

**ANIMAL
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of BOSTON**



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Pig Duo Closing in on One-Year Anniversary with ARL

Pigs rescued from devastating barn fire in Holliston, MA

Nearly a year after being rescued from a horrific barn fire in Holliston, MA, a pair of pigs at the Animal Rescue League of Boston's (ARL) Brewster Animal Care and Adoption Center are still waiting to find their forever homes.

Scarlett and Penelope were just three-months-old when they came to ARL in January 2017. They suffered second-degree burns and smoke inhalation during the fire, and tragically more than 40 other animals did not survive. A third pig that originally came in with Scarlett and Penelope was recently adopted.

The pigs are healthy, happy, friendly, and have grown tremendously; but it is imperative they find a permanent home. The duo are being kept in a barn and are free to roam and graze in an adjacent paddock, but it is not their true home.

ARL's median length of stay for animals other than cats or dogs is just 21 days – Scarlett and Penelope have far exceeded that. With limited barn space, having animals for this length of time prohibits ARL from helping other livestock animals in need – however it should be noted that the duo will stay with ARL until they find a forever home.

Pigs do make wonderful pets with their heightened intelligence can be trained to live in the home!

On Tuesday, January 8, the pigs will be made available for photos from 12-3 p.m. ARL staff can also answer any additional questions you may have about these resilient animals.

Original release dated 1/23/18:

A horrific weekend barn fire in Holliston, MA, claimed the lives of more than 40 animals, and the Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL) is caring for nearly all of the animals who managed to escape the flames.

A recent census taken at the barn recorded 60 animals, meaning that approximately 75 percent of the barn animals which included cows, goats, chickens, ducks, and rabbits, perished in the flames.

ARL responded the day of the fire to assist Holliston's Animal Control Officer and first-responders on-scene in rounding up the animals who scattered after being freed from the barn. ARL was able to rescue and transport two roosters, four hens, four ducks, and two rabbits to its Dedham Animal Care and Adoption Center.

Additionally, three piglets were initially transported to Tufts Veterinary Hospital in Grafton, MA for treatment of second-degree burns on their feet and smoke inhalation. Once released, the piglets were transferred to ARL's Cape Cod facility in Brewster.

The cause of the fire remains under investigation.

The animals will be with ARL for an undetermined amount of time and will continue to receive the ongoing care, compassion and support they need in the wake of the tragedy. ARL is always ready and willing to respond to emergency situations to help animals in need, however such care comes with varying degrees of cost. ARL is asking for donations to help offset those costs and anyone willing to donate towards the care of these animals and other animals like them can go online to arlboston.org/donate.

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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