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Kids Encouraged to Help Decorate ARL's Iconic Dedham Barn

Coloring contest coincides with need to rehome livestock

Today, the Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL) is calling on children of all ages to participate in a coloring contest to create a holiday display on ARL's iconic barn, located on the organization's Dedham campus.

From now through December 22, kids can submit their holiday masterpieces, and finalists will be posted on ARL's social media channels with the winner being decided by ARL and online votes. The winner will receive an ARL gift bag and of course bragging rights!

To download the coloring sheet click <u>here</u>! Submissions can be sent to <u>marketing@arlboston.org</u>, or posted on social media and tagging ARL.

Contest participants are asked to decorate the exterior of the Dedham barn, and to also include some of the animals that are currently residing in the historical structure. While the idea is of course to spread holiday cheer, it's also a chance for kids to be introduced to new animals and to learn that pet ownership extends well beyond just dogs and cats.

Additionally, with more than a dozen animals currently in the barn that includes pigs, chickens, doves and even turkeys, ARL hopes that the contest will give these animals some much-needed attention and perhaps find them homes in time for the holidays.

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; and be sure to follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

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