

**ANIMAL
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of BOSTON**



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ARL Adoption Services to Resume Today

Programs will continue to be phased in

Starting today, Tuesday June 2, the Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL) will resume a number of programs that were suspended due to COVID-19. The most anticipated program to return is animal adoptions.

ARL suspended animal adoptions on March 17, with ARL placing more than 200 animals into foster care. By placing these animals into foster care, ARL was able to free up kennel space in the chance of pet owners being forced to surrender animals for a myriad of COVID-19-related reasons including financial hardship or direct impact from the virus.

Anyone wishing to adopt can see who's available at arlboston.org, and call (617) 426-9170 and dial the appropriate extension: Boston x604, Dedham x605, Brewster x305. ARL staff will conduct an adoption interview via telephone and arrange a meeting, if both parties think it's a good match.

Please note that the public will not be permitted in the shelter or lobby waiting areas without an appointment; and that face coverings and CDC hygiene guidelines are required for staff and clients until further notice.

Starting today, ARL intake offices will also return to a normal schedule. Since March 17, ARL has only been accepting intakes on an emergency basis. Pet owners looking to surrender can call (617) 426-9170 (press 3, then press 1) to discuss surrender.

Please note, the number of people entering the admissions office will be restricted to allow for social distancing; and that face covering and CDC guidelines are required for staff and clients until further notice.

ARL mobile community services will be slowly phased in as Massachusetts continues along its reopening guidelines.

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. The Animal Rescue League of Boston does not receive government grants or public funding (with the exception of limited COVID-19 relief funding) and relies on the generosity of our supporters to 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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