

**ANIMAL
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ARL Assists Brookline ACO in Rooftop Geese Rescue

Geese family relocated to Leverett Pond

This week, the Animal Rescue League of Boston's (ARL) Field Services Department assisted Brookline Animal Control to safely rescue a family of geese and goslings from a rooftop in the town, relocating them to a nearby waterway.

The rescue occurred on Wednesday at a condominium building at 33 Pond Avenue. Rooftops are seemingly a perfect place to nest for geese – there's plenty of open space and the birds are protected from predators. However, the danger lies in the fact that goslings can't fly. There's a risk of falling, and if something were to happen to the adult geese, the goslings would become compromised, having no direct access to a food source and unable to get off the roof on their own.

Once on the rooftop, ARL's Field Services agents worked with Brookline Animal Control Officer Brian Bridges to secure the female goose, corral and ultimately capture the goslings in a net. While the male goose looked on, the goslings and female goose were placed into carriers. When the male goose was captured and also placed into a carrier, the family was transported to nearby Leverett Pond to be released.

The family quickly settled into their new surroundings, and once on the water began looking for a new place to nest.

About ARL Field Services

ARL [Field Services](#) provides technical and non-technical rescue operations for injured or lost domestic animals, livestock, and raptors (turkey vultures, osprey, hawks, eagles, falcons, and owls).

ARL Field Services also assists governmental agencies like Brookline Animal Control with equipment, training, and on-scene scene assistance; and plays an essential role in assisting ARL [Law Enforcement](#) in cases of animal cruelty, neglect, and abuse.

If you need assistance, call **(617) 426-9170** to reach ARL Field Services dispatch, which operates from 9:30 AM – 5:30 PM Tuesday-Saturday.

For photos and video of the rescue and release, please click the Dropbox link below:

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/e63ityipw27ci1kwbw0s/h?dl=0&rlkey=axfcw5w8ucd60mk4rp7z3hywz>

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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