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**ARL Caring for Severely Burned Dog, ARL Law Enforcement and
Norwood Animal Control Investigating**

Dog reportedly found as stray, suffered burns to 20 percent of its body

The Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL) is currently caring for a one-year-old mixed-breed dog who was reportedly found as a stray in Norwood and suffering from severe burns. ARL Law Enforcement is jointly investigating the incident with the Norwood Animal Control as a case of animal cruelty and abandonment and is asking the public for any assistance in the investigation.

Media Availability

When: Wednesday, August 31 @ 10:00 a.m.

**Where: ARL's Dedham Animal Care and Adoption Center, 55 Anna's Place,
Dedham (top of the hill)**

Interview Opportunities: ARL Law Enforcement, Norwood Police

The case unfolded this past week when the dog, now named "Annie", was brought to the Norwood Police Station after reportedly being found along Route 1 in the area of Ellis Avenue. She was wearing a leash and collar, but did not have any tags or a microchip. Concerned for her welfare, Norwood Animal Control Officer Henry Cerqueira contacted ARL Law Enforcement and Annie was then transported to ARL's Dedham Animal Care and Adoption Center.

Annie's second-degree burns cover her head, neck, shoulders, front limbs and abdomen. ARL's shelter medicine team's first priority was to help manage her pain and provide treatment for the wounds. Given the severity of the burns and pain level, Annie was transferred to Tufts

Veterinary Emergency Treatment & Specialties (Tufts VETS) in Walpole, MA, for several days to receive intensive 24-hour care and pain management.

Annie has returned to ARL's care but has a long road, perhaps months, of recovery ahead of her. ARL and its partners in this matter are committed to providing this dog with the treatment she desperately needs and vigilance to investigate and determine who may have been responsible for this act of cruelty.

Anyone with information regarding this case is urged to contact ARL's Law Enforcement Department at 617-426-9170 x110 or email cruelty@arlboston.org; or Norwood Police at 781-440-5100.

ARL wishes to thank Tufts VETS and Norwood Police and Animal Control for their ongoing assistance in caring for Annie.

Please note: Due to her fragile condition, Annie may or may not be available for photos and/or video, however ARL is able to provide still photos and video of the animal.

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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