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“Labs4Rescue” Saves Lives

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“Save a Lab, have a friend for life!”

That is Labs4Rescues slogan.

What is Labs4Rescue? It is a volunteer non-profit organization dedicated to providing a new life for rescued or displaced Labrador Retrievers and Labrador Mixes with headquarters in Killingworth, CT.

Labs4Rescue is an association that gives loving animals a second chance at life. They are very responsible and make sure that the adopter knows everything they do about the labs in their care.

Because they are a rescue and not a traditional animal shelter, the labs are fostered in private homes so they can be evaluated in a normal environment. That way, the trainers know how the dog really acts in a home environment. For example, are they good with children? Do they get along with other animals?

However, there is a depressing reason why Labs4Rescue exists. It’s true that some of the labs are surrendered by their owners, but most labs come from high-kill shelters, where labs are one of the most abundant breeds available.

Labs4Rescue has dogs in New England, the South, and the Midwest. They are placed depending on where there are foster homes and relations with shelters.

They make sure your dog is healthy and happy before they put it up for adoption. All dogs undergo an initial veterinary screening, treatment as required and then are placed in foster homes for care and further evaluation. Only labs with socially acceptable behavior, which can be responsibly placed, will be offered for adoption. All labs that are for adoption have been vaccinated, spayed/neutered, started on heart worm prevention and received treatment for any prevailing medical or health conditions.

Many people think that dogs from rescue groups or shelters are there because they are mean, or there is something wrong with them, but that’s not necessarily the case.

These dogs are abandoned because spay/neuter laws are not enforced, or the animals are “flawed” such as a white mark on the chest, Labradors have large litters and there aren’t enough people who want them. Some breed them hoping they will make money but then find there isn’t enough demand.

Many dogs are surrendered when the hunting season ends because they lack proper hunting skills. Even more are abandoned or killed when hunting season starts; all dogs that are not bought in time are shot or delivered to local shelters where they have little chance for adoption, or left in the countryside to survive on their own.

If you are interested in adopting one of these loving labs, fostering them, or seeing how you can help Labs4Rescue you can visit them at www.labs4rescue.com And remember, “Save a lab, have a friend for life!”