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Pair of 6-Month-Old Cats Abandoned on Busy Dedham Street

Cats Left in Cardboard Box, One Suffering Broken Leg

The Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL) is currently caring for a pair of six-month-old cats who were left in a cardboard box along High St., a busy thoroughfare in Dedham. One of the cats is suffering from a broken leg and ARL Law Enforcement is seeking information to find the person responsible for this cruel act.

While driving along High St. this past weekend, a Good Samaritan witnessed a man standing in front of a box along High St., and drove away when the driver pulled over. Stunned to find the cats in the box, the Good Samaritan brought the cats to ARL's Dedham Animal Care and Adoption Center, along with the contents of the box. There was pertinent information inside the box which ARL Law Enforcement is following up on.

The man was driving a dark-colored light SUV i.e. Toyota RAV4/Honda CRV, and is described as a white male in his 30's or 40's.

The cats, named Arnold and Helga, are not microchipped, and both are extremely friendly. Along with an injured leg, a rabbit nail was found embedded into Helga's tail – both cats were dirty but overall in good health.

As the law enforcement investigation continues, the cats remain at ARL's Dedham shelter and are available for photo/video and staff can be made available to discuss all aspects of the case.

Where: ARL Dedham – 55 Anna's Place, Dedham

When: Wednesday, November 28 12:30-2:30 Who: ARL Staff

The cats will continue to be monitored and undergo medical treatment, and the goal is to have them both into new, loving homes for the holidays.

ARL Law Enforcement is the lead agency in this investigation, and anyone with information is urged to contact ARL Law Enforcement (cruelty@arlboston.org; (617) 426-9170).

ABOUT THE ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE OF BOSTON:

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