

ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE of BOSTON



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Edward Schettino, President & CEO of the Animal Rescue League of Boston Receives Prestigious Certified Animal Welfare Administrator Credential

Boston, Massachusetts – **Edward Schettino, DVM, PhD, President & CEO of the Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL)** recently earned his **Certified Animal Welfare Administrator certification** through [The Association for Animal Welfare Advancement](#), an independent agency whose mission is to help develop strong leaders and promote standards of practice in the animal welfare profession. Dr. Schettino is one of only two animal welfare professionals in Massachusetts to hold this prestigious designation.

The Association for Animal Welfare Advancement administers the Certified Animal Welfare Administrator (CAWA) program which distinguishes top-level executives and managers working in both nonprofit and municipal animal welfare agencies. In addition to meeting strict eligibility requirements for leadership and management in the animal welfare field, Dr. Schettino needed to pass a rigorous exam to earn his CAWA designation.

The CAWA certification demonstrates the utmost commitment to the highest ethical practice standards, setting Dr. Schettino and ARL apart as animal welfare leaders in Massachusetts.

“Obtaining his CAWA status solidifies Dr. Schettino’s work in the animal welfare field and illustrates his talents to lead broader animal welfare conversations at the local, state, as well as national level,” said **Walter Kenyon, ARL Chairman of the Board of Directors**. “ARL, as an organization, will continue to be animal welfare leaders in Massachusetts, and are incredibly proud of this designation for Dr. Schettino.”

Jim Tedford, The Association’s CEO noted, “[Certified Animal Welfare Administrators](#) have demonstrated that they hold specialized qualifications and a commitment to high standards and ethical

practices in our industry. We respect their dedication to their own professional development and their pursuit of leadership excellence.”

About Edward Schettino, DVM, PhD

Dr. Edward Schettino oversees the Animal Rescue League of Boston’s (ARL) organizational operations and leads the implementation and execution of its strategic plan as ARL strives to be an unwavering champion for animals in need, committed to keeping them safe and healthy in habitats and homes. Dr Schettino has served at ARL since 2013, most recently holding the position of Vice President of Animal Welfare and Veterinary Services.

Prior to ARL, Dr. Schettino worked for 12 years in general veterinary practice as well as in shelter medicine, providing both medical and surgical care for family pets and those animals seeking their forever home. He serves on a variety of boards and committees, including the Massachusetts Animal Coalition Board, the Tufts at Tech Advisory Board, the Shelter Medicine Steering Committee at the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University, and the Veterinary Technology Advisory Committee at North Shore Community College.

Dr. Schettino received his Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine at the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University, and holds a Master of Business Administration from Clark University. Additionally, he earned a Doctorate of Philosophy in Molecular Oncology and Immunology and a Master of Science in the Basic Medical Sciences from New York University. He is currently an Adjunct Instructor in the Department of Clinical Sciences at the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University.

He has a strong passion for animal welfare, finding resources to keeps pets and people together, exploring the link interconnecting human and animal health, and working collaboratively both locally and nationally.

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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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