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ARL to Dedicate New State-of-the-Art Facility on Dedham Campus

Building to increase organizational efficiencies, impact for animals in need

On Sunday, November 14, the Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL) will dedicate a new state-of-the-art facility on its historic Dedham campus, and invites members of the media to participate and tour the facility which will lay the foundation for the future of the 122-year-old non-profit organization.

Media Availability/Photo Opportunity: When: Sunday, November 14 @ 4 p.m. Where: BUILDING NAME, 10 Anna's Place, Dedham Interview opportunities and tour to follow ribbon cutting

A number of elected officials, including State Representative Paul McMurtry, and other dignitaries and special guests will be in attendance for this special occasion.

The 22,500 square-foot multi-use building and 2,700 square-foot maintenance shed broke ground in late 2020 after several years of planning, and is the cornerstone of ARL's 10-year facilities master plan for the organization's Boston and Dedham campuses.

The cost of the project is \$16.7 million, with Mass Development issuing a \$12.5 million taxexempt bond.

This new building will increase ARL's ability to coordinate and dispatch services to meet the changing needs of animals through mobile medicine, education, and collaboration.

The facility will also allow ARL to realize immediate and significant cost and operational efficiencies.

Medical Mobile Outreach Center: The building includes a dedicated hub for ARL's mobile medical clinics, the Spay Waggin' and Wellness Waggin'. The location provides optimal access to most major highways, allowing ARL to reliably and consistently reach people and animals most in need. This space will be the heart of ARL's community-based efforts and a critical asset that will support ARL's unwavering commitment to bring accessible and affordable veterinary and wellness care directly to those who need it most, right in the communities where they live. The center will also be equipped with medical supplies and ample storage space for increased capacity in responding to animal emergencies.

Education & Training Center for Animal and People: A new multi-purpose training center provides a critically needed location for training local and state law enforcement officers, animal control officers, and animal caregivers, who play an important preventive role in keeping communities safe for animals and people. These training resources are critical to expanding the network of professionals who can aid ARL in confronting animal cruelty head-on.

Program Management & Administration: This project also provides a new home for programmatic and administrative offices, which were previously scattered across four locations, to create greater synergy and collaboration among ARL's programs. This will allow for more innovations that drive positive outcomes for animals and the people who care for them.

For more information regarding ARL's Dedham Campus Plan, log onto <u>dedham-campus-plan</u> - Animal Rescue League of Boston (arlboston.org).

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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