

**ANIMAL  
RESCUE  
LEAGUE  
of BOSTON**



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**Piglets from Holliston Fire Transferred to Brewster**  
*Dozens of Animals Lost in Horrific Blaze*

A horrific weekend barn fire in Holliston, MA, claimed the lives of more than 40 animals, and the Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL) will be caring for three piglets who escaped the flames at its Brewster Animal Care and Adoption Center.

The piglets were initially taken to Tufts Veterinary Hospital in Grafton, MA for treatment of second-degree burns on their feet and smoke inhalation. Additionally, ARL is caring for six chickens, four ducks, and two rabbits who survived the fire at its Dedham facility. While showing signs of fear and stress from the trauma, the animals are in good health.

A recent census taken at the barn recorded 60 animals, meaning that approximately 75 percent of the barn animals which included cows, goats, chickens, ducks, and rabbits, perished in the flames.

ARL responded the day of the fire to assist Holliston's Animal Control Officer and first-responders on-scene in rounding up the animals who scattered after being freed from the barn. Once corralled, ARL was able to transport the animals and give them proper shelter, food, water, and physical examinations by ARL veterinary staff.

The animals will be with ARL for an undetermined amount of time and will continue to receive the ongoing care, compassion and support they need in the wake of the tragedy. ARL is always ready and willing to respond to emergency situations to help animals in need, however such care comes with varying degrees of cost. ARL is asking for donations to help offset those costs and

anyone willing to donate towards the care of these animals and other animals like them can click on [arlboston.org/donate](http://arlboston.org/donate).

**Please Note: Due to scheduling, photos and ARL staff interview opportunities will only be available for a small window on Wednesday, January 24 from 8-10 a.m.**

**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](http://www.arlboston.org); and be sure to follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).

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