

ANIMAL  
RESCUE  
LEAGUE  
of BOSTON



2020

GRATITUDE  
REPORT





## **CASHEW & ALMOND**

These sweet puppies needed help desperately. At just two weeks old, their mother unexpectedly passed away from birth complications. Without intervention, they wouldn't have made it.

Your support made it possible to provide emergency medical care and place them in an experienced foster home.

**Thanks to you, they are thriving.**



## **Our Mission**

**We are an unwavering champion for animals in need, committed to keeping them safe and healthy in habitats and homes.**

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# A Letter from the President & CEO



In March 2020, a national emergency was declared concerning COVID-19, making for a difficult year for most, if not all of us. Our entire lives changed unexpectedly. As we all became more isolated, the power of the human-animal bond was palpable.

Throughout this time, our animal companions provided solace, comfort, and a solid grounding when everything around us was uncertain.

I am grateful you choose to make a difference for animals by lending your support to ARL. Because of you, our programs remained active throughout 2020. With our expertise, experience, fleet of specialized vehicles, and extensive data and analyses, we were uniquely poised to be a

resource for people, pets, and communities, bringing veterinary and support services directly to those who needed it most.

Thanks to you, we took swift action to leverage our programs to support communities in new and innovative ways. You have provided kindness and care to animals who were sick, injured and abused. You were there to provide vital resources for pets and people, allowing families to keep their pets, strengthening the human-animal bond. Your generosity made the difference for so many. Thank you!

I hope you will read the animal stories that follow and know that you are the reason they were given the care they deserve. I am truly grateful for your continued support, as we remain a vital

resource for pets and people when there is no one else to turn to. As we now resume full operations and welcome the public back into our facilities, we are challenged to continue the innovative programs you helped to develop during the pandemic, while continuing to be a resource for pets and people in need.

As Voltaire, the French Enlightenment philosopher once stated, "Appreciation is a wonderful thing, it makes what is excellent in others belong to us as well."

With Gratitude,

**Edward Schettino**, DVM, PhD  
President & CEO



**Gizmo**  
Adopted

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# Mission in Action

With your support, significant progress was made towards our five strategic goals, even in the midst of a pandemic.



## GOAL

Prevent animal cruelty and neglect by strengthening laws and public policy, and increasing community awareness and action to report and combat abuse.



## PROGRESS

- **Provided two trainings** at the Massachusetts State Police Academy on how to recognize and report animal cruelty and abuse, as well as a training at the Department of Children and Families.
- **Began recruitment and utilization of volunteers** for virtual advocacy work.



## GOAL

Enhance the capacity of ARL infrastructure to ensure the most effective and efficient use of resources for achieving organizational goals.



## PROGRESS

- **Converted the old Spay Waggin' to a stationary surgical suite** in Brewster to reduce expenses and eliminate the need to transport animals for surgical needs.
- Received approval from the Planning Board for the Dedham construction project, our **Foundation for the Future**.



## GOAL

Grow and refocus programs that are targeted towards animals in greatest need and the people who care for them.



## PROGRESS

- Launched the **Keep Pets S.A.F.E. (Supporting Animals Facing Emergencies)** program that provides critical services, such as temporary pet housing, veterinary care, and pet food & supplies, in response to urgent community needs.
- Launched a **Temporary Pet Housing Initiative** that supports several ARL programs, including Keep Pets S.A.F.E., with the goal of reuniting a pet with its owner.
- Expanded our partnership with Action for Boston Community Development (ABCD) to offer low-cost wellness care to residents of East Boston through the **Wellness Waggin'**.
- Mobilized a **new, state-of-the-art Spay Waggin' vehicle** in June and resumed operations in the City of Boston for the first time in over a decade.



## GOAL

Increase financial resources to achieve a greater impact for animals in need.



## PROGRESS

- Raised **more than \$3M in public support** from 11,710 donors.
- Grew individual giving by **more than 10%**.



## GOAL

Grow volunteer membership and attract and retain a well-trained, committed staff to support program growth and strategic goals.



## PROGRESS

- Managed 840 dedicated volunteers who contributed **over 63,000 hours**.
- **Grew foster network** to 435 homes.
- Promoted **seven staff members**.



