

ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE of BOSTON



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ARL Rescues Injured American Bittern in Quincy

Bird brought to New England Wildlife for treatment

On Tuesday morning, the Animal Rescue League of Boston's (ARL) Rescue Services Department was dispatched to Quincy to help an injured juvenile American Bittern, who was unable to get out of a fenced-in backyard.

Once on-scene at a residence along Harrison Avenue, rescue agents noted the Bittern's leg/foot injury, which did indeed require assistance. Huddling under a bush, agents were able to corral the nervous bird and then safely and gently capture it.

While the bird prefers a freshwater marsh, it was brought to New England Wildlife in Weymouth for treatment and rehabilitation.

Part of the heron family, the American Bittern are common in the region, although loss of habitat has stunted breeding numbers. While you may not have seen an American Bittern, you've likely heard one, particularly at dusk or nighttime, as its unique song is quite loud.

ARL reminds the public that before you contact ARL Rescue Services, local wildlife rehabilitator or Animal Control, confirm that the animal is indeed injured. Often times young birds may appear to be hurt, when in reality they are just learning to fly.

****For pictures click the link below:**

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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 2017, ARL served more than 18,000 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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