

**ANIMAL
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of BOSTON**



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ARL Partners with MAF for Fall River Spay/Neuter Clinic

40 animals to receive surgery on ARL's Spay Waggin'

On Monday, December 2, the Animal Rescue League of Boston's (ARL) Spay Waggin' will be in Fall River to spay or neuter 40 animals, as part of an ongoing statewide effort by the Massachusetts Animal Fund (MAF).

The clinic is in collaboration with Fall River Animal Control and the Massachusetts Animal Fund's (MAF) spay and neuter voucher program, which provides the surgery for low-income families free of charge.

Media Availability:

When: Monday, December 2 @ 9 AM

Where: Fall River Fire Museum (1181 N. Main St., Fall River)

Who: Dr. Kyle Quigley (ARL), Sheri Gustafson (MAF), Cindy Berard (Fall River Animal Control Officer)

Clients will begin arriving at approximately 8:30 AM to drop off their pets. The animals will have the procedure, spend some time in recovery and will be ready to be picked up by their owner in the early afternoon.

Due to demand, many pet owners bringing their animals to this clinic have been on the MAF's waiting list for months, and thanks to ARL with MAF financial support, they will finally be able to provide their pets this important and beneficial surgical procedure.

While this is the first large-scale clinic of this type in Fall River, ARL and MAF are aware of the needs of the community, and are looking forward to similar clinics in the area in 2020 to help more animals in need and the people who care for them.

ARL's Spay Waggin' is a mobile surgical unit that offers high-quality, low-cost services to the South Shore, South Coast and Cape Cod. Since its inception in 2000, the Spay Waggin' has provided more than 60,000 spay and neuter surgeries.

Since 2014, MAF has helped more than 12,000 animals through its spay/neuter voucher program, and is funded primarily by donations made on Line 33f of the Massachusetts income tax form.

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](#).

ABOUT THE MASS ANIMAL FUND:

The Mass Animal Fund's Voucher Program was created in July of 2014 as a mechanism to provide assistance to Massachusetts' most vulnerable companion animals. The Voucher Program is dedicated to bringing resources to homeless animals and animals owned by low-income Massachusetts residents. Since inception, the Mass Animal Fund has spent over \$1.5 million dollars to sterilize and vaccinate animals across the Commonwealth. The Fund's Voucher Program is made possible through donations collected on line 33f of the Massachusetts Resident Income Tax Form. Please visit www.mass.gov/animalfund for more information.

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