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ARL, MSPCA, Berkley Police Collaborate to Rescue 9 Ponies from Breeding Farm

ARL Law Enforcement files animal cruelty charges

The Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL), MSPCA, Berkley Police Department and Berkley Animal Control recently collaborated to rescue 9 ponies from a farm in Berkley, MA – the animals will be looking for new homes soon, and ARL Law Enforcement has also filed animal cruelty charges against the former owner.

ARL invites the media to see these animals up close and to learn more about the collaborative effort to rescue and rehabilitate these majestic creatures:

Media Availability

When: Tuesday, May 3 @ 10:30 a.m.

Where: ARL Dedham, 55 Anna's Place (top of the hill), Dedham MA

Interview Opportunities: ARL and MSPCA Law Enforcement

The ponies were removed from the property due to unsanitary conditions, and inadequate access to food and water. Investigators on-scene also discovered three deceased ponies and one deceased horse on the property.

Three of the ponies were taken to ARL's Dedham Animal Care and Adoption Center, while the remaining six were transported to MSPCA's Nevins Farm in Methuen, MA.

The three ponies with ARL are classified as thin to emaciated, scoring between a two and three on the Henneke Equine scale. The animals are currently on a refeeding plan and are receiving veterinary and farrier care – once they reach a healthy weight they will be made available for adoption.

The ponies in the care of the MSPCA at Nevins Farm remain isolated from the rest of the animals in the organization's care. Upon intake they all registered between one and two on the Henneke Equine scale, which classifies them as emaciated. They remain fearful but are slowly warming to the presence of staff and volunteers tending to their needs, and the MSPCA expects they'll be available for adoption within weeks.

ARL's Law Enforcement Department has filed 13 counts of animal cruelty against Gary Bolger, of Berkley, MA, who's scheduled to be arraigned at Taunton District Court on May 18 at 8:30 a.m.

ARL wishes to thank the MSPCA, Berkley Police Department and Animal Control, as well as the Bristol County District Attorney's Office for their collaboration and steadfast commitment to the health and wellbeing of these animals.

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](#).