

ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE of BOSTON



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ARL Sees an Uptick in Leptospirosis

Boston Veterinary Care Diagnoses Another Positive Case this Past Weekend

Today, the Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL) is alerting the public about Leptospirosis – a bacteria that can infect both pets and humans, and can be life-threatening. ARL has diagnosed three positive cases of Leptospirosis, the latest coming during the holiday weekend.

The uptick in positive cases is alarming and ARL wants the public informed about what pet owners need to know – **ARL will be holding a media availability this afternoon to answer any and all questions regarding Leptospirosis.**

Where: ARL's Boston Location – 10 Chandler St., Boston

When: Wednesday, October 10 @ 2:30

Who: Boston Veterinary Care Lead Veterinarian Dr. Nicole Breda

The Leptospirosis bacteria is spread through the urine of infected animals, and can infect humans and animals through contact with the contaminated urine, water or soil. In a city setting, it's most commonly spread through the rodent population (city parks, fountains etc..). It's easily spread to humans, and can cause kidney and liver failure.

Common symptoms include: fever, increased drinking and urination, vomiting, diarrhea, anorexia, and weakness. There is a Leptospirosis vaccine for dogs available, and ARL encourages dog owners to discuss having their animal vaccinated with their primary veterinarian.

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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