

# ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE of BOSTON



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## **ARL 120 – Decades of Rescuing Animals in Need** *Stray cat rescued in Dorchester, badly injured but on the mend*

The Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL) is the only animal welfare organization in Massachusetts with a department strictly dedicated to rescuing animals in a variety of scenarios – be it a family of geese on a rooftop, or an injured stray cat in need of medical attention.

For decades, ARL's Rescue Services has been a lifeline for thousands of wildlife and domestic animals annually, and a cat that was recently rescued on the streets of Dorchester is another example of this vital service.

A Good Samaritan alerted ARL Rescue Services this past week about a cat that was discovered next to a dumpster and who wasn't moving. He was evaluated on-scene, then brought to ARL's Boston Animal Care and Adoption Center for medical treatment. The cat would likely have succumb to his injuries sooner rather than later and needed immediate treatment.

Gryffindor, who's approximately 2-years-old, had suffered a broken jaw, was emaciated, and was in poor overall condition. While he was given a fictional namesake – the name itself represents courage, bravery and determination, which this suffering animal has in vast quantities.

His injuries were likely sustained in traumatic fashion i.e. struck by a car, and x-rays confirmed the cartilage piecing together the lower half of the jaw had separated. The cat also had a puncture wound likely caused by another animal.

ARL's medical staff surgically wired his lower jaw and the cat will be monitored to ensure no complications arise. Because of the puncture wound, the cat will also need to be quarantined for four months for a "wound of unknown origin" per state law.

He is unable to eat solid food, but is greedily lapping up a nutritional gravy mixture and is in good spirits.

## **Media Availability**

**WHERE: ARL Boston, 10 Chandler St, Boston, MA**

**WHEN: Monday, April 1 @ 12:00 p.m.**

**WHO: ARL Veterinarian Dr. Emily Forline**

ARL remains the only animal welfare agency in Massachusetts with a dedicated rescue department and for animals like Gryffindor, these services can be life-saving.

### **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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