

ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE of BOSTON



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ARL Law Enforcement/Lawrence PD Still Seeking Information Regarding Suspicious Dog Death

Deceased dog discovered in Shawsheen Park area

The Animal Rescue League of Boston's (ARL) Law Enforcement Department, working in conjunction with the Lawrence Police Department, are once again urgently seeking information related to a deceased dog that was recently found near a school in Lawrence, MA. A necropsy revealed the animal's death was the result of extensive abuse. The dog was also mutilated after it was intentionally killed.

A Lawrence police officer discovered the approximately 1-year-old female Jack Russell Terrier-type 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.

Additionally, the necropsy revealed that the dog was mutilated after it was killed, adding an extra area of public concern for investigators.

Extensive research has established a clear link between animal abuse and other types of abuse and violent crimes. Animal abusers are far more likely to perpetrate acts of domestic, child, or elder abuse and are a threat to the general public at large.

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

****Photos are available upon request, however photos may be considered too graphic for public consumption****

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 arlboston.org; and be sure to follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).

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