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## **Abandoned Dog on the Mend Returning to Malden PD**

*Two-pound, emaciated and ill Chihuahua discovered near Malden Police Department in July is making remarkable recovery*

On Wednesday, October 5, the Malden Police Department will be joyfully reunited with a one-year-old Chihuahua who was found abandoned and in terrible condition in late July near the Police Department.

The dog has been recovering with the Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL), and Malden Police and ARL invites members of the media to get reacquainted with the dog, now named Bailey, who has made tremendous strides in his recovery over the past two months.

### **Media Availability**

**When: Wednesday, October 5 @ 1:00 p.m.**

**Where: Malden Police Department, 800 Eastern Ave, Malden, MA**

**Interview Opportunities: ARL Law Enforcement and Malden Police**

On Monday, July 25, Bailey 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 was 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).

Although still on the mend, Bailey has gained more than a pound, his skin is healing, and his fur is starting to regrow. Over the past two months, Bailey has also come out of his shell, and loves being around people.

This remains an ongoing investigation by ARL Law Enforcement and Malden Police. Anyone with information pertaining to the case is urged to contact ARL at (617) 426-9170 x110, or email [cruelty@arlboston.org](mailto:cruelty@arlboston.org). You can also contact Malden Police at (781) 397-7171 with any pertinent information.

Please note: Bailey is not currently available for adoption. While it’s expected for his status to change soon, there remains no timeline for when this may happen.

**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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