

ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE of BOSTON



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Non-Native Lizard Hitchhikes from Florida to Massachusetts

Finders brought lizard to ARL Brewster Facility

This past week, the Animal Rescue League of Boston's (ARL) Brewster Animal Care and Adoption Center took in a non-native lizard that had hitchhiked its way from Florida to Massachusetts.

The person who brought the lizard to ARL stated that the reptile had somehow gotten into the interior of the vehicle when leaving Florida and was discovered upon arrival in Massachusetts.

The lizard, described as a Brown Anole, is native to Florida, but a non-native species to Massachusetts, and has been transported to a reptile rescue organization in Connecticut to be rehomed.

ARL commends these actions and reminds the public that non-native species should never be released into the wild, as they can create vast ecological problems. Any non-native species should be taken to a rescue organization like ARL – our local environment will thank you!

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 2020, ARL served nearly 17,000 animals throughout Massachusetts. ARL is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization. The Animal Rescue League of Boston

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