

ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE of BOSTON



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ARL-Boston to Recognize State Trooper's Life-Saving Actions *Bringing a Kitten Back from the Brink of Death*

On the afternoon of June 13, Animal Rescue League of Boston's (ARL) Rescue Department received a call from a concerned motorist about a kitten along the median of I-93 northbound, just before the exit for Route 138. Worried for the kitten's well-being, ARL Rescue Agent Theresa Vinic proceeded to the area of I-93, albeit from the southbound side.

With a visual on the kitten, ARL dispatch contacted Massachusetts State Police while Vinic reversed direction to I-93 north. When Vinic arrived at the scene, Trooper John DeNapoli was stopped along the median with his lights on, allowing ARL's agent to safely pull up in front of him to gather the kitten. When locating the kitten, DeNapoli was able to get the kitten to safety, and ready him for transport by putting him in a small box. Trooper DeNapoli's actions proved to be life-saving.

Temperatures that afternoon soared to over 90 degrees, and the kitten was in serious trouble. Upon arriving at ARL's Dedham Animal Care & Adoption Center, the kitten was frothing at the mouth and panting excessively—a clear sign of heat exhaustion. His temperature was 106 degrees and climbing (a cat's normal temperature is between 101-103 degrees). There was also dirt in his mouth, ants crawling over his fur, and the kitten had abrasions on his nose, the left side of his mouth, and around his left eye. Additionally he was thin, weighing just one pound, nine ounces.

Needing to get his body temperature down, ARL's staff laid the kitten on an ice pack wrapped in a towel, poured alcohol on his feet pads, and gave the little guy subcutaneous fluids. Twenty minutes later, his temperature was down to 104. Once his temperature was back in the normal

range, he was cleaned up and constantly monitored. He became increasingly alert and responsive to his surroundings, and that night went into foster care with ARL veterinarian Dr. Kate Gollon.

This rescue was a collaborative effort, and every person involved played a huge role in saving the kitten's life. Due to Trooper DeNapoli's actions, Vinic decided to call the kitten "Trooper" in honor of DeNapoli.

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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