



# ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE of BOSTON



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### **ARL Receives \$12,500 Grant from MAC's "I'm Animal Friendly" License Plate Emergency Covid-19 Spay/Neuter Grant**

June 11, 2021, BOSTON, MA – The Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL) is pleased to announce that it received a \$12,500 grant from the Massachusetts Animal Coalition (MAC) through their "I am Animal Friendly" license plate program. The grant is to be used towards ARL's spay and neuter services. Because Covid-19 has significantly impacted the availability of spay/neuter services, this has resulted in long waiting lists for cats, dogs and rabbits across Massachusetts. MAC has offered this Emergency Covid-19 Spay/Neuter Grant funding to shelters, rescues, municipal animal control organizations and high volume spay/neuter providers.

ARL's Spay Waggin' and Community Surgical Clinic are vital resources for pet owners seeking subsidized spay/neuter for their beloved animals, and in 2020 performed nearly 3,000 surgeries between the two programs – however the need for services continues to grow exponentially.

Dr. Edward Schettino, President and CEO of ARL said: *"The communities we serve – on the South Shore, South Coast, Cape Cod regions, and Greater Boston – need access to fully and partially subsidized spay/neuter services now more than ever and the support from the Massachusetts Animal Coalition and the public who supports the "I'm Animal Friendly" license plate is crucial to lend assistance to those who need it. Thank you!"*

#### About the Massachusetts Animal Coalition and the "I'm Animal Friendly" License Plate Program:

Massachusetts Animal Coalition ([MAC](#)) is a statewide, non-profit organization comprised of animal professionals and individual volunteers dedicated to working together to decrease the number of homeless, neglected, displaced and abused animals in Massachusetts. MAC's ["I'm Animal Friendly" License Plate](#) program helps fund spay and neuter programs across the state. These charitable plates are available through Massachusetts RMV and are tax deductible. [www.petplate.org](http://www.petplate.org)



**Massachusetts Animal Coalition**

Working together to decrease the number of homeless, neglected, displaced and abused animals in Massachusetts.



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