

ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE of BOSTON



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Deceased Dog in Plastic Bag Found Near Lawrence School

Necropsy reveals extensive abuse leading to death

In late March, a young female Jack Russel Terrier-type dog was found deceased near a Lawrence, MA, school. A necropsy has revealed the dog's death was the result of extensive abuse, and the Animal Rescue League of Boston's (ARL) Law Enforcement Department, working in conjunction with the Lawrence Police Department, are urgently seeking information to determine who may have been responsible.

Media Conference/Availability

When: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 @ 11:30 a.m.

Where: ARL's Boston Animal Care and Adoption Center, 10 Chandler St., Boston

Interview Opportunity: Joe King, ARL Director of Law Enforcement

Please note: Lawrence PD has referred all public comment to ARL

A Lawrence police officer discovered the approximately 1-year-old dog along a frequented walking trail behind South Lawrence East Middle School, located at 165 Crawford Street, on March 17, at approximately 10:45 a.m. The white and tan dog had been partially wrapped in a "pee pad" and placed in a black plastic bag. There was blood present inside the bag and on the dog's body, as well as urine staining on the dog's tail.

It is likely the dog had not been left in the area for very long.

It appears the animal suffered extreme cruelty and abuse, which led to the dog's death.

A necropsy has determined the animal's cause of death to be acute blood loss and multiple skull fractures. Extensive bruising on the body indicates the dog was also intermittently abused in the 36-hours leading up to its death.

Anyone with information pertaining to this ongoing investigation is urged to contact Lawrence Police Det. Carmen Poupora at (978) 794-5900 x625, or ARL Law Enforcement at (617) 426-9170 ext. 110 or cruelty@arlboston.org.

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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