

**ANIMAL  
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**Animal Rescue League of Boston opens doors to 25 beagles from the Envigo facility in Cumberland, Virginia**

ARL assists in the Humane Society of the United States' work to find placement for approximately 4,000 beagles

**(August 30, 2022)**— The Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL) has brought 25 beagles to its Brewster Animal Care and Adoption Center as part of the first group of beagles to be removed from a mass-breeding facility riddled with animal welfare concerns. The Humane Society of the United States is coordinating the removal of approximately 4,000 beagles housed at an Envigo RMS LLC facility in Cumberland, VA which [bred dogs](#) to be sold to laboratories for animal experimentation.

ARL invites members of the media to meet these animals and help share their story of perseverance:

**Media Availability**

**When: Tuesday, August 30 from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

**Where: ARL's Brewster Animal Care and Adoption Center, 3981 Main St., Brewster, MA 02631**

**Photo/Interview Opportunities: Beagles, ARL staff**

The transfer plan was submitted by the Department of Justice and Envigo RMS LLC, with the agreement of the Humane Society of the United States to assume the responsibility of coordinating placement. The transfer will take place in stages over the next 60 days, and the dogs will be up for adoption via ARL and other shelters and rescues.

ARL understands the interest by those looking to adopt one of these special animals, however to manage the high volume of request and reduce the impact on ARL's normal operations, these animals will be adopted through a special adoption process.

All interested adopters must complete an online form; click [here](#) to access the form. Applications will be reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis. If your application is selected, you will be asked to come in to meet with the beagles available for adoption. All applications will receive a response, whether or not they are accepted.

ARL asks interested adopters for their patience. The beagles need time to heal and ARL is unable to anticipate a timeline for when they will be ready to go to their new homes. Interested adopters are asked not to call or email ARL's Animal Care and Adoption Centers. Calls, emails, or messages to our social media accounts will not be considered completed applications.

"The Animal Rescue League of Boston is honored to be a part of such a massive rescue effort," stated ARL President and CEO Dr. Edward Schettino. "ARL commends HSUS for its effort and commitment to these resilient animals, as well as our animal welfare partners around the country who have made special accommodations to ensure that these dogs are cared for and find the homes they so richly deserve."

The transfer plan comes as a result of a [lawsuit](#) filed against Envigo by the Department of Justice in May, alleging Animal Welfare Act violations at the facility. Repeated federal inspections have resulted in dozens of violations, including findings that some dogs had been "euthanized" without first receiving anesthesia, that dogs had received inadequate veterinary care and insufficient food, and that they were living in unsanitary conditions.

"It takes a massive network of compassionate, expert shelters and rescues to make an operation of this scale possible," said Lindsay Hamrick, shelter outreach and engagement director for the Humane Society of the United States. "We are deeply grateful to each organization that is stepping up to find these dogs the loving homes they so deserve."

The Humane Society of the United States is maintaining a list of partners accepting animals into their adoption program will be [here](#).

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

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/yhsr1rjafctezfu/AACmiMtp8OWLYFfSunJCDesNa?dl=0>

#### **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 [arlboston.org](http://arlboston.org); and be sure to follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).

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