

OUR FOUR-FOOTED

Friends

Fall/Winter 2023

and how you help them



**ANIMAL
RESCUE
LEAGUE**
of BOSTON



Our Mission

The Animal Rescue League of Boston is an unwavering champion for animals in need, committed to keeping them safe and healthy in habitats and homes.

We carry out our mission through programs and resources that benefit animals and our communities:

- > Animal Care & Adoption Centers
- > Behavior & Training
- > Pet & Community Health
- > Protection, Prevention & Education
- > Volunteer Engagement

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SOCIAL INNOVATION

We're extremely proud to share that the Animal Rescue League of Boston has been awarded the **2023 Classy Award for Social Innovation**. ARL was selected as one of the top-ten groundbreaking nonprofits from around the world by an honorary board of social sector leaders and executives! The Wellness Waggin™ has been recognized for its impact providing low-cost, accessible, and high-quality animal wellness care for pet owners in the underserved areas of Greater Boston.

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Message from ARL's President & CEO

When fall arrives, it always comes as a surprise. I know it is coming, it is predictable, but time seems to pass with an accelerated speed year over year.

What isn't predictable is how impactful the year has been. We began with ambitious goals to help the pets and people in our local communities by responding to their needs... but the unexpected always challenges us and our resources.

Animal welfare is once again in crisis. More animals are arriving at shelters across the country and staying longer than ever before, leaving many organizations overwhelmed. Pet owners are seeing a significant increase in the cost of food and care for their animals at a time when they are already dealing with financial stress and food insecurity. This means more families are making the heart-breaking decision to surrender their pets.

It is clear that we must do more to address the root cause of the issues that face people and pets and we must provide support and resources for our local community.

I am grateful that ARL is already doing this vital work. Back in 2015, we actively challenged ourselves to shift our model away from shelter-based services towards preventative, community-based solutions, so we could respond to the most pressing needs of pets and the people who love them. We evolved our programs by launching new initiatives and partnerships with human service organizations to support a community in which animals are protected, safe, and thriving.



With your help, and this strategic shift, we can move the needle and provide solutions to the challenges facing animals today. For example, I am pleased to share that the Wellness Waggin', our mobile veterinary unit that provides low-cost pet wellness clinics in Boston, has decreased pet surrenders in the communities we are serving by up to 38%. This significant achievement keeps more animals with the families that love them and out of shelters.

This innovative approach to animal welfare is not possible without you— thank you! Your support has profoundly impacted pets and families in our local communities; for this I am grateful and you should feel proud.

I hope that as you read the stories on the following pages you know that you are the reason we are able to accomplish these positive outcomes. You are truly a champion for animals!

With Gratitude,

Edward Schettino, DVM, PhD, CAWA
President & CEO

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Gifts of **\$100 or more** will be acknowledged on the Wall of Honor at arlboston.org



Juno
after



before

Where are the Malden Dogs Now? ARL Checks in One Year Later

Who can forget the law enforcement case in December of 2022, in which ARL investigated a home in Malden, Massachusetts, involving 18 dogs living in unsanitary conditions?

"I've worked on many overcrowding situations, and this case was one of the worst I've seen," explains Paul Luongo, ARL Law Enforcement Officer. "The dogs were living in filth, stuck in cages, without access to food and water. It was really tough to see what critical condition the animals were in."

All 18 dogs were removed from the home, and brought back to ARL for immediate medical attention. "Upon intake, the dogs exhibited signs of neglect, malnourishment, severe dental disease, and fur loss," shares Dr. Samantha Kessler, ARL Veterinarian. "Most of the dogs were so emaciated that they required strict re-feeding plans, which means we introduced food slowly over a long period of time to gradually introduce nutrition back into their systems."

The dog in the worst shape was **Genevieve**. "She weighed just 15 pounds, was severely dehydrated, and was so weak that staff had to move her body from side-to-side to prevent her from getting bedsores," describes Amanda McGuire Parlon, ARL Dedham Admissions Supervisor.

