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Coalition of Animal Welfare Groups Announce “Small Pets” Fee-Waived Adopt-a-Thon Event

ARL joins MSPCA, Northeast Animal Shelter, Dakin Humane Society, and Lowell Humane Society

With an influx of small animals over the past year to humane organizations throughout Massachusetts, the Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL) has joined a coalition of animal welfare groups to place hundreds of small animals – rabbits, guinea pigs, gerbils, birds, mice, among others, into homes, all at no cost to adopters.

This special adoption event dubbed “Some-Bunny is Waiting For You This Easter!”, will run from Saturday, April 9, through Sunday April 10, and all adoption fees will be waived for small animals who need caring and loving homes.

The collaborative effort greatly increases the accessibility for interested adopters, and those looking to provide a loving home for these small animals can click the below links of the organizations partnering for this special event:

- Animal Rescue League of Boston: <https://www.arlboston.org/event/fee-waived-adoptathon-smalls/>
- MSPCA-Angell: mspca.org/feewaived
- Northeast Animal Shelter (NEAS): neas.org/adopt

- Dakin Humane Society: <https://www.dakinhumane.org/fee-waived-adoptathon.html>
- Lowell Humane Society: <https://www.lowellhumanesociety.org/fee-waived-adoptathon-for-small-animals-april-9-10/>

Interested adopters can visit ARL's Boston, Dedham or Brewster shelters during regular open hours from 1-6 p.m. on April 9 and 10 to meet any of these small animals available for adoption. ARL's signature Adoption Forward Process is a conversation-based, application-free adoption process designed so that the needs of both the animal and the adopter are understood and compatible with one another.

Potential adopters will also need to provide a photo of the enclosure the small animal will be living in before going home. Additionally, adopters who take advantage of the adopt-a-thon can reapply the savings of any waived fees to put back towards the care of these new pets.

“The collective animal welfare community in Massachusetts have seen a tremendous uptick in the number of small animals coming through our doors over the past year or so,” stated **Dr. Edward Schettino, ARL President and CEO**. This is a wonderful opportunity for those looking to bring a small animal into their family, and with the small animal surge continuing, it also allows organizations to help even more of these animals in need.”

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](#).

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