

# ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE of BOSTON



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## **COVID-19 Not Stopping ARL Law Enforcement Investigations**

*ARL seeking person responsible for shooting cat in Framingham*

While COVID-19 has altered nearly every aspect of our daily lives, the Animal Rescue League of Boston's (ARL) Law Enforcement Department remains undeterred in investigating and charging those responsible for acts of animal cruelty, neglect and abuse.

ARL Law Enforcement is currently working a number of active cases and is asking the public for information regarding a 1-year-old female cat that was found shot by a high-powered pellet gun in Framingham.

**Anyone with information on this act of animal cruelty is urged to contact ARL Law Enforcement via phone (617) 426-9170, or email [cruelty@arlboston.org](mailto:cruelty@arlboston.org).**

**\*\*For photos and x-rays of the cat click [here](#)**

The cat, named Piri, was wounded presumably along the 700 block of Waverly St. in Framingham, a densely populated area.

The pellet passed through cat's left front shoulder and became lodged in the right front leg. She was found by her now former owner, who stated Piri was covered in blood and in obvious pain when discovered.

Piri was taken to Boston West Emergency Veterinary Hospital in Natick to be examined and x-rayed (attached). X-rays revealed the pellet all but shattered Piri's right elbow and caused shoulder damage on her left side. Additionally she suffered a lung contusion.

Once Piri was stabilized, she was taken into the care of Metro West Humane Society in Ashland, where she continues to recover.

Unfortunately the pellet could not be removed from Piri's right leg, and because the pellet damaged both front limbs, her veterinary team is exercising extreme caution in regards to her medical plan moving forward. Additionally, there remains the possibility that Piri may lose her right leg.

ARL wishes to thank Framingham Animal Control, Metro West Humane Society and Boston West Emergency Veterinary Hospital for their assistance and ongoing care of Piri.

**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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