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Stray Kittens with Ruptured Eye Ulcers on the Mend

Strays found in Taunton

The Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL) is currently treating a trio of six-week-old kittens found on the streets in Taunton this past week, two of which had ruptured eye ulcers.

Eye ulcers can occur through a number of ways including trauma and infection. While it's unknown what caused the ulcers, the two kittens, Alex and Dylan, were in severe pain upon arrival at ARL's Dedham Animal Care and Adoption Center. The affected eyes were not salvageable and needed to be removed in order to relieve the discomfort and to put the kittens on the path of recovery.

The surgery was performed by ARL Shelter Veterinary staff and following the procedure, the kittens were placed in foster care and will be closely monitored and re-checked frequently to ensure a full recovery.

Since 2017, ARL has dedicated staff specifically for community cats, and while much of the work involves spay or neuter to control colony populations, medical concerns are also addressed. When cats or kittens show signs of socialization, ARL also works to find those animals homes.

"Had these ulcers not been addressed, the odds of survival for these kittens would be very low," said ARL's Medical Director of Community and Shelter Medicine Dr. Kyle Quigley said. "Through ARL's community programs, we are able to get these kittens off the street, get them healthy and then find them forever homes where they can thrive."

For photos of the kittens click the link below:

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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 grants or public funding and rely solely on the generosity of individuals to support programs and services that help animals in need.

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