# COVID-19 Response

The words “uncertain”, “challenging” and “unprecedented” may be triggering in the wake of the pandemic, yet they so accurately describe 2020. And, while the year was indeed all of those things, **more than 16,700 animals were helped because of your support.**

ARL focuses on preventative, community-based solutions to keep pets with their families. The pandemic highlighted the critical need for animal care and it became clear that ARL needed to act swiftly to reimagine services in response. Your unwavering generosity allowed ARL to use its expertise, mobile clinics, and fleet of specialized vehicles to meet people and animals in the community, bringing veterinary and support services directly to those who needed it most.

With businesses closed and the stay-at-home order in effect, pet owners were unable to source basic care for their animals. Thanks to your support, ARL was able to launch a new program, **Keep Pets S.A.F.E. (Supporting Animals Facing Emergencies)**, to provide critical services and supplies to underserved communities, keeping pets with families facing hardships caused by or exacerbated by COVID-19.

### Keep Pets S.A.F.E. services included:



Contactless delivery  
of pet food  
and supplies



Emergency  
veterinary care 🚗



Temporary  
emergency shelter 🚗



Emergency surrender

🚗 Including transportation to and from ARL

ARL also began offering temporary housing for pets whose owners faced housing instability or imminent risk of homelessness due to the pandemic. This initiative offers up to 120 days of housing in our Animal Care & Adoption Center or with a qualified foster family. Both the **Temporary Pet Housing Initiative** and **Keep Pets S.A.F.E. program** will continue as long as they are needed and will serve as a model for future public emergencies.

### Special thanks to our Keep Pets S.A.F.E. collaborators:

Action for Boston Community Development, American Humane Feed the Hungry Fund, the Banfield Foundation, Best Friends Animal Society & the Rachael Ray Save Them All COVID-19 Relief Grant, Boston Senior Home Care, Hill’s Pet Nutrition, Loyal Companion, the City of Boston, and PetSmart Charities.

Starting in March, the Animal Care & Adoption Centers closed to the public for health and safety reasons. With so much unknown, ARL turned to our dedicated network of foster families to provide animals a break from the stressful shelter environment. Placing animals in foster gave ARL extra space and capacity to prepare for whatever might come. More than 430 foster families selflessly opened their homes to over 840 animals in 2020, providing stability and comfort.

Our **Free Pet Behavior Helpline** also proved to be an important resource for pets and pet owners as we transitioned to working from home and a record number of people opened their homes to new pets. You made it possible to provide more than 450 pet owners with free advice concerning topics such as excessive barking, crate training, and house soiling.

These accomplishments and positive outcomes were only possible because of you. Your commitment to improving the lives of animals in need meant that ARL could support communities in innovative ways. Thank you for your unwavering support and kindness. **Truly, you are proof that compassion can’t be quarantined.**





# YOUR 2020 SUPPORT IN ACTION:

16,747  
animals helped



Ruby  
Adopted

2,276

animals found their  
forever home



1,432  
cats



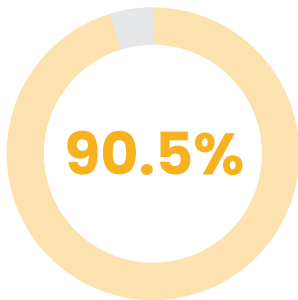
413  
dogs



376  
small  
animals



55  
livestock  
animals



live release rate  
(adopted, returned  
to field/owner,  
or transferred)



529

behavior adoptions  
(animals that require  
additional support to  
prepare them for adoption)



2,030

animals helped  
in law enforcement cases



2,566

shelter animals  
examined

2,675

surgeries performed on  
ARL's Spay Waggin'



1,850

owned pets received  
affordable wellness services  
through ARL's Wellness Waggin'



Casper  
Adopted



# Hug them Today, Help them Tomorrow

Named after ARL’s founder, the **Anna Harris Smith Legacy Society®** is an exceptional group of 127 supporters who are passionate about helping animals now and after their lifetime. Members have chosen to include the Animal Rescue League of Boston in their plans as a personal legacy of compassion.

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Jeremy's dog, Gretchen,  
and cat, Marbles

## Anna Harris Smith Legacy Society Spotlight: Jeremy Griswold

Jeremy Griswold is a devout animal lover. Raised in Harwich, his family had a deep connection to the Brewster Animal Care and Adoption Center, where they adopted all of their pets. His love of animals and appreciation for ARL are the reasons he decided to pledge a legacy gift, ensuring that animals can live long, healthy lives with loving families.

