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ARL Saves Neonatal Kittens After Mom Cat Injured

Kittens requiring constant monitoring as mom cat recovers

The Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL) is currently caring for three neonatal kittens and their mother, this after recently being discovered in Fall River by a concerned resident who noticed the mother cat was unable to care for the kittens due to severe wounds.

ARL is the only large animal welfare organization in Massachusetts with staff dedicated to helping community cats, and invite members of the media to meet these kittens and learn more about their story and ARL's ongoing effort to help these types of animals.

Media Availability

When: Wednesday, October 11, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

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

Community cats can be found in any city or town in Massachusetts, and it's estimated that there are 700,000 community cats living throughout the Commonwealth, 70,000 in Boston alone. ARL's Field Services routinely works in the Fall River area, an area with countless community cats, and immediately responded when receiving the call about these three kittens.

Due to her wounds, the mom cat was unable to care for her kittens, which drastically increased the urgency. At just 4-weeks-old, the kittens would've been in grave danger without intervention and care.

The kittens and the mom were trapped and transported to ARL's Dedham Animal Care and Adoption Center, where they immediately received veterinary care. The mom cat, now named Kiki, was suffering from multiple puncture wounds, and was also underweight.

The kittens were suffering from upper respiratory infections and given medication to get the infections under control. Due to their age, the kittens were placed into foster care so they could be constantly monitored. Despite their harrowing early-life experience, the kittens are doing well and will be made available for adoption sometime in November.

For photos of the kittens, click the Dropbox link below:

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/hc8ifgp7ppdcfzflc0jo9/h?rlkey=zou9vnigz09i2w2ljemikeg3r&dl=0>

About ARL's Community Cat Program

Community cats face many challenges living outdoors. Without proper shelter and care, they are at risk of illness and injury. Additionally, without spay/neuter surgery, these cats can produce many litters and continue the cycle of large colonies of unowned cats.

ARL's Field Services Agents will respond to the call of residents who report a colony of cats, investigating the colony to determine the number of cats and kittens residing in that area, the cats' overall health status, and whether or not a local resident is feeding them regularly and can continue.

After the initial assessment, a TNR (Trap-Neuter- Return) plan is formulated for that particular colony. TNR is one of the most humane and effective ways to stop the cycle of homelessness among cats. Spay and neuter surgeries are low risk and proven to improve the safety and health of these cats as well as the community as a whole. The plan also includes vaccines, and whether each cat will be returned to the colony, returned to their owner if microchipped, or admitted to an ARL shelter to be put up for adoption if they are friendly.

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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