

ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE of BOSTON



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ARL Joins MAF for Special Spay/Neuter Clinic in New Bedford *24 Animals to receive vital surgery*

On Monday, March 14, the Animal Rescue League of Boston's (ARL) Spay Waggin' will be in New Bedford to spay/neuter two dozen animals as part of an ongoing collaborative effort with ARL, the Massachusetts Animal Fund (MAF), and New Bedford Animal Control.

Media Availability

When: Monday, March 14 @ 9:00 a.m.

Where: New Bedford Animal Control, 834 Kempton St, New Bedford, MA

For several years, ARL and MAF have hosting these clinics along the South Coast, primarily Fall River. However, the need is also great in the New Bedford region, and the two organizations are pleased to partner with New Bedford Animal Control to provide these vital services to pet owners in New Bedford.

The surgeries are under the MAF voucher program, which distributes vouchers to qualifying low-income pet owners to cover the cost of the important procedure. This is also an appointment-only clinic, there is unfortunately no walk-in availability.

Due to high demand, many clients have been on a waiting list for a number of months to have their pets spayed or neutered.

ARL's Spay Waggin' and MAF will once again be in New Bedford for another clinic sometime in June.

On Monday, clients will begin arriving with their animals around 8:30 a.m. and will be picking up their animals in the afternoon following surgery and recovery time.

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](#).

The Mass Animal Fund's Voucher Program was created as a mechanism to provide assistance to Massachusetts' most vulnerable companion animals. The Voucher Program is dedicated to bringing resources to homeless animals and animals owned by low-income Massachusetts residents through a collaborative network of animal control officers, and veterinary providers. Since inception in 2014, the Mass Animal Fund has spent over \$2 million dollars to sterilize and vaccinate over 15,000 animals across the Commonwealth. The Fund's Voucher Program is made possible through donations collected on line 33f of the Massachusetts Resident Income Tax Form. www.mass.gov/animalfund **Invest in the responsible care of animals. File taxes, help animals #line33f.**

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