Jeremy admires the consistent and unconditional love given by companion animals. He and wife Laura have witnessed this selfless love in their ARL rescue, a thirteen-year-old Dachshund named Gretchen.

To honor Gretchen, they both strive to do whatever they can to improve the lives of animals.

From a young age, Jeremy’s parents impressed upon him the importance of giving to others whenever possible.

**“Making the lives of others a little better is one of the greatest gifts.”**

*-Jeremy Griswold*

His philanthropy is focused on organizations that have purpose

and demonstrate a sense of direction for the future, two things that he finds specifically in ARL.

When asked how he feels about his planned gift to ARL, he is confident that it will help sustain life-saving medical care and adoption services, as well as programs like the Wellness Waggin’ that provide valuable resources to pet parents. He encourages anyone considering a legacy gift to remember the unconditional love they received from animals, and know that a planned gift can pay that love forward for many years to come.


For more information about how you can leave a legacy for animals, visit [arlboston.org/ahsls](http://arlboston.org/ahsls)






# THANK YOU volunteers & fosters!



  
**840**  
dedicated  
volunteers → **63,036**  
hours helping  
animals

  
**435**  
foster  
families → **841**  
animals cared for  
awaiting their  
forever homes

**Thank you to our volunteers  
and foster parents!**

In the midst of uncertainty and immense change,  
you gave your time and opened your homes when  
animals needed it most. Thank you!

Interested in learning more about  
ARL's volunteer opportunities?  
Visit [arlboston.org/volunteer-foster](http://arlboston.org/volunteer-foster)



## Volunteer Spotlight:

### John DeLuca

John DeLuca is an ARL volunteer who is allowing himself to be 'selfish' after working in the human services industry for 45 years. For this humble human, that means spending two hours every day volunteering at ARL's Brewster Animal Care & Adoption Center. Here, he not only continues to help those in need, but also personally benefits from the sense of companionship he feels when spending time with animals.

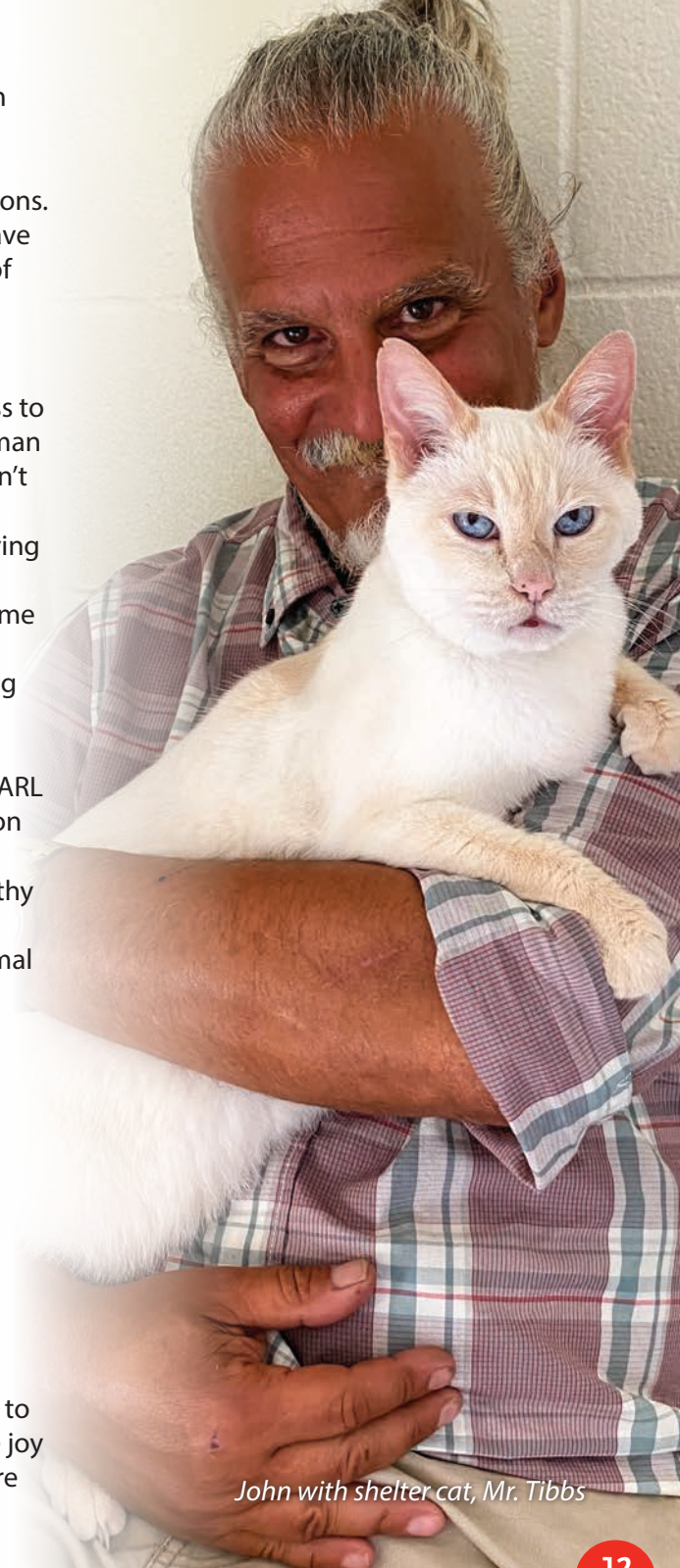
John's introduction to ARL was coincidental, as he stumbled upon the Brewster location while on his way to the bank. His start at ARL may have been by chance, but his commitment to helping underserved animals as a volunteer is purposeful. In a short time, John has made a tangible impact, working seven days a week, often arriving early for his shift. John helps prepare meals and take the dogs outside for exercise and enrichment.

