

**ANIMAL
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**ARL Receives Grant Through Thomas C. McGowan Fund for Animals of
the Cape Cod Foundation**

Funds to assist behaviorally and medically challenged animals on Cape Cod

The Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL) is pleased to announce the organization has received a generous grant from the Thomas C. McGowan Fund for Animals of the Cape Cod Foundation, which will greatly benefit behaviorally and medically challenged animals in the care of ARL's Brewster Animal Care and Adoption Center through 2024.

The grant, in the amount of \$20,000, will be distributed over a two-year period to help ARL treat the increased volume of cats and dogs with complex medical and behavior issues which require a significant investment in care.

These issues are barriers to adoption and increase an animal's length-of-stay (LOS). Prolonged LOS can exacerbate or cause more issues. Medical concerns affect an animal's quality of life and can have negative effects on behavior. If left untreated, issues pose a financial burden and stress for potential adopters.

"ARL prides itself on its ability to deliver high-quality medical and behavioral care to every animal in our care on an individual level," stated ARL President and CEO Dr. Edward Schettino. "With ARL's Brewster Animal Care and Adoption Center seeing more and more of these types of animals coming through our doors, these grant funds will ensure that ARL can continue its standard of care, while finding these animals permanent and loving homes."

In 2021, ARL's Brewster location adopted nearly 100 animals with behavior concerns, representing 20 percent of adoptions. The location maintained an average length-of-stay of 10 days for cats, 11 days for dogs, and 20 days for small animals and livestock. Additionally, ARL's Shelter Medicine staff performed 275 surgeries and provided nearly 700 exams for animals in ARL's care.

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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