The Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL) offers programs and services benefiting animals in need and the people who care about them.

PROGRAMS & SERVICES

PET & COMMUNITY HEALTH

Community Veterinary Services helps animals and people in the communities where they live.

- **Spay Waggin’**, a mobile veterinary surgical unit that provides low cost spay and neuter services in Greater Boston, Southeastern Massachusetts, Cape Cod, and the Islands.
- **Wellness Waggin’**, a mobile veterinary unit that provides low-cost pet wellness clinics in Greater Boston.
- **Community Surgical Clinic** provides veterinary and surgical services at ARL’s Dedham campus to support our programs, other organizations, and animal control.

Transport Waggin’ links together ARL’s locations and programs so that animals have access to the essential resources they need.

Community Cats Program addresses the 700,000 unowned cats (feral, semi-feral and outdoor cats) in Massachusetts, by assessing cat colonies and formulating TNR (Trap-Neuter-Return) plans.

Keep Pets S.A.F.E. (Supporting Animals Facing Emergencies) provides critical services, such as temporary pet housing, veterinary care, pet food and supplies, in response to urgent community needs.

Temporary Pet Housing supports several ARL programs, including Keep Pets S.A.F.E, with the goal of reuniting a pet with its owner.

Healthy Animals—Healthy Communities improves the welfare of animals, and deepens the understanding of the human-animal bond and its link to individual and community health, by offering pet education and animal care services through partnerships with organizations in Greater Boston.

Boston Veterinary Care provides a full range of high-quality outpatient services to pet owners in Greater Boston. Services include wellness examinations, surgery, dentistry, senior pet care, laboratory diagnostics, and imaging. A clinic with a mission, all profits support ARL programs.
PROTECTION & PREVENTION

Field Services provides technical (tree climbing and swift/ice water) and non-technical rescues for injured domestic animals, including community cats, livestock, and raptors.

Humane Law Enforcement investigates crimes of animal cruelty, abuse, and neglect. ARL employs Massachusetts Special State Police as Humane Law Enforcement Officers, with the authority to enforce animal cruelty laws.

Animal Advocacy works to draft humane laws, animal welfare policies and regulations, and engages staff, volunteers and ARL supporters to advocate/promote local, state and federal legislation.

ANIMAL CARE & ADOPTION CENTERS

Animal Adoption services are available in our centers located in Boston, Dedham, and Brewster. ARL’s ADOPTION FORWARD conversation-based process helps ensure that the needs of both the adopter and animal are met.

Animal Admissions assists in the process of surrendering and rehoming your pet when circumstances arise.

Taming Tiny Tigers provides socialization of fearful kittens, eight to twenty weeks old, to prepare them for a life with human companions.

Working Cats places cats best suited to an active working lifestyle with homes and facilities looking for the benefits of both a working cat and feline friend.

Healthy Moms, Happy Litters offers free spay/neuter services and vaccinations for mother/father cats or dogs.

Shelter Veterinary Services provides comprehensive veterinary services for ARL’s Animal Care & Adoption Centers, and forensic assessments related to law enforcement investigations.

BEHAVIOR & TRAINING

Dog Training provides behavior and enrichment courses to the public in Boston and Dedham, instructed by certified and experienced trainers.

Pet Behavior Helpline provides free advice to owners with behavioral questions about their cat, dog, or small animal.

Shelter Behavior & Enrichment prepares ARL shelter animals for life in their new home through behavior evaluation, modification, and enrichment.

Match-Up II® offers an evaluation and rehoming tool to other animal shelters in order to assist them in rehoming dogs in their care.

VOLUNTEER ENGAGEMENT

Volunteer Engagement recruits and supports over 800 dedicated volunteers and foster families who contribute thousands of hours of service each year. Volunteers provide critical support for animal enrichment and socialization as well as advocacy, administrative, and customer service roles.