

ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE of BOSTON



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As Temperatures Drop, Be on Lookout for Homeless Cats

Animals are crafty when looking for warmth

Despite relatively mild daytime temperatures in recent weeks, the Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL) has still seen several cases of homeless cats winding up in some curious places while trying to escape the nighttime chill.

With colder air moving in for the upcoming weekend, ARL is reminding residents to keep an eye out for stray animals, particularly community cats, who may be seeking shelter from the storm (sorry Bob Dylan).

Recent cases include a stray cat worming its way into the basement of a multifamily home in Dorchester, and a mom and kittens found under a house in Roxbury.

Along with the aforementioned places, stray cats may find window wells, space underneath porches, backyard woodpiles, sheds, even the engine compartments of vehicles to get out of the cold.

If you spot a stray animal looking for shelter, you're urged to contact local animal control, or ARL's [Field Services Department](#) for assistance.

If you live in an area where community cats are prevalent, you can provide temporary shelter by building a DIY community cat shelter. It's cheap, easy, and could offer an animal a respite from the cold – for directions on how to build click [here](#)!

With approximately 700,000 community cats living throughout Massachusetts, ARL launched its Community Cats Initiative in 2018, and has already helped rescue thousands of these animals from a life living on the streets. For more information about the initiative click [here](#).

Attached: photo of Katrina – 8 week old kitten found with mom and littermates underneath a home in Roxbury. She’s currently in foster care and will be available for adoption in a few weeks.

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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