

ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE of BOSTON



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Emaciated Horses Now Healthy, Ready for Adoption

Horses were surrendered by owner in Plymouth County

After nearly two months of much needed care and rehabilitation at the Animal Rescue League of Boston's (ARL) Brewster Animal Care and Adoption Center, a pair of horses who were surrendered by their previous owner in Plymouth County are now ready to find their forever homes.

Miles, a 20-year-old unaltered Chestnut Quarterhorse, and Pepper, an 18-year-old Chestnut Quarterhorse gelding, are bonded and will need to go home together. They are friendly and while tolerating being saddled at ARL's Brewster facility, it is unknown if they would be suitable for riding.

The two horses have put on weight safely and slowly through a regimented dietary plan, and along with being back to a healthy weight, the pair are up to date with vaccinations. The adoption fee will be \$800 for the pair and ARL will need to ensure that any potential adopter has suitable space and structure to care for these animals.

****If you wish to gather follow-up photos of Pepper and Miles, I will be at ARL's Brewster facility from 10-3 on Friday, December 7****

Original release dated October 17:

The Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL) is currently caring for a pair of horses at its Brewster Animal Care and Adoption Center, who were recently surrendered in Plymouth County, as their owner could no longer properly care for them. The horses are part of a recent influx of equine, as ARL's Dedham facility is sheltering five horses from a separate property in Worcester County that were also surrendered.

The horses, ages 18 and 20, are in poor condition, scoring a 1 on the [Henneke Body Condition Scoring System](#) – meaning they are emaciated with no body fat. The animals have shown a ferocious hunger, however ARL staff is monitoring their food intake closely, as weight gain has to be done safely and slowly.

Caring for horses is not an easy undertaking. Along with copious amounts of hay and horse feed, the horses have received veterinary services including vaccinations, and hoof and teeth care from a local farrier.

Far more than an adoption center for dogs, cats and small animals, Brewster is a vital cog in ARL's capability to shelter and care for livestock. In the past year alone, Brewster has taken in a donkey, pony, piglets, as well as a number of small farm animals.

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 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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