

ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE of BOSTON



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ARL Law Enforcement Assisting Watertown in Deceased Cat Case

Cat found in Charles River in trash bag, weighed down by large rock

Following the gruesome discovery of a deceased cat in a trash bag in Watertown, the Animal Rescue League of Boston's (ARL) Law Enforcement Department is now assisting Watertown Animal Control by providing resources to have a necropsy on the animal performed.

The cat was brought to Tufts this morning for the procedure.

The hope is that the necropsy will be able to determine not only the cat's cause of death, but whether or not the animal was alive or dead before being placed into the bag and dumped in the Charles River.

Watertown ACO Karen O'Reilly stated upon discovery that the cat did appear to be emaciated.

A necropsy is incredibly important in these investigations and when feasible, ARL does periodically lends this kind of assistance to cities and towns throughout Massachusetts.

Once the necropsy is complete, ARL Law Enforcement will be available to further assist Watertown in this investigation in any way possible. Watertown Animal Control is urging anyone who has any information regarding this case, to contact Watertown ACO Karen O'Reilly at 617-972-6446, or via email at koreilly@watertown-ma.gov.

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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