

ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE of BOSTON



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Good Samaritan Helps Save a Life

ARL-Boston Reminds Public to Take Action when Seeing an Animal in Distress

With New England still in the grips of a brutal winter, the Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL) wants to remind the public to be mindful and to take action when seeing an animal in distress.

Such actions recently helped save the life of a female stray cat in Dorchester.

The Good Samaritan got a surprise when pulling off the cover to an outdoor grill. Underneath was a cat who was trying to get out of the cold and hadn't been seen in the neighborhood before. The cat had suffered a devastating injury to her front left leg, and was very thin. Concerned for the animal, the resident took the cat in and contacted ARL Rescue Services.

Upon arrival at ARL's Dedham Animal Care and Adoption Center, an examination by ARL veterinary staff noted that many of the cat's toes on her left front leg were missing and the bones of her paw were exposed; a condition that was causing the animal severe pain. Additionally she was also dehydrated, anemic, severely underweight, and had an upper respiratory infection.

The cat, later named "Addie", underwent amputation surgery this week, is ravenously eating to put on weight, and is making continuous progress. She's incredibly friendly and will be available for adoption when she's back to 100 percent.

Addie's case serves as a reminder that if the public spots an animal in distress, calling ARL Rescue Services at **617-426-9170** or local animal control can be the difference in an animal's demise or survival.

Addie is currently in foster care, but will be returning to **ARL's Dedham location on Wednesday, February 7 at 10 a.m.** for a follow-up. Media are invited to gather visual content and interviews to remind residents to take action for animals in need.

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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