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Traumatized Cane Corsos Need Special Adopters

Former owner facing charges, dogs learning how to be "normal"

The 19 Cane Corso dogs were rescued by the Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL) in September from a commercial breeding facility in Middleboro, MA in September due to squalid, unsanitary conditions.

The kennel owner is facing five felony and 23 misdemeanor charges.

Now ARL wants to find these animals new homes, however, many of them are still suffering intense trauma, a sad and unfortunate byproduct of their previous environment.

These dogs are a prime example of the lasting impacts that cruelty, neglect and abuse can have on animals. **ARL Animal Behavior Manager Laney Nee** has been working extensively with these animals and is available to discuss the behavioral concerns surrounding these dogs in length.

Media Availability: When: Friday, November 22 from 1:00-2:00 PM Where: ARL's Boston Animal Care and Adoption Center (10 Chandler St., Boston)

In their previous situation, the dogs had little natural light, did not get outside and were kept in waste-spattered steel cages with concrete floors presumably all the time.

Because of this, the dogs are most comfortable in their kennels, but once outside of that comfort zone, they are extremely fearful of things most of us take for granted.

For many people, a "normal" adult dog is house-trained, enjoys going for long walks or a dog park, knows sit, stay and other commands. These dogs lack training, socialization and are terribly fearful, however now that they've escaped their former situation, they deserve the opportunity to find loving homes – and ARL is committed to making this happen.

ARL is looking for special owners for these animals – someone who can put in the time and has the patience and compassion to help these dogs blossom, and become well-adjusted to life outside of a kennel.

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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