He has also been instrumental in animal transportation, driving animals between the three ARL locations and partner organizations. His flexibility and enthusiasm have made him an integral member of the volunteer team.

John explains that a difficult childhood shaped his willingness to help. He pursued a career in human services to help people who didn't have the support systems they needed. John made a life of serving the underserved and, in his retirement, he continues that same work, providing animals in need with routine and structure during a stressful and difficult time.

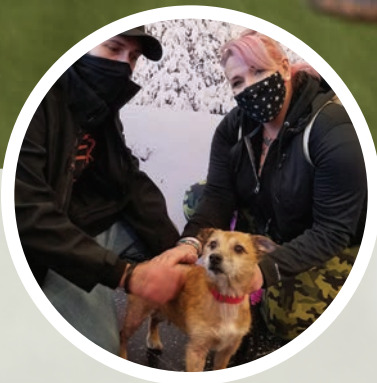
In return, fellow volunteers and ARL staff have left a lasting impression on John. He is in awe of the capacity for kindness and empathy within the walls of ARL, lovingly calling staff and volunteers "animal fanatics". He is impressed with what he has learned just from shadowing other volunteers; simple techniques can have a notable impact for animals.

To prospective volunteers, John offers this advice: come prepared to learn and always ask questions. Know that volunteering is a bittersweet experience, as there is sadness when an animal you're attached to gets adopted, but also immense joy knowing that you helped prepare them for a loving home.



John with shelter cat, Mr. Tibbs





## TWYLA

Norfolk Terrier Twyla was found as a stray on a cold day in November. She was underweight, dehydrated, and suffered from allergies and skin infections that caused significant hair loss.

Your generosity made it possible for Twyla to receive the medical care she desperately needed. She slowly recovered, and even grew her beautiful coat back, just in time to find a new home before the new year. Her mom says she is the greatest thing to happen to their family and that she has brought wonderful things into their lives!



## Volunteer Spotlight:

### Kelly Scott

Kelly Scott is running out of ways to support the Animal Rescue League of Boston! She is a foster parent, monthly donor, member of the Anna Harris Smith Legacy Society, and dedicated volunteer. Her proudest role is that of Auntie to her friend's two teenagers, but she has also dedicated her life to helping animals.

She began volunteering with ARL in the early 2000s and eventually joined ARL's Mod Squad, a special group of volunteers who work closely with behaviorally-challenging animals. Today, she provides vital administrative support for ARL's Pet Behavior Helpline. This service provides free pet-related behavior advice to help prevent pet surrenders for behavioral reasons.

