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ARL Holding Pet Food Drive for Important Community Program

Costs for program up by 35% due to demand and increased food costs

Due to rising costs and increased demand, the Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL) is seeking pet food donations for its Keep Pets S.A.F.E. (Supporting Animals Facing Emergencies) program.

Through Friday, August 12, those who are interested in contributing to this pet food drive can bring unopened and unexpired wet/dry dog and cat food to any of ARL's 3 locations (Boston, Dedham, Brewster), or can log onto ARL's [Amazon wish list](#) to donate as well.

In 2021, the program delivered more than 162,400 nutritious pet meals for well over 500 animals through nearly 900 delivery trips. 2022 has seen an increased demand for the program, and due to the increased demand combined with the rising costs of pet food, ARL has seen total costs of the program jump 35 percent so far this year.

“The Keeping Pets S.A.F.E. program has been an essential component to being able to keep pets in homes and out of shelters since the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic,” stated ARL spokesperson Mike DeFina. “Not only has the demand for the program remain high, 2022 has seen a significant increase, and ARL is asking anyone who is able to contribute to this important community program.”

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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