

# ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE of BOSTON



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## **Dog Found Abandoned at Avon Park in December Ready for Forever Home**

In late December 2021, a pair of emaciated dogs were found abandoned at D.W. Field Park in Avon, MA, and after more than a month of rehabilitation, one the dogs is ready to find his new home on Cape Cod.

Cosmo is a male one-year-old Pitbull-type dog, and when he arrived at the Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL), he was severely emaciated, weighing less than 50 pounds, and additionally had overgrown nails, numerous abrasions on his body, and while friendly, he was terribly frightened.

Cosmo was placed in a loving foster home on Cape Cod, to allow time for his body to heal, and ARL's shelter medicine team put him on a re-feeding plan, to ensure a slow, but steady weight gain.

Over the past month he has gained nearly 20 pounds and is ready to find his new loving family!

For more information about Cosmo, ARL's Brewster Animal Care and Adoption Center, and the adoption process, click [here](#)!

The other dog from the case was recently adopted from ARL's Dedham location.

ARL Law Enforcement and the Avon Police Department continue to jointly investigate this case of cruelty and abandonment, and anyone with information regarding this incident is urged to contact ARL Law Enforcement at (617) 426-9170 x110, or email [cruelty@arlboston.org](mailto:cruelty@arlboston.org).

**For photos of Cosmo, click on the Dropbox link below:**

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/3nt3sl04qwzxnqg/AAAPb-8bnm6vtKGfLZZgA4Sya?dl=0>

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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](mailto:cruelty@arlboston.org), or Avon Police at (508) 583-6677.

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 2021, ARL served more than 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 (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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