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## **Deceased Cat and Guinea Pig Found at Popular Acushnet Recreation Area**

*ARL Law Enforcement and Acushnet PD seeking information*

The Animal Rescue League of Boston's (ARL) Law Enforcement Department and Acushnet Police Department are jointly investigating a case of possible animal cruelty after a cat and guinea pig were found deceased in a popular recreation area in Acushnet.

The animals were discovered on March 7, 2022, along a tree line behind a parking area on Lake Street, which runs along with New Bedford Reservoir. The residents who spotted the animals contacted Acushnet PD, with Animal Control quickly responding to the scene. The animals had been placed in separate bags, which had been sealed with duct tape, and had likely been there for some time, as both animals exhibited advanced decomposition.

ARL's veterinary team conducted a forensic exam, including x-rays. The cat suffered multiple skull fractures, and because there were no other apparent injuries on the cat's body, it's unlikely the animal was struck by a car. However, due to the level of decomposition, it cannot be determined whether the injuries occurred pre or post mortem.

This is an ongoing investigation, and anyone with any information is urged to contact either ARL Law Enforcement at (617) 426-9170 x110, or email [cruelty@arlboston.org](mailto:cruelty@arlboston.org), or Acushnet Police Detective Division at (508) 998-0240, or email [jfontes@acushnet.ma.us](mailto:jfontes@acushnet.ma.us).

**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 2021, ARL served over 23,000 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 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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