During the height of the pandemic, the helpline received a record number of calls and Kelly's work was pivotal to ARL's efforts to keep pets with the people who care for them. Rather than face the difficult decision of rehoming their



*Kelly with former foster dog, Maya*

pet, Kelly's work helped to ensure pet owners had access to advice from trained ARL volunteers. Her work was essential during a difficult and challenging time.

**"Kelly is my right-hand, helping me run the helpline. It wouldn't be nearly as successful without her talent. Her work behind the scenes keeps us in line!"**

*– Laney Nee, Animal Behavior Manager*

Her appreciation for animals lies in their innocent nature. She says,

"they don't pass judgement and have the maturity of a young child that makes them curious, humorous, inquisitive, and playful." Animals have been a constant source of support and hold a special place for her.

Kelly chooses to support ARL in a myriad of ways because she feels the organization leads the way in innovations and prioritizes the lives of the animals. She notes that other organizations refer clients to the helpline, trusting the sound advice. And Kelly is always motivated to continue with the work in both fostering and volunteering because "there will always be another who needs a safe place."



# Foster Spotlight:

Deb Baker



Deb with office foster cat, Arthur

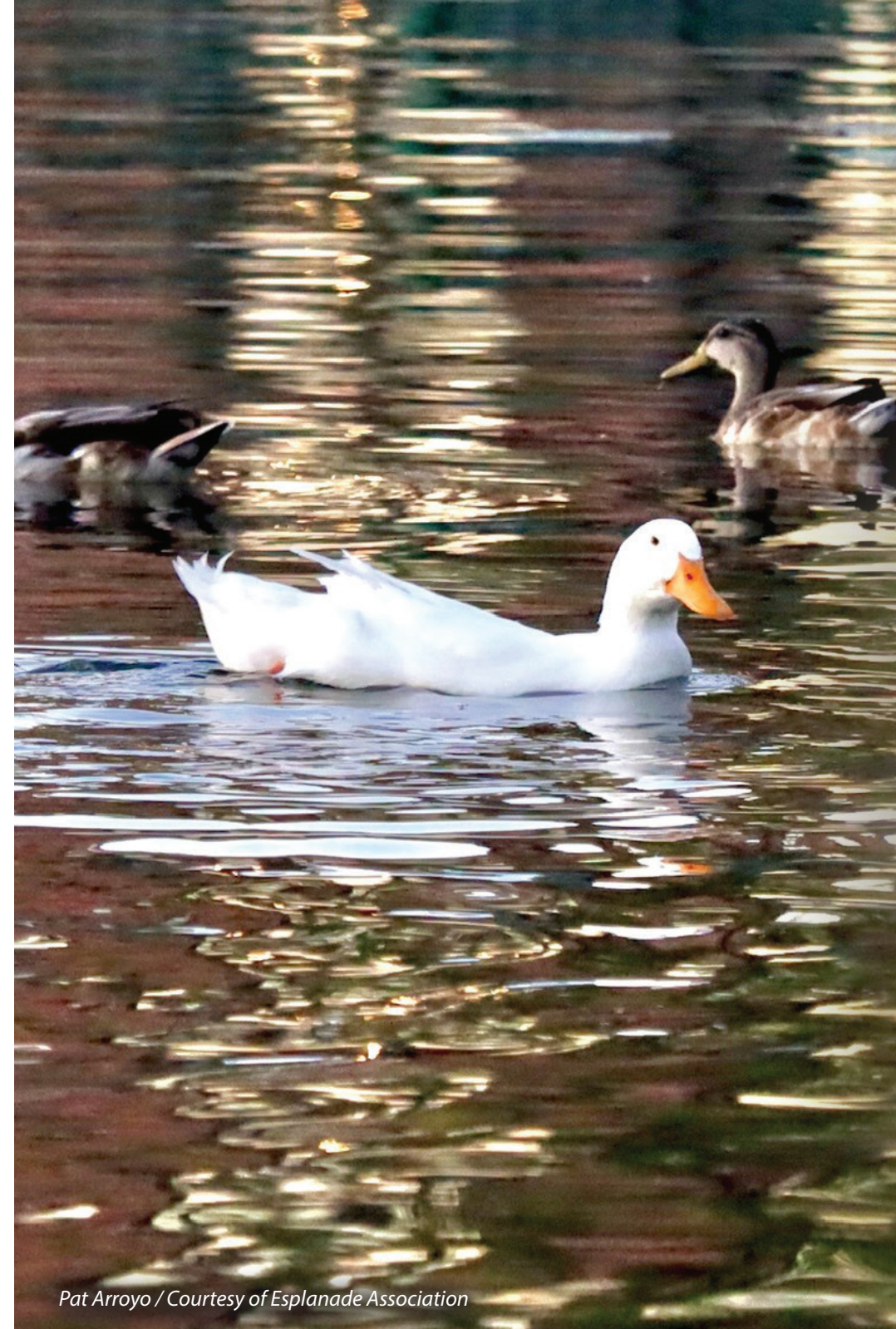
Deb Baker is a retired elementary school teacher whose infectious laugh reveals a zest for life and a generous, caring spirit. She is a devoted single mother of two adult daughters and an essential ARL foster parent.

