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## **ARL Caring for Abandoned Dog Found in Hingham**

## Surrendering an Animal isn't Illegal: Abandonment is

A shih tzu-type dog was found abandoned in a crate along Downer Avenue in Hingham yesterday, and already has become the center of attention for media outlets throughout Massachusetts. He was left with a blanket, toys, and food; but he was also left shivering in near-freezing temperatures along a busy street.

The Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL) is currently providing medical care, behavioral screening and shelter for the animal. A preliminary exam estimates that the dog is approximately two-years-old, is not neutered, appears to be in good health, and loves little treats!

ARL's Law Enforcement Services is also assisting the Hingham Police Department in the ongoing investigation, and because the dog was found without identification and does not have a microchip, anyone with information is urged to contact Hingham PD or ARL Law Enforcement.

ARL wants to remind the public that if they are no longer able to care for an animal, they can be surrendered to organizations like ARL, or a local shelter, or even a local police or fire department. There are resources available, and abandoning an animal is NEVER an option.

## **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.

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