

# **ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE of BOSTON**



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## **ARL Rescues Cat in Tree in West Springfield**

*Cat in tree for nearly a week*

This past weekend, the Animal Rescue League of Boston's (ARL) Field Services Department reunited a frightened cat with his family in West Springfield– this after the cat spent the previous five days in a tree.

When ARL agents arrived at the residence on Dion Street, the cat named Jackson was more than 50 feet off the ground, and given his reluctance to come down after five days, it was likely Jackson's rescue effort would be a lengthy one.

An ARL agent climbed the tree and for the next four hours tried to coax the cat toward their waiting arms. Using a soft voice, treats and extreme patience, Jackson eventually got within distance and the agent was able to safely take custody of the animal and return him to ground level and back with his waiting family.

Cats are of course expert tree climbers, however contrary to popular belief, getting out of a tree can be a difficult task for a cat. The height may cause anxiousness and fear, there may be problems coordinating back and front limbs to successfully climb down, among others.

ARL's Field Services Department routinely rescues cats stuck in trees in every corner of the Commonwealth, and can be reached by calling (617) 426-9170 and hitting option "1". ARL Field Services operates from Tuesday-Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and assists in the

technical and non-technical rescue of domestic animals and raptors (turkey vultures, ospreys, hawks, eagles, falcons, and owls).

**For photos of the rescue and Jackson, click the Dropbox link below:**

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/rhn6387o6bp7rvw/AACdk4fA3hZGnYomnzNBy9q9a?dl=0>

**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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