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ARL Caring for Cat Left Outside Boston Shelter Overnight

Surrender is a difficult decision, but needs to be done in-person

An Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL) employee literally got right to work early Tuesday morning, this after discovering a cat in a carrier that had been left outside ARL's Boston Animal Care and Adoption Center.

The approximately three-year-old female cat was discovered outside of ARL's doors at 6:15 a.m., and it's unknown how long she had been there for.

The cat, now named Gray Lane, is friendly but scared, and did not have a collar, i.d. tags, or a microchip, there was also no note left in the carrier. ARL will give the cat a thorough veterinary exam, and once the seven-day stray wait period ends, the cat will be placed up for adoption.

Surrendering an animal is an extremely difficult decision, but ARL reminds the public that surrendering should always be done in-person, as an animal left outside can create a potentially dangerous situation.

A cat left in a carrier may be attacked by a predator, be able to escape the carrier and find itself in an unfamiliar area, opening up a slew of issues, including being struck by a vehicle. Additionally, cats left outside a shelter's doors may not be discovered in a timely manner, further jeopardizing the safety and well-being of the animal.

While the owner of this cat had the right idea of bringing the animal to an animal welfare organization, pet surrenders need to be done in-person. ARL understands that an owner's

circumstances can change to a point where having a pet is no longer an option, and offers a safe, confidential and judgement-free environment to help owners complete the difficult and often gut-wrenching decision to surrender an animal. In some cases, ARL will also work with animal owners to try and find a solution to allow the animal to stay in the home and avoid surrender.

For more information or to make an appointment to surrender an animal, please call (617) 426-9170, x140 (Boston), x404 (Dedham), x305 (Brewster).

For photos of Gray Lane, click the Dropbox link below:

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/to4xfjswndkt66jhwdwtr/h?dl=0&rlkey=yxv5f0qp7tkipu27mru9mdud>

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 2022, ARL served 20,601 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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