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Special Needs Kittens Seeking a Home for the Holidays

Siblings Born with Congenital Defect

The Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL) is currently caring for two kittens with special needs that are looking for a home to call their own for the holidays.

The 15-week-old kittens are litter-mates, and both suffer from radial agenesis, a congenital abnormality in which the bone or bones that are the equivalent of our forearm don't develop fully before birth. Because of the disparity between the front and back limbs, sometimes these animals are referred to as "kangaroo cats."

The kittens came into the care of ARL in early November as an owner surrender, and have since been living in foster homes to monitor their progress, and their ability to tackle everyday tasks like eating, using a litter box and navigating obstacles like stairs. The siblings will be at ARL's Dedham Animal Care and Adoption Center for a veterinary follow-up, and the media is invited to attend.

WHERE: ARL's Dedham Animal Care & Adoption Center, 55 Anna's Place, Dedham WHEN: Wednesday, December 6 @ 11 a.m. INTERVIEW/PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES: ARL Veterinary Staff

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 <u>www.arlboston.org</u>; and be sure to follow us on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u>, and <u>Instagram</u>.

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