With such a high volume of animals coming in at once, ARL tapped into its vast foster care network to get the animals into a quiet home setting to recover.

"I felt so sad for these poor dogs, having to live the way they lived for so long," says seasoned ARL Foster Parent, Krissy S. who took in **Captain Bug**. "His bones were sticking out, and he didn't know how to eat or what to eat. It was sad."

For animals who have been through trauma, the shelter environment can be stressful. "When I met **Poppy**, she was very hesitant and shy," explains Meghan C., ARL Foster Parent. "She was very skinny and didn't have much energy."

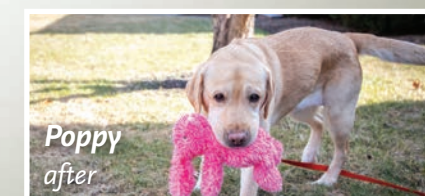
While some foster families have been in ARL's network for a while, others began volunteering as a result of this case. "I became a foster mom when these dogs came in. **Gracie**, in particular, had the cutest face, but she was in such bad shape," recounts ARL Foster Parent, Susan M. "It was not looking good at all when I first got her."

In large scale cases like these, ARL relies not only on its volunteers, but also on staff in many different departments to work together seamlessly to help animals quickly and efficiently.

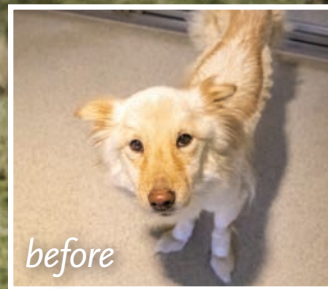
"When we arrived on scene, Field Services vehicles and the Transport Waggin' were ready to remove the animals from the home," says Officer Luongo. "And when we returned to ARL, veterinary and animal care staff were waiting to give the dogs the compassionate care they needed."

"We're lucky ARL has the staff, dedication, compassion, and resources to give these dogs exactly what they need to help them live a long and healthy life."

*-Dr. Samantha Kessler
ARL Veterinarian*



Poppy
after



before

Genevieve
after

Thank you for making it possible to respond when animals like these dogs need it most.



before

Gracie
after

Genevieve was in critical condition when she came to ARL, but thanks to everyone involved in taking care of her, she has been adopted into her foster home. "She now has multiple canine siblings, multiple human siblings, a big yard... and the chance to be a dog," says Amanda happily.

"**Captain Bug** is the epitome of resilience and I can see a big transformation," says Krissy. "He definitely feels safe, warm, and fed, which I think is all he wants."

"I had no intention of adopting my foster dog **Gracie**, but I couldn't let her go. She's part of our family now," says Susan. "Gracie has put on 25 pounds and always wants to be outside. I think her being cooped up in a crate all the time, she missed out on a lot and she's making up for it now."

"It was love at first sight," says Poppy's adopters Kristen and Brian F. "**Poppy** has made a tremendous amount of progress since our friend Meghan began fostering her. She's very relaxed and nothing startles her anymore."

Sadly, cruelty situations like this are what we see every day. What differentiates ARL from other local animal welfare organizations is that we're always ready and willing to take on these tough cases as soon as we get the call for help.



Watch this video to learn more about this case, and how your donations helped these animals thrive.

Scan the QR code or visit arl.boston/2022-Malden-Dogs to learn more.



before



Captain Bug
after



New England Revolution players (left to right): Emmanuel Boateng, Jacob Jackson, Andrew Farrell, and Dave Romney

26,900 LBS.
of Food Collected
to Keep Pets F.E.D.

Communities are stronger when pets are in them. Scientific research has repeatedly demonstrated the profound positive impact of pet ownership on individual well-being and community health. But sadly, it's a tough time to be a pet parent. Pet food prices have increased as much as 20% over the last year, and one in three Massachusetts residents are food insecure, which also affects animals.

So far this year, ARL has received more than 732 calls requesting assistance with pet food, and has delivered more than 192,825 pet meals through its Keep Pets S.A.F.E. (Supporting Animals Facing Emergencies) program.

