



## **Dennis Animal Control Officer Lori Miranda Named “ACO of the Year”**

**Dennis, MA – The Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL) and the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (MSPCA) are proud to announce that Dennis Animal Control Officer (ACO) Lori Miranda has been named Animal Control Officer of the Year for 2021.**

ARL and MSPCA established the ACO of the Year award to honor an animal control officer whose efforts in their local community throughout the year have promoted responsible pet ownership by:

- manifesting a dedicated, humane attitude toward the treatment and well-being of all animals
- effectively enforcing pet responsibility laws
- conducting public awareness and humane education programs
- maintaining cooperative working relationships with other agencies involved with animals, such as state and local government departments, other ACOs, and animal protection groups

The award was presented Friday, October 29, at the annual banquet held by the Animal Control Officers Association of Massachusetts.

Officer Miranda’s nominations for ACO of the Year included a number of accolades, heralding her dedication to animals and community, professionalism, and compassion.

Officer Miranda has been Dennis’s ACO since 2010, and has consistently demonstrated dedication and compassion for both wild and domestic animals in distress throughout the community. With the Cape Cod population swelling to over 50,000 people each year, she sees a significantly increased workload and always addresses situations with compassion and care.

In addition to enforcing the local bylaws, she engages in animal safety campaigns and finds homes for animals in need. She speaks to civic groups, is a member of the Cape Cod Hoarding Task Force, and maintains the local dog park.

“Officer Miranda has served the Dennis community for more than a decade with absolute dedication and it is truly an honor to recognize her as our Animal Control Officer of the year,” said Joe King, ARL Law Enforcement Director.

“We are excited to recognize Lori as the ACO of the Year. As someone who worked with her for many years, we know firsthand her dedication and her compassion. She exemplifies the traits ARL and MSPCA look for each year in an ACO,” stated Kara Holmquist, director of advocacy for the MSPCA.

### **Photo attached:**

#### **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 2019, ARL served more than 20,000 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; and be sure to follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).

**ABOUT MSPCA-ANGELL:**

***The MSPCA-Angell is a national and international leader in animal protection and veterinary medicine and provides direct hands-on care for thousands of animals each year.*** Founded in 1868, it is the second-oldest humane society in the United States. Services include animal protection and adoption, advocacy, humane education, law enforcement, and world-class veterinary care. The MSPCA-Angell is a private, non-profit organization. It does not receive any government funding nor is it funded or operated by any national humane organization. The MSPCA-Angell relies solely on the support and contributions from individuals who care about animals. Please visit [www.mspca.org](http://www.mspca.org) and like us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/mspcaangell](http://www.facebook.com/mspcaangell)

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