

**ANIMAL
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of BOSTON**



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Good Samaritans Step in to Get Pair of Shih Tzus Out of Bad Situation

Unidentified woman selling dogs at Lynnway Mart allegedly threatened to harm animals

When an unidentified woman was wandering around the Lynnway Mart recently trying to sell a pair of Shih Tzus for cheap, two Good Samaritans stepped in to get the dogs to safety.

The dogs were purchased separately for \$40 and \$50 – the woman with the dogs allegedly told one buyer that if she couldn't sell the dog she was going to "get rid of it one way or another."

The animals were filthy, unkempt and underweight. Both dogs were brought to Ocean View Kennels in Revere, where kennel owner Lisa Cutting contacted the Animal Rescue League of Boston's (ARL) Law Enforcement Department.

Media Availability:

When: Monday, June 24 @ Noon

Where: ARL Boston Shelter, 10 Chandler St., Boston

Who: ARL Law Enforcement/Shelter Ops, Lisa Cutting of Ocean View Kennel

Aside from their outward appearance, the two-year-old and six-year-old dogs both needed surgical hernia repairs, which was performed by ARL shelter medicine staff. The pair have also been spayed, vaccinated, and microchipped.

They will soon be made available for adoption.

Selling animals at flea markets is not prohibited in Massachusetts, however, this woman did not have a vendor booth or a license to sell animals and unfortunately there is no surveillance footage available at the market. The Good Samaritans were focused on the welfare of the animals and were unable to give a detailed description.

The only description ARL Law Enforcement has is a heavy-set Latino woman who was seen leaving the market in a dark-colored older model Toyota. Anyone who has any information on who this person may be is asked to contact ARL's Law Enforcement Department at 617-426-9170.

In the wake of this incident, staff at the Lynnway Mart will be on the lookout and will contact local police if the woman returns.

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; and be sure to follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).

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