

**ANIMAL  
RESCUE  
LEAGUE  
of BOSTON**



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**Update: 50 Cats Removed from Metro Boston Home Easter  
Weekend**

*Undersocialization a byproduct of hoarding*

During the Easter holiday weekend, the Animal Rescue League of Boston's (ARL) Law Enforcement Department was busy removing 50 cats from a Metro Boston home, which has since been condemned due to deplorable and uninhabitable conditions.

We're made aware when these animals are removed from these difficult situations, but what happens then?

These animals have needed extensive medical treatment over the last three weeks, but more importantly, a large number of these cats are traumatized and shut down emotionally. This unfortunately is a common byproduct of animal hoarding and one ARL sees too often.

The cats need constant interaction with humans to break free of the trauma, learn to trust, and to take the next step – which is finding a forever home.

It's a painstaking process where there is no timeline on when a break-through may occur. ARL is committed to making these animals whole, and to give them the second chance they deserve.

**WE INVITE THE MEDIA TO SEE THESE INTERACTIONS FIRST-HAND AND WILL  
HAVE AVAILABILITY WITH THESE ANIMALS ON WEDNESDAY MAY, 8 FROM**

**11AM TO 3 PM AT ARL'S BOSTON ANIMAL CARE AND ADOPTION CENTER  
LOCATED AT 10 CHANDLER ST., BOSTON, MA.**

The number of hoarding-type incidents involving large numbers of animals is unfortunately on the rise. In 2018, ARL handled 16 of these incidents, which involved 1,024 animals.

As spring melts into summer, warm temperatures bring a surge in the animal population and ARL expects to respond to more hoarding-type incidents over the next few months.

**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 2018, ARL served 17,000 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. For more information please visit us online at [www.arlboston.org](http://www.arlboston.org); and be sure to follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).

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