Deb has enjoyed the company of cats for most of her life. She rescued a stray kitten before she moved into her first home, and her daughters grew up with two cats. When her daughters left home, Deb purposefully adopted senior cats. She said she was able to provide these deserving animals with wonderful golden years and she benefitted from the companionship. Despite the heartache, she maintains that it is worth it to provide these often overlooked cats with the simple joys of good food and rest.

When the pandemic spurred her to retire early, Deb contacted several Boston-area organizations in need of foster homes. ARL's program stood out to Deb because new members were offered structured training. Now a seasoned foster parent, Deb appreciates the ease with which ARL's program is conducted, with social media and technology facilitating both communication and animal care.

Deb's experience as a foster parent has varied, from under-socialized "Tiny Tiger" kittens to adult cats who need a reprieve from the shelter environment. Most recently, she helped seven cats rescued from the Martha's Vineyard overcrowding case. In this case, ARL rescued more than 65 cats from a breeder and relied heavily on the foster community to provide comfortable, long-term care for the cats while the legal proceedings took place.

Deb's life experiences taught her to give back. She is grateful for what she has, and appreciates that she can have a tangible impact on those around her. She feels that foster homes act as a bridge between homelessness and a successful adoption, as the time in foster care provides valuable insight to help find the right adopter. She encourages others to experience the "supreme reciprocity" of service and companionship found in fostering.



Pat Arroyo / Courtesy of Esplanade Association

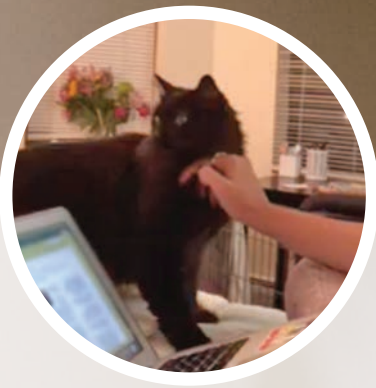


## ESSIE

Essie the White Pekin duckling made a home on the Charles River Esplanade and befriended a family of Canadian geese. When the temperatures dropped and the geese began their winter migration, Essie's safety was at risk. She wasn't able to migrate, and she would likely not survive a cold New England winter on her own.

Because of your thoughtful support, ARL was able to collaborate with the Esplanade Association to bring Essie to the Brewster Animal Care & Adoption Center where she was quickly adopted just days later.





## MOMMA

When nine-year-old Momma came to ARL, she was nervous and withdrawn, unwilling to trust her new surroundings and caretakers.

After some time in foster care, Momma was put up for adoption with special considerations that she would need a patient, understanding adopter who would provide her with stability and time to come out of her shell.

