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ARL Launches New Pet Safety Campaign

Board Safely™ assists pet owners when choosing boarding facility

Today, the Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL) is launching a new campaign to assist pet owners when choosing a facility to board their animals.

There are currently no statewide regulations that govern doggie daycare and boarding facilities, meaning it is up to pet owners to do their own research and ask the right questions before leaving their animals in the care of others.

The campaign, dubbed Board Safely™, offers the following suggestions for pet owners before boarding their pet:

1. **Find out safety protocols and licensing.** What is the procedure in the event of a natural disaster or medical emergency? Are there vaccination requirements to ensure the health of all boarded animals? Does the facility have a current kennel license?
2. **Ask for details about supervision and interaction.** What is the experience-level of the person supervising your pet, and are they always on the premises? Are dogs allowed to interact with one another, and are they separated by size/temperament?
3. **Download the Board Safely™ checklist.** When researching potential boarding kennels or daycare facilities for your pet, ask all the questions on the list and take notes.

ARL's Board Safely™ checklist can be downloaded [here](#).

While many doggie daycare and boarding facilities offer excellent care, ARL has sadly seen a number of instances over the past several years where animals have been injured, sometimes fatally, due in large part to a lack of uniform regulations.

ARL is currently advocating for the Massachusetts Legislature to institute regulations to help protect boarded pets in the future.

An Act Protecting the Health and Safety of Puppies and Kittens in Cities and Towns ([S.1322](#)), which would establish regulations for boarding facilities is currently in the Senate Committee on Ways and Means, and ARL, along with many other animal advocates, are urging the Legislature to take action in this important issue.

“Every day that kennels and daycares are unregulated, the burden is on pet families to ensure that their pets are in good hands,” stated ARL’s Director of Advocacy, Ally Blanck. “Reasonable regulation would protect pets, families, and the employees at these businesses.”

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](#).