

**ANIMAL  
RESCUE  
LEAGUE  
of BOSTON**



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## **ARL Provides Life-Saving Surgery for Dog that Recently Gave Birth**

*ARL and MAF collaborate to help offset cost of \$10,000 surgery*

The Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL) and the Massachusetts Animal Fund (MAF) collaborated this past week to help provide a life-saving procedure to a dog who had recently given birth and was suffering from a prolapsed uterus.

The owner's efforts to seek emergency help for her beloved pet was harrowing, and if ARL and MAF were not contacted, it's likely the 9-month-old Yorkshire Terrier would not have survived.

ARL invites members of the media to meet the puppy and her owner, and to learn more about this amazing, yet agonizing story.

### **Media Availability**

**When: Monday, May 1, @ 10 a.m.**

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

The owner had recently adopted Amora, a 9-month-old Yorkshire Terrier, from a family member, and was unaware the dog was pregnant. When Amora gave birth to a single puppy, a complication arose, resulting in a prolapsed uterus (uterus outside the body).

The puppy did survive, but Amora's prolapsed uterus was turning necrotic, and she needed emergency veterinary care in order to survive. Amora's owner brought the dog to a Boston-

area veterinary hospital, and was told the procedure to remove the uterus would cost upwards of \$10,000, which was financially out of reach for the family.

Amora's family reached out to several organizations looking for assistance, and when she contacted MAF, Program Coordinator Sheri Gustafson took action by reaching out to ARL.

ARL was able to accommodate Amora at Boston Veterinary Care, ARL's public clinic located next to its Boston Animal Care and Adoption Center. Furthermore, the collaboration made it possible to offset the bulk of the cost of the procedure, allowing the dog's life to be saved and giving her the second chance she deserves.

Amora is recovering well from her surgery, and her newborn puppy is also thriving. ARL and MAF are thrilled to have been able to provide this critical surgery, and is a prime example of the close-knit animal welfare community coming together to care for an animal, and family, in need.

#### **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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