The need is greater than ever and our resources have been pushed to the limit, which is why ARL is grateful for our amazing community who all pitched in to Keep Pets F.E.D. (Full Every Day)!

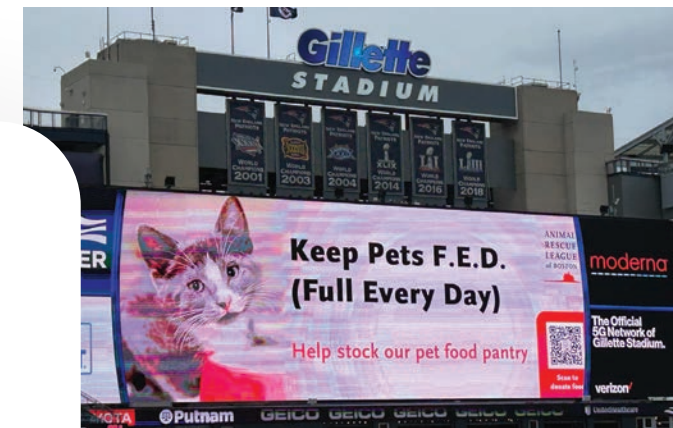


ARL Keep Pets F.E.D. program is in desperate need of pet food donations all year long!

Scan the QR code or visit arl.boston/fed to learn more.

Revs Host ARL Pet Food Drive

To help launch our Keep Pets F.E.D. initiative, community partner the **New England Revolution** (Revs) made ARL the beneficiary of their Drive Series held on April 29th, asking fans to bring donations of pet food. Revs players arrived at Gillette Stadium wearing shirts showcasing adoptable dogs and cats, and signage was displayed throughout the stadium with QR codes linking to our wish lists. A few days later, the Revs delivered over 200 lbs. of pet food to ARL's Dedham Animal Care & Adoption Center. The players also volunteered with animal socialization, which included challenging pigs to a soccer match!



Pet Food Collection Challenge

To end the year, ARL hosted its first annual Keep Pets F.E.D. Food Collection Challenge, encouraging local businesses, schools, and other groups to "compete" against one another to see who could collect the most food during the month of September. The groups who dropped off the most pet food received special recognition, an award, and bragging rights! The group that gathered the most food also won an ARL shirt signed by players from the Revs.

ARL community partner **Franklin Park Zoo** acted as an official collection point for donations during National Dog Week, offering \$5 off admission for visitors who brought a donation. Other local businesses that were official collection partners included the Fish & Bone (Boston), The Black Dog (Chatham), Agway of Cape Cod, and the Chatham Orpheum Theater.



*Gertrude
adopted*

Foundation for the Future Donor Recognition Reception

On August 22, ARL gathered for the unveiling of the *Foundation for the Future* Donor Wall of Honor. This special display acknowledges the individuals, families, and businesses that helped make our new Dedham facility possible. The facility houses the Rabe Family Mobile Medical Outreach Center, the Rabe Family Education and Training Center, and Program Management and Administrative offices. The celebration also marked the end of Phase I of the *Foundation for the Future* Campaign.



Left to right: Walter Kenyon, Malcolm McDonald, Paula and Arthur Rabe, Dr. Edward Schettino, and Kurt Wulff



Foundation for the Future Campaign Steering Committee Chair, Malcolm McDonald



Left to right: Board Members Roger Ackerman, Laura L'Abbe and pup Tucker, Renee Knilans, and Walter Kenyon

Thank you to the following individuals and families for their inspiring generosity

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The Solomon Family

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 Christopher Primiano
 In honor of Carmélia Soglia Novaes and Marlies Schettino
 Dr. Stephen Spiegelberg and Denise Saltojanas

Animal Stories that Warm the Heart

Every-bunny Loves the Dentist

A local pediatric dental practice has a huge draw – and it’s not the free toothbrushes. ARL alum Oscar quickly became popular among their pint-sized patients, with many demanding to say hello to him after their appointments. He also became an emotional support bunny of sorts, helping patients with anxiety and disabilities. Though he spends most of his day in an office setting, Oscar has a dedicated large space to roam around, and receives round-the-clock food, attention, and love.



