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## **ARL Caring for Stray Cat Saved by Good Samaritan**

*Senior cat with several medical issues found along VFW Parkway in Dedham*

A senior cat is getting the second chance he deserves thanks to the actions of a Good Samaritan who was concerned after spotting the cat near a busy highway. The cat has been in the care of the Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL), and had he not been rescued, his medical issues would've certainly been exacerbated and possibly life-threatening.

ARL invites members of the media to come meet this special cat, learn more about his story, and acknowledge the fortitude of everyday individuals taking quick action when seeing an animal in distress.

### **Media Availability**

**When: Monday, April 3, @ 3:00 p.m.**

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

Mr. Belvedere, a 10-year-old male cat, was brought to ARL's Dedham Animal Care and Adoption Center in February, after a person on their way to work noticed the cat on the side of the busy VFW Parkway in Dedham. The Good Samaritan took note of the cat, and when returning from work the same day, the person once again noticed the cat and decided to take action.

Concerned for the animal's welfare and believing he was either sick or injured, the Good Samaritan was able to gather up the friendly cat, and bring him to ARL.

Upon his arrival, a thorough medical exam revealed some underlying medical concerns, including diabetes, muscle wasting on one of his hind limbs, and chronic dry eye. The cat was also suffering from advanced dental disease. Had Mr. Belvedere not been rescued, it's likely his diabetes would have worsened over time and developed into a life-threatening condition.

Over the past month, ARL's shelter medicine has worked diligently to regulate the cat's diabetes, and Mr. Belvedere is currently in a restricted diet, and also receives daily insulin injections. He also needs daily medication for his dry eye condition.

Mr. Belvedere, a very friendly and outgoing cat, has enjoyed living in his foster home since his intake, and it's likely his foster family will adopt him once he's ready.

ARL would like to thank the Good Samaritan for their act of kindness, and acknowledge everyone who takes action when seeing an animal in distress and need of assistance.

**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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