

**ANIMAL  
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of BOSTON**



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## **ARL Provides Emergency Surgery for Injured Stray Kitten From Lowell**

*Kitten suffered from severely fractured leg*

A seven-month old kitten found as a stray in Lowell, MA, is recovering after receiving an emergency amputation surgery at the Animal Rescue League of Boston's (ARL) Dedham Animal Care and Adoption Center.

The kitten, now named Baguette, was found on the streets of Lowell late last week, and while she did not have any external wounds, her hind leg was fractured beyond the point of repair, and needed urgent veterinary care. Knowing the critical nature of the injury, Lowell Animal Control contacted ARL and transported the kitten to ARL's Dedham facility.

ARL was able to take in the kitten and provide the life-saving surgery, which would have cost several thousand dollars at an emergency veterinary hospital. ARL is a resource for animal control officers throughout Massachusetts by assisting when called upon and having the ability to take on complex cases and absorb the costs of procedures such as this surgery.

ARL's shelter medicine staff amputated the limb, and for the past several days Baguette has shown remarkable progress. She is unhindered by the missing leg, and now being pain-free, is happy, healthy, showing off her infectious personality, and is nearly ready to thrive in a forever home.

Please note, Baguette is still unavailable for adoption, however her status will likely change in the next week or so as she continues to make progress in her recovery.

For photos of Baguette, click the Dropbox link below:

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/agmz48raxdnw9qqm0un3g/h?dl=0&rlkey=aiffgomdrpzg4iyfcf18yug3d>

**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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