Cat Wounded by Wildlife

ARL took in a two-year-old stray that used up one of his nine lives escaping an attack. A Good Samaritan safely trapped Ziggy, a community cat, when he showed up at their home in great distress. The cat was severely injured, suffering from deep wounds on his face and hind limbs, with evidence of scars from previous animal encounters. ARL provided Ziggy with the emergency medical treatment he needed. Since his wounds were of unknown origin, he was placed on a state-mandated four-month quarantine. In a happy turn of events, Ziggy was adopted by his rescuer and is now loving life – exclusively indoors.



Little Man, Big Personality

Four-year-old Little Man was found emaciated and starving after wandering around a neighborhood in Cotuit for quite some time. Likely abandoned, this pup couldn’t have been more grateful to be surrounded by caring humans. ARL staff and volunteers immediately went to work to get Little Man cleaned up and help him safely gain weight. Despite his difficult circumstances, he displayed awe-inspiring resilience and a well-mannered personality. After a few weeks in our care, Little Man found his perfect new home.

A Change of Scenery for Sprinkles

When this four-year-old dog arrived at ARL, her level of fear was practically paralyzing all aspects of her life. Sprinkles, who spent the majority of her life indoors, was afraid to go outside. But, she was also overwhelmed living in a shelter environment. Sprinkles was transferred to our Brewster Animal Care & Adoption Center, which offered her the quiet relaxed pace of Cape Cod. The relocation was just what she needed, as she slowly began to play outdoors with staff, volunteers, and other dogs. After two months in our care, this formerly fearful dog found the couple and home of her dreams.



Your donation makes stories like this possible!

Scan the QR code or visit arl.boston/donate to make a gift today.

A Summ(e)ry of Activities on Cape Cod

Since 1921, ARL has been a critical and dependable resource for the Cape Cod community throughout all seasons of the year. From animal adoptions and veterinary care, to providing temporary pet housing and supplies, the Brewster Animal Care & Adoption Center is here to serve animals in need and the people who care about them.

ARL staff, volunteers, and supporters participated in many fundraising activities and community events over a very busy summer.

ARL Names Brewster Campus

ARL's Brewster Animal Care & Adoption Center has officially been named the "Tom Kingman Memorial Campus" to honor the legacy of Thomas W. Kingman, who had a lifelong passion for animal welfare on Cape Cod, and a deep love of dogs – especially Huskies.



Adopt-a-Cat Fest 2023

For the second summer in a row, the Edward Gorey House in Yarmouth, MA offered free family memberships to those who adopted a cat from ARL's Brewster Animal Care & Adoption Center. An author, illustrator, playwright, and set costume designer, Edward Gorey was also a lifelong animal lover, with a particular fondness for cats.



Dogs of Province Lands

Dozens of local dog owners opted to un-leash their pup's inner model by sponsoring the *Dogs of Province Lands* lavishly illustrated coffee table book. This unique opportunity to showcase cherished pets in the gorgeous outer Cape environs, is made possible by long-time Cape Cod resident and ARL supporter, Kim Roderiques. *Dogs of Province Lands* will be available for purchase in early 2024, with all proceeds going to ARL. Thank you, Kim, for generously donating your time and talent!



Visit arl.boston/province-lands or scan here to learn more.



Brewster Dog Park Bench



Provincetown Fire Station - Womxn of Color Week



Agway of Cape Cod 30th Anniversary

THANK YOU
for supporting
animals on
Cape Cod!



The Black Dog - Chatham



Mary Heaton Vorse House



JR's Pause for a Cause Yappy Hour



ARL's Tikós Bracelet

Local businesses, Agway of Cape Cod and Cape Clasp, teamed up with ARL to show love for our four-legged friends. This special edition Tikós Bracelet, made from 100% recycled ocean plastic, benefits both the environment and animals in need. Every purchase ensures that animals in ARL's care receive food, sanctuary, medical care, and love.



