

ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE of BOSTON



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ARL Seeking Public's Help in Abandoned Dog Case

Criminally neglected, blind and deaf dog found on the side of road in Ware

Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL) Law Enforcement Services is working with police in Ware, MA, to find out who was responsible for dumping a blind and deaf senior dog along Route 9, and is seeking the public's help. ARL is also committed to give this dog a second chance at life.

Eleanor, an 11-year-old Lhasa Apso mix, was discovered by a passerby at night wandering near mile marker 66 on Route 9 in Ware. Combined with her small size, the fact that Eleanor is also blind and deaf, it's amazing she wasn't struck by a car.

The degree of neglect to this animal is severe. Along with the hearing loss, a chronic "dry eye" condition went untreated, which may have contributed to her loss of vision. Chronically untreated skin disease has caused fur loss and extreme discomfort. Eleanor is also suffering from dental disease, matted fur, overgrown nails, and two masses on her head were also discovered.

Because of the criminal level of neglect, abandonment, and the condition that Eleanor was found in, ARL and Ware Police are urging anyone with information to contact law enforcement.

During her time at ARL, Eleanor has had one eye removed, the two masses were excised and biopsied, results of which were benign. She has also received a number of treatments to improve her health and comfort. While going through quite an ordeal and a difficult life, Eleanor is on the road to recovery and ARL is confident she will get a chance to find a new home.

This outcome is the result of ARL Law Enforcement's strong relationships with police agencies across the Commonwealth and the organization's commitment to help any and all animals in need. ARL spends nearly \$500,000 annually on treatment and rehabilitation for animals like Eleanor.



ABOUT THE ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE OF BOSTON:

The Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL) is an unwavering champion for animals in need, committed to keeping them safe and healthy in habitats and homes. Founded in 1899, ARL provides high quality veterinary care, adoption, and rescue services; while also confronting the root causes of animal cruelty and neglect through innovative community programs, police investigations, and public advocacy. In 2016, ARL served more than 17,800 animals throughout Massachusetts. ARL is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization. We receive no government funding and rely solely on the generosity of individuals to support programs and services that help animals in need. For more information please visit us online at www.arlboston.org; and be sure to follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).

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