

**ANIMAL
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ARL Saves Life of Transport Kitten

Kitten required leg amputation due to unrepairable fracture

A seven-month-old kitten recently transported to the Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL) is getting a second chance thanks to both the transport, and the emergency surgical procedure performed by ARL's shelter medicine team.

ARL invites members of the media to meet this wonderful kitten, and to learn more about her story.

Media Availability

When: Thursday, March 23 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Where: ARL Dedham Animal Care and Adoption Center, 55 Anna's Place,
Dedham**

The kitten was part of a transport of cats through the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) Relocation Program, and was suffering from a severely fractured leg. Because the kitten, named Raquel, was found as a stray, it's unknown how she suffered the injury.

Upon arrival at ARL's Dedham Animal Care and Adoption Center, Raquel's leg was x-rayed and due to the extent and severity of the fracture, the leg was removed which will result in Raquel

living a pain-free, and normal life. Just one day after surgery, Raquel was playful, energetic and displayed no mobility issues.

Raquel is literally receiving a second chance – given the combination of shelter overcrowding and her medical issues, it's very likely that the kitten would have been euthanized had she not been transported. ARL is thrilled to have the opportunity to give Raquel and the 14 other cats that were part of the transport the chance to find permanent homes and have the fulfilling lives they deserve.

While ARL's feline priorities remain focused on serving the countless homeless cats living in our local communities through the organization's [Community Cat Program](#), ARL is a proud partner with the ASPCA and regularly receives transports of both cats and dogs to lessen shelter overcrowding in other regions of the country and finding these animals homes.

The ASPCA Relocation Program removes cats and dogs from shelters in areas with high homeless animal populations and transports them to areas (like Massachusetts), where the demand for adoptable animals is high. In 2021, the program relocated more than 34,000 animals to shelters across the country.

For photos of the kitten click Dropbox link below:

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/87qoh6j97uukgv417kh0n/h?dl=0&rlkey=45k1x48m4ihq32xe9zl8ymyug>

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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