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Dedham Abandoned Cats Ready to Find Forever Home

Fractured Leg Healed, Cats will be Adopted as Bonded Pair

Two kittens, one with a broken leg, who were abandoned in late November along a busy road in Dedham have spent two months in foster care recuperating, and today are ready to find their forever home.

The 8-month-old pair, Helga and Arnold, will be made available at the Animal Rescue League of Boston's (ARL) Dedham Animal Care and Adoption Center.

When discovered, Helga had suffered a fractured right hind leg and the fact her bones are still developing, ARL's veterinary staff determined the best course would be for restricted movement in foster care and allow the leg to heal on its own. X-rays taken yesterday (Tuesday) determined that Helga's fracture has healed.

The cats are being adopted as a bonded pair, meaning they will need to go home together.

While Helga and Arnold will soon be in a loving home, the person(s) responsible for abandoning these animals has not been identified. ARL Law Enforcement continues to ask for the public's assistance and any information can be given over the phone (617) 426-9170, or via email cruelty@arlboston.org.

Updated Release dated 12/27/18:

Two cats abandoned in a cardboard box along a busy road in Dedham in late November, one with a broken leg, are continuing rehabilitation from their harrowing ordeal and injuries in foster care. The Animal Rescue League of Boston's (ARL) Law Enforcement Department continues to follow working leads, but are still seeking the public's help in identifying who was responsible for this act of animal cruelty.

The eight-month-old cats named Arnold and Helga, were not microchipped and are extremely friendly. Along with a broken leg, a rabbit nail was found embedded in Helga's tail – both cats were dirty but in overall good health.

Because Helga's bones are still developing, surgery to repair her broken leg was not an option and ARL veterinary staff decided on a conservative approach by allowing Helga's leg to heal on its own by limiting her activity while in foster care. Helga will be back in Dedham in late January for follow-up X-rays.

ARL Law Enforcement is investigating this crime with Dedham Police, and asks that anyone with information to contact ARL (cruelty@arlboston.org; (617) 426-9170).

Abandoning an animal is a felony in Massachusetts, punishable by up to seven years in prison and a \$5,000 fine.

Original Release, dated 11/28/18:

The Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL) is currently caring for a pair of six-month-old cats who were left in a cardboard box along High St., a busy thoroughfare in Dedham. One of the cats is suffering from a broken leg and ARL Law Enforcement is seeking information to find the person responsible for this cruel act.

While driving along High St. this past weekend, a Good Samaritan witnessed a man standing in front of a box along High St., and drove away when the driver pulled over. Stunned to find the cats in the box, the Good Samaritan brought the cats to ARL's Dedham Animal Care and Adoption Center, along with the contents of the box. There was pertinent information inside the box which ARL Law Enforcement is following up on.

The man was driving a dark-colored SUV i.e. Toyota RAV4/Honda CRV, and is described as a white male in his 30's or 40's.

The cats, named Arnold and Helga, are not microchipped, and both are extremely friendly. Along with an injured leg, a rabbit nail was found embedded into Helga's tail – both cats were dirty but overall in good health.

The cats will continue to be monitored and undergo medical treatment, and the goal is to have them both into new, loving homes for the holidays.

ARL Law Enforcement is the lead agency in this investigation, and anyone with information is urged to contact ARL Law Enforcement (cruelty@arlboston.org; (617) 426-9170).

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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