

**ANIMAL
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of BOSTON**



****Press Conference/Photo Op****

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ARL Caring for Two Emaciated Dogs Found in Avon, MA Park

ARL and Avon Law Enforcement investigating, asking public for information

The Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL) is currently caring for two emaciated Pitbull-type dogs that were likely abandoned this past week in a park in Avon, MA. ARL Law Enforcement Department is collaborating with the Avon Police Department to investigate the incident as a case of animal cruelty/abandonment, and are asking the public for any information regarding the case.

Anyone with information is urged to contact ARL Law Enforcement at (617) 426-9170 x110 or email cruelty@arlboston.org, or Avon Police at (508) 583-6677.

Media Availability

When: Tuesday, December 21 @ 11:30 a.m.

Where: ARL Animal Care and Adoption Center, 10 Chandler St., Boston

Who: ARL Law Enforcement, Avon PD, both dogs will also be in attendance

The dogs, one male and one female, were found at D.W. Field Park on Friday, December 17 at approximately 10 a.m., near the Avon Reservoir. They were extremely frightened and had no collars or microchips for identification. Avon Police responded to the scene and proceeded to contact ARL Law Enforcement.

ARL transported the animals to its Boston Animal Care and Adoption Center, and were examined by ARL veterinarians. The dogs, who are incredibly friendly, are estimated to be about a year old and were emaciated to the point of starvation. Additionally, numerous abrasions were found on both dogs on the face, muzzle, chest and head areas.

A feeding plan will be implemented to help the dogs gain weight slowly and safely, and the dogs will remain in the care of ARL until they are healthy enough to find new homes. Please note the animals are not currently available for adoption.

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ARL Law Enforcement would like to thank the Avon Police Department for their compassion and response to help these animals who were in dire need of assistance.

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; and be sure to follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).

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