

ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE of BOSTON



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ARL Expanding Services to Fall River Community

Services include spay/neuter and community cats

On Tuesday, April 13, the Animal Rescue League of Boston's (ARL) Spay Waggin' will once again be in Fall River to spay/neuter more than three dozen animals as part of an ongoing effort by the Massachusetts Animal Fund.

It's the third year in a row ARL has hosted the clinic in collaboration with MAF and Fall River Animal Control. The surgeries are under the MAF voucher program, which distributes vouchers to qualifying low-income pet owners to cover the cost of the important procedure.

Due to high demand and Covid-19-restrictions, many clients have been on a waiting list for a number of months to have their pets spayed or neutered, and ARL is pleased to once again be providing this vital service.

Media Availability

When: Tuesday, April 13 @ 9:00 a.m.

Where: Fall River Fire Museum, 1181 N. Main St., Fall River, MA

Clients will begin arriving with their animals around 8:30 a.m. and will be picking up their animals in the afternoon following surgery and recovery time.

ARL's Field Services Department will be on-hand to distribute pet food to clients.

Additionally, ARL has recently expanded its community cat initiative into the Fall River region. There are approximately 700,000 community cats, which consist of stray, feral, and semi-feral cats, in Massachusetts. ARL's focus is to assess colonies, and formulate a trap-neuter-return (TNR) plan to provide spay/neuter, medical care, and also find homes for cats deemed suitable for adoption.

So far ARL has worked with more than dozen cats in the region, and as the weather warms, the number of cats in need of assistance is expected to drastically increase. For residents concerned about community cats in their respective neighborhoods, they can reach ARL's Field Services Department by calling 617-426-9170, then dial 1.

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 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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