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ARL Law Enforcement, Malden Police Jointly Investigating Abandonment Case

*Two-pound, emaciated and ill Chihuahua discovered near Malden Police
Department*

The Animal Rescue League of Boston's (ARL) Law Enforcement Department is jointly investigating a disturbing case of animal cruelty and abandonment with the Malden Police Department, this after a one-year-old male Chihuahua was found abandoned and in terrible condition in a popular recreation area in Malden.

The law enforcement agencies are seeking input from the public to help discover who may have been behind this act of cruelty and encourages members of the media to attend a press briefing to meet the dog and discuss the case and the animal's current condition.

Media Availability

When: Wednesday, August 3 @ 11:30 a.m.

**Where: ARL's Boston Animal Care and Adoption Center, 10 Chandler St.,
Boston**

Interview Opportunities: ARL Law Enforcement and Malden Police

On Monday, July 25, the dog, named Bailey by his Good Samaritan finder, was discovered huddling in some bushes along the East Coast Greenway bike trail in the area of Dell and Branch

Streets. The finder carefully wrapped the animal in a blanket and brought him to the nearby Malden Police Department.

The dog was initially treated at an animal hospital in Charlestown and then transferred to ARL's Boston Animal Care and Adoption Center. Bailey is emaciated, weighing just 2.7 pounds and scoring a 2 out of 9 on the body condition score index. He also suffered severe fur loss and his body is covered in scabs. Additionally, he tested positive and is being treated for Giardia, a parasitic illness that may be a further indicator that Bailey was previously living in unsanitary conditions -- when presented for medical treatment, the animal was described as "malodorous" (filthy).

Bailey is receiving ongoing veterinary care including medicated baths and a refeeding plan to ensure he gains weight slowly and safely.

Please note: Bailey is not currently available for adoption. There is no timeline for when this may happen, the animal has suffered greatly and will take some time to get healthy and be ready to find a new home.

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; and be sure to follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).

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