

ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE of BOSTON



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ARL Takes in 67 Cats from Caregiver

Caregiver contacted ARL for assistance when overwhelmed

The Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL) is currently caring for 67 cats who were recently taken in after their caregiver requested assistance from ARL's Field Services due to having too many cats in their home to care for. ARL will find homes for these animals once they're medically cleared.

Media Availability

When: Tuesday, November 23 @ 11:00 a.m.

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

Given the number of cats, ARL coordinated with the caregiver, located on the South Shore, to undergo the large operation to remove the animals from the home safely, and as stress-free as possible.

Animal carriers were delivered to the home beforehand, and on the day the cats were removed, the caregiver helped tremendously – they were able to get the cats into a line with food and then simply placed them into the carriers. This made the process quicker, and certainly helped limit the stress for both the animals and caretaker.

Fifty-six cats were initially surrendered and transported to ARL's Boston Animal Care and Adoption Center, where they received medical care – a portion of the cats were treated for upper

respiratory infection, which is commonly found with a large number of animals living together in one space.

A week later, ARL's Field Services returned to the home to take in the remaining cats, and in total, 67 cats came to ARL. ARL did return one cat to the care giver under the Healthy Moms, Happy Litters (HMHL) program. The HMHL program offers free spay/neuter services for the parent animal and returning the animal to the owner, while finding homes for the animal's offspring.

The cats will be made available for adoption when medically cleared – some of the animals have already been adopted.

ARL encourages anyone who may feel overwhelmed and unable to properly care for animals in their home that they are not alone. To see how ARL may be able to assist, contact ARL Field Services at (617) 426-9170 and press option "1".

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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