

ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE of BOSTON



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Paralyzed French Bulldog Abandoned at South End Park

ARL Law Enforcement seeking information

The Animal Rescue League of Boston's (ARL) Law Enforcement Department is seeking information regarding a paralyzed French Bulldog that was recently abandoned at Peters Park, located in Boston's South End.

The approximately three-year-old female dog nicknamed "French Fry" was found on a weekend in late April just outside the dog park area. Witnesses stated seeing a man and woman with the dog for a short time before walking away from the animal. The couple were seen wearing masks, making it difficult for witnesses to describe any identifying features.

ARL Law Enforcement has obtained surveillance video of the area and is currently reviewing it to try and identify the dog's owners.

Upon finding the dog, a Good Samaritan brought the animal to a local veterinary clinic for examination. Staff at the veterinary clinic confirmed the dog's hind-limb paralysis, and also noted she was dehydrated, suffered hemorrhaging in the left eye, and had an elevated body temperature.

Given the paralysis, the dog was brought to another veterinary hospital for a neurological exam and MRI. The exam and imaging revealed intervertebral disc disease (IVDD), which can be common in the breed. Given the severity of the disease and the further possibly life-threatening complications which may have developed, surgery was not an option for French Fry, and the decision for humane euthanasia was made in order to end her suffering.

While the dog's condition was deemed genetic, abandoning an animal is a felony in Massachusetts, punishable by up to 7 years in jail and a \$5,000 fine. ARL understands that dealing with medical issues with pets can be financially and emotionally overwhelming. With options and resources available, including animal surrender, no animal should ever be abandoned.

If anyone recognizes the dog, they are asked to contact ARL's Law Enforcement Department at (617) 426-9170 x110, or email cruelty@arlboston.org.

For photos of French Fry, click the Dropbox link below:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/jgbc4regb20e5ol/AAAQFTTrT8-IM6hNpOQGPIDLva?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 arlboston.org; and be sure to follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).

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