

A champion for animals

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ARL Rescues Community Kitten with Glass Jar Stuck on its Head Rescue collaborative effort with ARL and Fall River Animal Control

This week, the Animal Rescue League of Boston's (ARL) Field Services Department assisted Fall River Animal Control to rescue a kitten in the precarious position of having what appeared to be a glass bowl or light fixture cover stuck on its head.

The six-month-old kitten, now named Buzz Lightyear, was spotted along the 200 block of Danforth Street by a nearby resident who has been monitoring and feeding cats in the area, who then contacted Fall River Animal Control. Because ARL's Field Services agents work frequently in the Fall River area to help tackle the enormous numbers of community cats living on the streets, ARL was contacted and dispatched to the scene.

Upon arrival, the kitten was seen wandering along the roadway, and while it took a bit of time, Buzz was eventually captured by use of a drop trap. Although she could not smell with the jar on her head, the agent used food to lure two of Buzz's siblings into the trap and out of curiosity, she followed. Once secured, ARL's Field Services agent was able to handle the kitten and remove the glass jar, and then transported Buzz to ARL's Dedham Animal Care and Adoption Center.

Although the kitten was a bit dirty from living on the streets, ARL's shelter medicine determined she was in good health, and proceeded to provide the kitten with vaccines and spay surgery.

Buzz has settled into her new surroundings, however, because she is still learning to trust humans, she will need time for ARL staff and volunteers to help socialize the young cat, and she is not yet available for adoption.

Additionally, while rescuing the kitten, ARL was able to identify a previously unknown cat colony, and will begin trapping the other cats in the colony to provide medical treatment, spay/neuter surgery, and assess behavior to possibly place other cats from the colony into loving homes.

ARL wishes to thank Fall River Animal Control for the continued collaboration to care for the large community cat population in the city.

For photos and video of the Buzz Lightyear, please click on the Dropbox link below:

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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 arlboston.org; and be sure to follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

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