Buy your bracelet today at Agway of Cape Cod locations, or at arl.boston/cape-clasp



Paws to Celebrate

In August, ARL's biggest supporters on Cape Cod gathered together at the historic Chatham Bars Inn for an evening of refreshments, entertainment, and a special video presentation.

A couple of weeks later, more than a hundred of ARL supporters arrived at the beautiful grounds of Truro Vineyards to mingle with their dogs, enjoy a sampling of wine, and entertainment by American Idol finalist and ARL volunteer, Natalia Bonfini.

In his remarks, ARL President & CEO Dr. Edward Schettino shared the positive outcomes and innovations our supporters have made possible for animals on the Cape since 1921. ARL's Board Chair Walter Kenyon and Vice Board Chair Heather Ridill spoke about how ARL's programs continue to evolve to meet the current needs of the Cape community, to keep animals together with their families.



Special thanks to our Chatham Host Committee:

Connie and Peter Lacaillade, Pam Bankert, Katie Brennan Kane and Dan Kane, Walter and Lee Kenyon, Anne-Marie and Bill Litchfield, Patti and Michael Lotane, Barbara Matteson, Mary Nee, Tara and Christophe Oliver, Heather and Park Ridill, Kim Roderiques, Dawn Sternlieb, Jess Thomas, Bill Whelan and Megan Gates

and Sponsors:



Walter & Lee Kenyon



TD Bank



Special thanks to our Truro Host Committee:

Brian Hyde and Joe Fiorello, Pam Bankert, Katie Brennan Kane and Dan Kane, Grace and Ted Fey, Walter and Lee Kenyon, Mary Nee, Tara and Christophe Oliver, Heather and Park Ridill, Kim Roderiques, José Rodriguez-Villalobos and Christopher Lapan, Dawn Sternlieb, Jess Thomas, Bill Whelan and Megan Gates

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—BEST IN SHOW—



José Rodriguez-Villalobos and Christopher Lapan

—TOP DOG—



Brian Hyde and Joe Fiorello

—TOP CAT—



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Theresa Gaffney & Brian Gilmore

ARL Staff and Volunteers are...

- ... the backbone of our mission
- ... the heartbeat of our organization
- ... champions for over 20,000 animal each year!

110 passionate employees tirelessly care for the animals in our communities, while showering love on their own furry, scaly, and feathered friends at home. From late nights to early mornings, from emergency calls to tender snuggles, ARL staff go above and beyond every single day. Employees were surprised during **Employee Appreciation Week** with fun activities, treats, and SWAG, as a small token of gratitude for all they do.

We ♥ Our Volunteers!

1,100 volunteers dedicated over 117,000 hours to help animals in need. From socializing cats and dogs to cleaning kennels, from attending events to fostering animals, volunteers do it all. **Volunteer Appreciation Events** were held at ARL's Boston, Dedham, and Brewster Animal Care & Adoption Centers to celebrate and thank each and every volunteer for their unique contributions to our organization.



ARL in the Community



1. The Fun and Exciting World of Working with Animals at the Boston Public Library 2. The Emily Rosetti-McAleer Memorial Golf Tournament
 3-5. ARL at Boston Pride Parade 6. Pfizer BioMedicine Design KSQ Walk 7. Lobby Day for Animals 8. ARL Pet Wellness Event in Lower Mills
 9. ARL Spay Waggin' in Kingston 10. Whiskey X at SOWA Powerstation 12. Dedham Dog Day 12. SOWA Open Market



