

# ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE of BOSTON



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## **ARL to Testify Before Joint Committee**

*Host of animal-related bills up for discussion*

On Tuesday, the Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture will convene to hear testimony on nearly two dozen bills, including a number of animal protection bills. The Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL) will be providing testimony on several of these legislative proposals.

**The public hearing will take place at the Massachusetts State House Tuesday, September 10, from 10-1, in Hearing Room A-2.**

ARL will be providing formal testimony on three bills that are part of the organization's current legislative agenda and include:

- [H.757 An Act to Study the Health of the Blue Hills Forest](#)
- [S.501 An Act to Provide Additional Funding for Animal Welfare and Safety Programming](#)
- H.812/H.3603/S.510 An Act Protecting Dogs at Boarding Kennels and Daycare Facilities (ARL will provide case studies where animals were injured or killed due to a lack of kennel regulatory standards)

With more than 90 animal-related bills filed for this legislative session, this hearing is critical to help move these important animal protection bills forward in the legislative process.

**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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