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## Sickly 8-Pound Shih-Tzu Stray Found Under Car

"Priscilla" available for adoption soon

For the past few days, the Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL) has been caring for an 8pound female Shih-Tzu who was found underneath a vehicle in Dudley, MA and she will soon be made available for adoption.

Upon finding Priscilla shivering and huddled underneath the car, the three-year-old dog was brought to the finder's residence in Hyde Park, then to ARL's Boston Animal Care and Adoption Center after showing signs of sickness.

Priscilla's veterinary exam revealed that she was not microchipped and had likely been on her own for some time. The dog was underweight and showed signs of muscle wasting. Additionally, Priscilla's fur was matted, and she was suffering from gastrointestinal issues.

Despite her ordeal, she is friendly, playful and will make a wonderful pet for anyone looking for a companion animal. Animal Control in Dudley has been contacted and no one has reported her missing. Priscilla is currently on a stray hold, however if her former owner wishes to claim her they will have to present proof of ownership and also explain the circumstances surrounding her disappearance.

## \*ARL staff and Priscilla are available for video/still photography and to answer any questions\*

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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