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**Dr. Edward Schettino Named ARL's 9<sup>th</sup> President**

Today, the Board of Directors of the Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL) is pleased to announce the appointment of **Dr. Edward Schettino, DVM, PhD**, as the 9<sup>th</sup> President and CEO of ARL.

Dr. Schettino succeeds current President **Mary Nee**, who will be retiring on May 1, 2020.

For the past five years, Dr. Schettino has served as ARL's Vice President of Animal Welfare and Veterinary Services, and prior to this, was the Director of Veterinary Medical Services.

He has overseen ARL's animal care and operations, law enforcement, community and shelter medicine, and community programs. Additionally, Dr. Schettino has been vital in advancing ARL's vision for the future to reach animals and people most in need, leading program design and implementation for many of ARL's innovative community-based programs.

"I am incredibly humbled and honored to have been appointed as the 9<sup>th</sup> President in ARL's remarkable 120-year history," said Dr. Schettino. "I greatly look forward to continuing ARL's innovative programs to reach animals and people most in need, and to advance ARL's vision for the future. I am also excited to work with our amazing and dedicated staff, volunteers, and supporters to continually challenge what we do and how we do it; and to always strive to improve the level of service and care to both the animals and the people that we serve so that ARL remains a leader and innovator in the animal welfare community."

“After thoughtfully examining the qualities and skills desired in a new president, ARL’s Board concluded that Dr. Schettino’s extensive knowledge of veterinary medicine, deep understanding of animal welfare, business acumen, and leadership skills, makes him uniquely qualified to lead ARL’s vision for the future,” stated **Walter Kenyon, ARL’s Board of Directors Chair**. “He possesses the skills, passion, and leadership to advance our vision to reach, and positively impact even more animals and people in the years to come.”

Dr. Schettino received his Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine at the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University, and holds a Master of Business Administration from Clark University. Additionally, he earned a Doctorate of Philosophy in Molecular Oncology and Immunology and a Master of Science in the Basic Medical Sciences from New York University, and a Bachelor of Science in both Zoology and Microbiology from North Carolina State University.

Prior to ARL, Dr. Schettino worked for more than 12 years in both private veterinary hospitals and animal shelter settings. He is also an Adjunct Instructor in the Department of Clinical Sciences at the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University and, on behalf of ARL, has trained hundreds of police officers and veterinarians on identifying and reporting animal cruelty.

**\*\*PHOTO AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST\*\***

**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 2019, ARL served more than 20,000 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.

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