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ARL Caring for Abandoned Dog Found in Brookline with Striking Similarities

Dog resembles breed and condition of dog found in Beverly last week

This past week the Animal Rescue League of Boston's (ARL) Law Enforcement Department joined police in Beverly, MA to ask for the public's help in identifying where Angel, a small terrier-type dog abandoned on the streets of the town in appalling condition may have come from. Stemming from that initial report, ARL is now caring for a second dog, this one found in Brookline on Goddard Ave., who bears a striking similarity and discovered around the same time as Angel.

"Chester" is an intact male, estimated to be four-years-old, and was found in poor and neglectful condition. As with the case of Angel, this animal was not microchipped, and his fur was extremely matted and urine-soaked. The dog is also underweight, scoring a 3 out of 9 on the Purina Body Condition Index, and suffering from painful, advanced dental disease.

The dog's entire coat has been shaved, and he has received a thorough veterinary exam at ARL's Boston Animal Care and Adoption Center – he will continue to be monitored and will be neutered at some point next week. Although agitated upon intake, the dog's demeanor has greatly improved as he is now soliciting attention and accepting treats from staff.

Whether there is a connection between these two animals is currently unknown, however the timeframe, breed and conditions in which they were found are too similar to ignore. ARL Law Enforcement is again urging anyone with information regarding either of these animals to come

forward. Any information can be directed to ARL Law Enforcement (617) 436-9170, cruelty@arlboston.org; or Brookline Animal Control (617) 730-2222.

The dog and ARL staff can be made available for photos/interviews

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