

ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE of BOSTON



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Rescued Donkey and Pony Now Available for Adoption in Brewster *Animals Had Inconsistent Care and Minimal Human Contact*

A donkey and pony who were rescued by the Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL) in January have spent nearly a month rehabilitating at ARL's Brewster Animal Care and Adoption Center, and are now ready to find their new forever home.

"Brighty", an 11-year-old Gelded Donkey and "Misty", a 16-year-old Mare Pony, are a bonded pair and will be adopted out as a pair. Both animals are extremely friendly, and anyone interested in adopting should contact ARL Brewster at (508) 255-1030.

****ORIGINAL RELEASE****

After spending the fall into a cold winter without proper shelter, a 16-year-old Mare Pony and 11-year-old Gelded Donkey were recently surrendered from their former home in Bristol County and are now getting the care they need at the Animal Rescue League of Boston's (ARL) Brewster Animal Care and Adoption Center.

The animals were discovered during a routine inspection at the 25-acre farm property in Bristol County. Due to the extreme cold (12 degrees with a wind chill of minus 20) and an inability and lack of desire to provide adequate shelter and protection from the weather, the owner agreed to surrender the animals to ARL.

The surrender uncovered a number of concerns. The pony and donkey's diet was inconsistent, they had a lack of potable water, and additionally had badly overgrown hooves which needed immediate attention from a farrier; another sign of neglect.

In Brewster, the animals have their own barn space, and access to an outdoor paddock. They are also adjusting to having an improved, proper diet and despite their former situation, they are extremely friendly, happy and enjoying daily human contact.

The bonded pair are receiving veterinary care and are moving towards being made available for adoption. These animals serve as yet another reminder that ALL animals need and require adequate shelter, food and water, particularly during extreme weather conditions.

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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