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Lobby Day for Animals Cancelled Amid Coronavirus Precautions

State House cancels all public events through April 9

Due to on-going precautionary measures put in place in regards to the continued spread of the coronavirus, the 2020 Lobby Day for Animals that was scheduled for March 24 at the Massachusetts State House has been cancelled.

The Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL) was set to host the event with other animal welfare groups, with the hope of persuading law makers to consider a number of proposed bills to further protect animals in the Commonwealth.

With Governor Charlie Baker declaring a state of emergency, the House of Representatives subsequently cancelled all public events at the State House, while Speaker Robert DeLeo stated that a group to evaluate legislative operations moving forward.

While this event has been cancelled, ARL is continuing to advocate on behalf of animals in Massachusetts, and is encouraging anyone who wants to see improvements in the state's animal protection laws to look at ARL's <u>legislative agenda</u>, and contact their elected officials in support of these bills.

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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