

MEDIA ADVISORY

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Animal Rescue League of Boston Celebrates National Volunteer Week – All Month Long!

Volunteer Appreciation Events and Award Ceremonies to be Held at All ARL Locations

The Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL) kicks off National Volunteer Week at its Boston Adoption Center on Wednesday with the first of three appreciation events and award ceremonies.

Volunteers are a vital piece to ARL fulfilling its mission for being an unwavering champion for animals in need, and the organization is fortunate to have nearly **550** dedicated volunteers who give thousands of hours annually to help care for animals in a variety of ways at ARL's three shelters in the Greater Boston Area and Cape Cod.

"Our volunteers are important on so many levels," said Debby Vogel, ARL Associate Director of Volunteer Services. "The animals in our shelters wouldn't have the same quality of care if not for our volunteers; they enrich not just the animals' lives, but the lives of everyone in the organization as well."

Relying solely on the generosity of individuals to support its programs and services, ARL is excited to be able to recognize and honor the efforts of those individuals during this special week.

Wednesday April 26 – "Best of Boston" Winner Announced 6-8:00 p.m.

ARL's Boston Adoption Center

10 Chandler Street, Boston, MA 02116

Thursday April 27 – "Dedham's Most Dignified" is Crowned

6-8:00 p.m.ARL's Dedham Adoption Center55 Anna's Place, Dedham, MA 02026

Friday April 28 – The "Cape'd Crusader" is Honored 5-7:00 p.m.

ARL's Brewster Adoption Center 3981 Main Street (Route 6A), East Brewster, MA 02631

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

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