

**ANIMAL  
RESCUE  
LEAGUE  
of BOSTON**



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## **ARL Takes in Over 360 Pet Rodents from Boston-Area Pet Store**

*Animals to be available at ARL's Boston/Dedham locations*

This past week, the Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL) expedited a large surrender of more than 360 pet rodents from a Boston-area pet store and will soon be looking for homes the hundreds of pet mice, rats, hamsters, as well as one chinchilla.

In recent years, ARL has seen a drastic increase in surrender requests for these types of animals, known as pocket pets, a trend that has been echoed by other animal welfare organizations throughout Massachusetts.

Some of the small animals being brought to ARL were accidentally bred after being mis-sexed at pet stores. Most small animals have large litters and short gestation periods, resulting in two pets becoming many more very quickly.

These types of animals make for wonderful and fun pets, and ARL encourages anyone interested in adding a new pocket pet to the family, to visit a local shelter rather than a pet store to see if they have the right pet for you.

At ARL, all animals receive a thorough veterinary exam, which includes identifying if they are male or female to ensure they will not reproduce in their new homes.

Anyone interested in adopting a new pocket pet can visit ARL's Boston or Dedham locations, or visit [arlboston.org/adopt/adopt-a-pet/](http://arlboston.org/adopt/adopt-a-pet/) for more information and to see who's available. Please

note, given the large number of animals, not all of the rodents are available for adoption as of yet.

**For photos of these animals, please click the Dropbox link below:**

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/ue1i3939zjpgvsenz748c/h?dl=0&rlkey=fbed5zi0jd6wywwjfw44cepnj>

**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](http://arlboston.org); and be sure to follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).

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