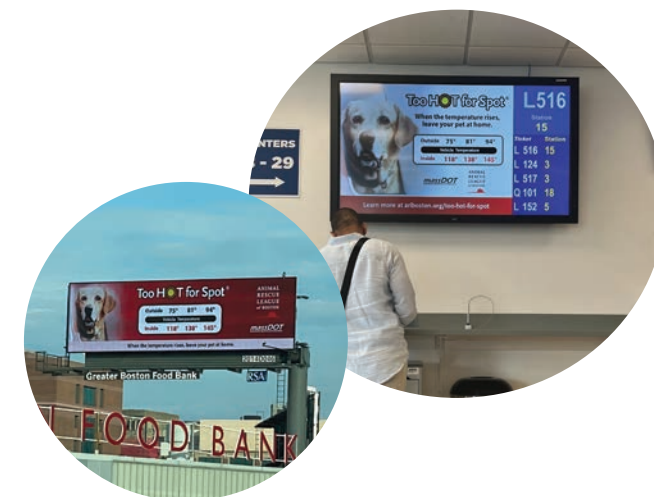
ARL Spay Waggin' Client at Franklin Park Zoo



ARL in the News

TOO HOT FOR SPOT®

In July, ARL teamed up with the New England Revolution, Massachusetts State Police, and the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, for ARL's ninth annual summer safety campaign, Too Hot for Spot®, to remind pet owners about the dangers of leaving an animal in a hot car. The press event included a live demonstration of how quickly a car can heat up in the warm months. In just a few minutes, the car's interior temperature soared from 80 to 115 degrees! Too Hot for Spot PSAs ran on 195 outdoor billboards and at all 63 Registry of Motor Vehicle locations in the state.



RALLYING FOR BOARDING KENNEL REGULATIONS

The Ollie's Law Coalition, which includes ARL, gathered on the steps of the Massachusetts State House to urge lawmakers to protect pets placed in boarding facilities. The proposed "Ollie's Law" was born out of tragedy, when Ollie, a Labradoodle, died from severe injuries sustained at a doggie daycare in 2020. ARL's Board Safely™ campaign provides information about the proposed legislation, and guidance to pet owners who are considering boarding their pet. Visit arlboston.org/board-safely to learn more.



Stay up-to-date on all things ARL!

Scan the QR code or visit arl.boston/news to learn more.

FISH CAUGHT ON TAPE

Abandoned on the street outside of Fisher College campus, this two-year-old cat made headlines when surveillance footage of his cruel abandonment went viral. Despite his awful ordeal, Fish received the prompt medical attention and comfort he needed to find his new home.



PUPPY FALLS ASLEEP ON-AIR

No one should get caught snoozing on the job – no one except this adorable puppy, that is! Bella Bow delighted viewers when she fell asleep in the arms of NBC Boston news anchor Colton Bradford, during a live TV segment. The adorable clip became a social media sensation around the globe, garnering millions of views.





Ways to Give

Sit. Stay. Rollover... Your IRA to help animals!

Did you know... Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs), also known as IRA charitable rollovers, allow individuals who are 70½ years or older to donate to qualified charities like the Animal Rescue League of Boston. QCDs can help offset an individual's required minimum distribution, which may have tax benefits. **To donate by QCD, please contact your IRA custodian.**

Give Securities... To Give Security

Did you know... Your gift of securities today can provide the security of safe shelter and loving care for an animal in need. Gifts of Stock, Bonds, and Mutual Funds not only help animals in need, but also may provide you with a tax benefit and avoidance of capital gains taxes. **To donate stock or other appreciated securities, contact Jackie Smith at jsmith@arlboston.org or 617-226-5608.**

Other Ways to Support Animals

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Thank you for being a champion for animals in need!



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Opportunities for Groups

ARL welcomes groups to join
us for a day of service!



Past groups have assisted with socializing kittens; washing vehicles; painting; and cleaning play-yards, animal rooms, barn stalls; and *much more!*

Group Days:



-  Corporations
-  Colleges & Universities



For pricing, and to apply for your group to participate, visit arl.boston/group-opportunities or scan the QR code.



Questions? Contact Debby Chaplic, ARL's Director of Education at dchaplic@arlboston.org or (617) 426-9170 x170.

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