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**ARL to Update Condition of Severely Burned Dog Found in Norwood in
August**

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

The Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL) is pleased to be able to provide an update about a one-year-old mixed-breed dog who was found as a stray in Norwood in late August, and suffered severe burns. ARL Law Enforcement and Norwood Police continue to jointly investigate the incident as a case of animal cruelty and abandonment and once again is asking the public for any assistance in the investigation.

The dog, now named Annie, is well on her way to recovery, and ARL invites members of the media to see first-hand the tremendous progress she has made.

Media Availability

When: Tuesday, November 1 @ 3:00 p.m.

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

Interview/Photo Opportunities: ARL Staff, Annie the dog also in attendance

While her condition is still guarded, over the past two months, Annie has shown tremendous perseverance, undergoing comprehensive and sometimes painful procedures to aid in the healing process of the burns covering her head, neck, shoulders, front limbs, and abdomen. The pain for Annie has been greatly reduced, her fur is beginning to grow back, and she is thriving in the care of a loving foster home.

Annie continues to require frequent follow-ups with ARL's shelter medicine staff to ensure her recovery is steadily progressing, and given the trauma she has suffered, being in a foster home has helped her build confidence and be comfortable in a home.

Despite her progress, Annie still has a way to go in the recovery process, and she remains unavailable for adoption.

This is an ongoing investigation, and 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.

Original release 8/31/22:

The Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL) is currently caring for a one-year-old mixed-breed dog who was 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.

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.

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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