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So I've Heard

Donna B. and Thomas J. DeNardis of Mason Road Extension in Dudley, certainly animal lovers, adopted a pair of Labrador retrievers some time ago through Labs4Rescue, based in Killingworth, Conn.

The couple often had a dog, so the adoption of mature animals was a good alternative to puppies. They currently have three Labs in their home, but the third is up for adoption, staying with Donna and Thomas because they provide a foster home for the Labs4Rescue network.

There's a surplus of Labrador retrievers in some Southern states, according to Mr. DeNardis. "You can go online and look at photographs of the dogs that are available."

Adoptions are arranged through the Connecticut rescue service. Foster home providers aren't compensated, and the adoption process does have some associated costs. The nonprofit service urges: "Save a Lab, have a friend for life."