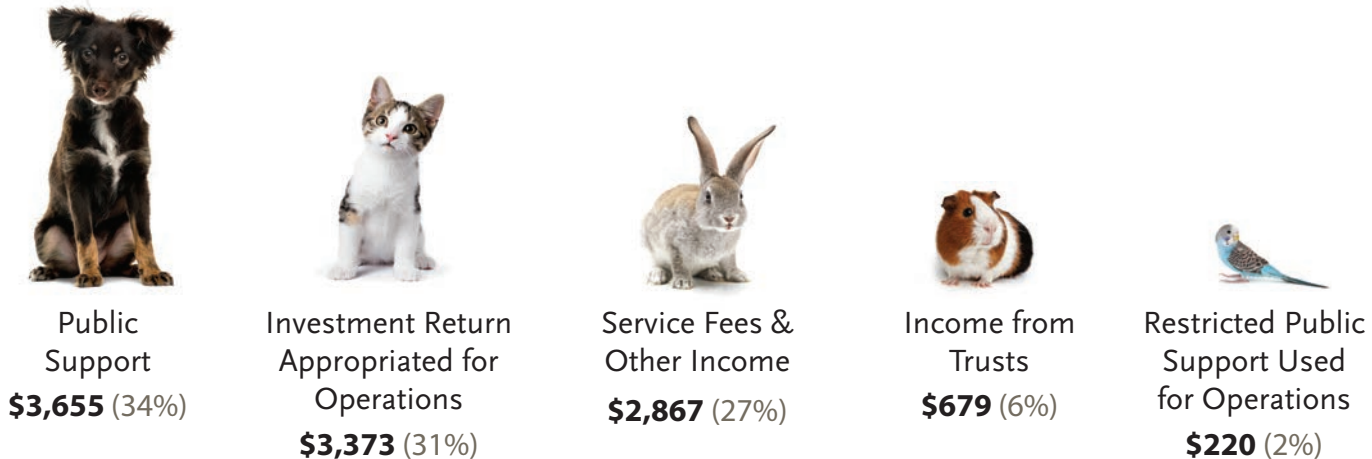
You helped find her the home she needed! Six months after arriving, she found a loving home. Momma has gained confidence and has made amazing progress, preferring to spend time lounging with her new mom and meowing when she wants more pets.



# Summary Financial Statements

(in Thousands)

### OPERATING REVENUES



**TOTAL REVENUES: \$10,794**

### OPERATING EXPENSES



- ① Program Services: **\$8,684** (81%)
- ② Fundraising: **\$580** (5%)
- ③ General and Administrative: **\$1,529** (14%)

We continue to manage our resources prudently. We received a clean audit with no management findings from our independent auditors, AAFCPAs.

*Audited financial statements are available on our website. You may also request a copy of these statements by emailing Jackie Smith at [jsmith@arlboston.org](mailto:jsmith@arlboston.org)*







**Lola**  
Adopted

## Thank you to our President's Council

The President's Council is a group of more than 460 exceptionally generous supporters who contribute \$1,000 or more annually to help animals in need.

Their generosity provides the critical support needed to care for animals where they belong, connect community resources, advocate for stronger laws, and raise awareness to prevent animal cruelty and neglect everywhere.

Amidst the significant challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, the President's Council allowed ARL to adapt and act swiftly to meet the most pressing needs of animals and pet owners in our community.

**To all of our President's Council members, thank you!**

To view a complete list of President's Council members, please visit the honor roll at [arlboston.org/pc-members](http://arlboston.org/pc-members)



### BROWNIE & MARSHMALLOW

Mini donkeys Brownie and Marshmallow were rescued from cruel circumstances in December 2019. Their hooves were in bad shape, causing them pain, and they were shy due to their traumatic past.

With time and your generous support, both learned to trust. They loved being groomed and learned to check pockets for treats. The two spent many months with a foster family while healing, and finally found a permanent home eight months after their rescue.







Ski  
Adopted

## Thank you to our Champions Circle

**The Champions Circle is a group of more than 820 dedicated donors who pledge their support in the form of recurring contributions.** Their reliable generosity provides animals in need with the care they deserve all year long.

During a year of uncertainty, steadfast support from Champions Circle members helped ensure animals could get the care they count on including food, sanctuary, medical care, love, and emergency rescue.

**To all of our Champions Circle members, thank you!**

To view a complete list of our Champions Circle Members, please visit [arlboston.org/champions](http://arlboston.org/champions).

### JOIN THE CHAMPIONS CIRCLE

Contact Derek Stemmler at [dstemmler@arlboston.org](mailto:dstemmler@arlboston.org), (617) 226-5662 or visit [arlboston.org/champions](http://arlboston.org/champions)



## Donor Spotlight:

### Susan & Joseph Demb



*Susan & Joseph Demb*

Susan and Joseph Demb have supported ARL for nearly three decades as donors, adopters, and, for the past thirteen years, as members of the Champions Circle. They are quiet, practical, and empathetic, and work hard to achieve positive outcomes for the people and animals in their life. Sue and Joe appreciate how monthly giving helps make their donations work harder.

