

**ANIMAL
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of BOSTON**



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Abandoned Dog Suffered from Severe Neglect

Dog found on Oxford/Dudley line

A five-year-old silky terrier suffering from a criminal-level of neglect was recently found wandering the streets along the Oxford/Dudley town lines, and is now recovering from a host of medical issues at the Animal Rescue League of Boston's (ARL) Dedham Animal Care and Adoption Center.

Media Availability:

When: Tuesday, July 16 from 9:30 AM to 1 PM

Where: ARL Dedham, 55 Anna's Place, Dedham, MA

When Ben arrived at ARL, he was filthy, had matted fur caked with feces, and grossly overgrown nails (nearly an inch long). Discharge from double ear infections was crusted on the outer ears, and the dog was also suffering from dermatitis – the suffering of which was compounded by an inability to scratch due to his overgrown nails.

Despite his suffering and likely abandonment, Ben is extremely friendly and has a very outgoing personality.

Following a vet exam, medications were given to combat the ear infections, and clear up the dermatitis. Ben's matted fur was shaved and his nails were trimmed. He is now on a path to recovery.

ARL has not come across any lost reports that match Ben's description and he was not microchipped. It's assumed he was abandoned but was severely neglected in whatever situation he was previously in.

Any information on this case is asked to contact the Oxford Animal Control Office and in the meantime Ben is being monitored, will undergo a behavioral evaluation and once neutered, vaccinated and cleared medically, he will be made available for adoption.

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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