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ARL/Beverly Police Seek Public's Help in Identifying Stray/Neglected Dog's Owner

Dog found in poor condition

This past week a small, terrier-type dog was found in appalling condition and wandering the streets of Beverly, MA. Now, the Beverly Police Department and the Animal Rescue League of Boston's Law Enforcement Department are asking for the public's help in finding the dog's former owner/caretaker.

On Wednesday, September 26, both agencies will hold a joint media availability with the dog to help engage the public.

Where: Beverly Police Department – 191 Cabot St., Beverly, MA When: Wednesday, September 26 @ 1 p.m. Who: ARL Law Enforcement Director Lt. Alan Borgal; Beverly Police Chief John LeLacheur; Beverly Animal Control Officer Matt Lipinski

The 10-year-old male dog was found at the intersection of Charnock and Prospect St. and was severely matted, dirty, underweight, and malnourished. Additionally, extremely overgrown and curled nails were causing the dog pain and discomfort when walking.

While neutered, the dog is not microchipped, making the public's help critical to helping law enforcement find who was responsible for the dog not only being on the streets, but also being in such poor and neglectful condition.

ARL is an assisting agency in this investigation, and anyone with information can contact Beverly Animal Control (<u>mlipinski@beverlyma.gov</u>; (978) 605-2361), or ARL Law Enforcement (cruelty@arlboston.org; (617) 426-9170).

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