Sue grew up with many animals, including dogs, cats, a parakeet, and squirrels, and Joe learned his affection for animals from his father's example. Today, they are animal lovers who are passionate about animal welfare because they recognize that animals need protection.

When their sons moved out in 1993, they adopted Shadow, a cat from ARL. Since then, they have adopted three more ARL cats, including their current feline, eight-year-old tabby Oliver. Sue and Joe have worked hard to earn the shy cat's trust and now share a mutual respect. Joe has a talent for invention and makes homemade games for Oliver.

The Dembs have a selfless nature and a desire to make a positive impact. In the early 2000s, when a neighbor was having difficulty providing care for their nervous Springer Spaniel, Sue offered to take the dog on daily walks. One year and many walks later, the neighbor asked if Sue and Joe would like to adopt Sadie.

She lived to be 14 and enjoyed a fulfilling life with Sue and Joe full of dog park outings and tennis ball chasing.

Sue and Joe are doers, but they choose to support charitable causes like ARL when they can't improve matters themselves. They've chosen to support ARL with monthly contributions in particular because they feel their support is more impactful this way. The retired piano teacher and photographer explain that they are able to contribute more when the gifts are spread throughout the year, and encourage others to take advantage of the convenience of monthly giving.



# Donor Spotlight:

## Laura Tomasetti & Emma Beardsley



Laura Tomasetti,  
ARL Board Vice Chair

Laura Tomasetti is a Massachusetts native with a fondness for Boston and a strong will to improve it for the people and animals who call it home. She encourages empathy and kindness, and feels a strong connection to social causes that help the underserved. This philosophy, paired with her love and appreciation for animals, inspired Laura and her family to support ARL many years ago, and is the reason why she currently serves on the Board of Directors as Vice Chair, and is a member of the President's Council.

Family allergies kept Laura from having pets as a child, but she and husband David brought home yellow lab Lucy soon after they were married. Lucy was exceptionally affectionate and had an affinity for chasing tennis balls. Today, Laura's family includes Millie and Abby, two labs who are not quite friends, but relish in the attention from their people.

Animal cruelty breaks Laura's heart, so she commends ARL's efforts to proactively raise awareness and prevent abuse and neglect. She is passionate about treating everyone with dignity, and chooses to support



Emma Beardsley with family dogs, Millie & Abby

ARL because of the organization's expertise and ability to make positive change for animals in need.

Through her career in public relations, Laura has witnessed pet owners who care deeply for their pets, but face barriers to caring for them properly. She poignantly explains that the needs of both animals and people are highly visible in a city setting like

Boston, and she and her family have worked hard to support causes that help underserved communities in the city she loves.

In her role as an ARL Board Vice Chair, Laura uses her professional expertise to help further ARL's mission, and brings a talent and dedication to her role that will help shape the organization for years to come. And in turn, Laura appreciates

that her support as a President's Council member makes a profound impact, benefitting animal care and impacting animals in need.

Philanthropy and community are common topics at Laura's dinner table, as she shares these passions with her daughter Emma. Conscientious and self-aware, Emma is mindful of her ability to make a difference at a young age and shares her parents' love of animals and passion for social justice.

While her family may have introduced her to ARL, Emma has taken the lead to develop her own special connection to the organization. She gives back as a dedicated animal care volunteer and is now training to be a member of ARL's Mod Squad, a group of volunteers who are specially trained to provide enrichment and socialization for animals with behavior challenges.

During the height of COVID-19, when so much was unknown, Emma was a reliable part of the volunteer team, making sure the animals received the highest level of care. She thinks ARL's work to rescue animals from cruelty and neglect is particularly important and finds it richly rewarding when animals find their new homes.



# Trusts and Bequests

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## SNOW

Thanks to you, Terrier mix Snow had somewhere safe to go when he needed a new home.

The three-year-old was found to be suffering from severe dry eye, a condition that is extremely painful. Snow received special surgery, and while he recovered, learned techniques to help him adjust to his new way of life.

It was difficult for Snow to find a match, but your support provided him with everything he needed as he waited four months until he found his new mom.

**Thank you!**



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