific areas of the rescue (Blarney's Fund/Medical, General, International, etc.) so that their dollars are being used for what is important to them.*

FACT: We are working closely with other experienced rescue groups in international rescue. *We have been in very close communication and collaboration with other rescue organizations who have extensive experience with international rescue; sharing resources and procedures, working to make some real positive change in the standards for bringing international dogs into the US and collectively reducing the cost of international rescue.*

FACT: The international dogs are typical goldens! *Despite their history, our international dogs are living up to the golden personality that our adopters love and seek. This is helping us to place dogs with families and allowing NRGR to continue to flourish both financially and in reputation.*