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Senior Stray Seeking Retirement Home

After two months of medical care, Frankie ready to go home

It's been a long road for Frankie, an 11-year-old Shih-Tzu, who came to the Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL) on January 2, 2019. After two months of medical care and recuperation, Frankie is finally ready to find his forever home.

Frankie was found wandering the streets of Boston, and with vision and hearing impairments, incredibly the dog was not struck by a vehicle or injured in any other fashion.

The dog was not microchipped, and his initial vet exam revealed severe dental disease, a number of epidermal masses, and an oral mass. Shortly after coming into ARL's care, Frankie also seemed lethargic, was not eating and testing revealed the possible onset of liver disease.

A battery of blood tests were run (several times over), x-rays were taken, masses were removed and biopsied, and due to glaucoma Frankie also needed one eye removed. Fortunately the masses were benign, and over the two month period Frankie's health improved and is certainly looking forward to finding his perfect match.

Given his age and medical history, Frankie's new owner will need to be mindful of his medical needs, however, this dog has shown extreme perseverance and is sure to make a wonderful pet.

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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