

**ANIMAL  
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of BOSTON**



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## **ARL Law Enforcement Removes 18 Dogs from Unsanitary Conditions**

*Majority of the dogs emaciated, animal cruelty charges filed*

The Animal Rescue League of Boston's (ARL) Law Enforcement Department, with assistance from Malden Police and Animal Control recently executed a search warrant at a Malden residence to remove 18 dogs, a number of which are emaciated, that were living in unsanitary conditions.

Animal cruelty charges stemming from the situation have been filed, and ARL invites members of the media to attend a briefing to learn more about the ongoing investigation, the medical condition of the dogs and to meet some of the dogs, including small and large breeds, involved in the case.

### **Media Event**

**When: Wednesday, December 21 @ 1:00 p.m.**

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

The operation to remove the animals from the home in Malden took place on Friday, December 2, and involved ARL Law Enforcement, Malden Police and Animal Control; the Malden Fire Department was also on-scene for a brief time.

Once removed from the home, the majority of the dogs were transported to ARL's Boston Animal Care and Adoption Center, while several needed additional care and were taken to an emergency animal facility to receive 24-hour care. Those dogs have since been transported to ARL's Dedham Animal Care and Adoption Center and are receiving ongoing treatment.

Nearly half the animals are considered emaciated, and the majority of the dogs are extremely undergroomed, with overgrown nails, matted fur, fur loss, and moderate to severe dental disease.

The underweight animals are now on refeeding plans to ensure they gain weight slowly and safely. While recovering, the majority of the animals will spend time in foster care where they will have a quiet and comforting environment to recover.

ARL Law Enforcement has filed 18 counts of animal cruelty (M.G.L. ch.272, s.77), along with 18 counts of violation of the state's tethering and confinement statute (M.G.L. ch.140, s.174E) against Jennifer Ahn, of Malden. ARL wishes to thank Malden Police and Animal Control, along with the Middlesex County District Attorney's Office for their assistance with this situation.

For photos of the dogs, click the Dropbox link below:

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/dbntu0k9v32m21h1q87v5/h?dl=0&rlkey=7xe5sg6gwd67i6vavqn5cxwqw>

#### **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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