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ARL Takes in Over 60 Cats From Overcrowding Situation

ARL program allows care takers to keep trio of cats

The Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL) recently took in more than 60 cats from caretakers in Norfolk County who urgently needed to downsize the number of animals in their care. This marks the fourth large-scale intake of cats from overcrowding situations in 2023 and ARL has cared for nearly 200 overcrowding cats so far this year.

ARL invites members of the media to come meet some of these cats and to learn more about their story and journey to find new homes.

Media Availability

When: Thursday, May 11, 1-2 p.m.

Where: ARL's Boston Animal Care and Adoption Center, 10 Chandler St., Boston

The caretakers contacted ARL seeking assistance in downsizing the number of cats in the home. While the initial thought was to surrender all the cats in the home, through a conversation with ARL staff, the caretakers learned about ARL's Healthy Moms, Happy Litters program, making it possible to keep three cats that have special meaning for the family.

The Healthy Moms, Happy Litters program offers free spay/neuter surgery for mother/father cats and dogs, and once the surgery is performed the animals are returned to the owner. Additionally, the offspring are surrendered to ARL and once spayed/neutered, the animals will be available for adoption.

The cats in the home were not spayed or neutered, and because cats can start breeding as young as four months of age and can have about three litters a year, a few cats turned into many in a very short period of time.

The majority of the cats from this situation are social and friendly, and have received thorough veterinary exams, vaccinations, microchip and spay/neuter surgeries. A large number have been adopted already, but some remain in the care of ARL and are available at both ARL's Boston and Dedham Animal Care and Adoption Centers.

ARL has cared for nearly 200 cats from overcrowding so far in 2023, and the organization regularly receives requests for assistance from caretakers with too many animals in the home. If you or someone you know is looking for support for spay/neuter services or to rehome cats, you can contact local animal control, or ARL's [Field Services Department](#) for assistance.

ARL approaches every overcrowding situation with respect, compassion, and a staunch commitment to ensuring the health and safety of the animals involved, as well as their caretakers.

For photos of some of the cats, click the Dropbox link below:

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/wvgu38z2m2ptfzz3et2sh/h?dl=0&rlkey=swp1tc2thctvf91a0fu3tlhw7>

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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