

ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE of BOSTON



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ARL Responds Quickly to Horse Owner in Distress

Horses were surrendered by owner in Worcester County

The Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL) is currently caring for four horses at its Dedham Animal Care and Adoption Center, who were recently surrendered in Worcester County, as their owner could no longer properly care for them. The horses are part of a recent influx of equine, as ARL's Brewster facility is sheltering two horses from a separate property in Plymouth County that were also surrendered.

****On Friday, October 19 from 11 a.m. to noon, the horses will be made available to the media for photos, videos, and interview opportunities with ARL staff.****

The horses, ages 10 to 15, are thin, scoring a 3-4 on the [Henneke Body Condition Scoring System](#) – meaning they are not emaciated, but are underweight. Given the level of malnourishment, the animals are on a regimented feeding schedule, and should be back to a normal weight within 60-90 days.

Caring for horses is not an easy undertaking and present financial challenges. Along with copious amounts of hay and horse feed, the horses are receiving on-going veterinary services, diagnostic testing, and hoof and teeth care from a local farrier.

The horses are friendly and steadily improving, and will be made available for adoption in the near future.

No matter the size or species, animals are a life-long commitment, however ARL understands that circumstances happen in life where owners are no longer able to provide proper care. Reaching out to a reputable organization like ARL is critical to avoid further complications and endangering the health and well-being of the animals.

Far more than an adoption center for dogs, cats and small animals, Dedham has historically been is a vital cog in ARL's capability to shelter and care for livestock. The 27-acre property purchased in 1907 was not only ARL Founder Anna Harris Smith's summer residence, it once served as a retreat for the working horses of Boston.

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 2017, ARL served more than 18,000 animals throughout Massachusetts. ARL is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization. We receive no government grants or public funding and rely solely on the generosity of individuals to support programs and services that help animals in need.

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