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ARL Saves Life of Postpartum Cat with Emergency Surgery

Cat to seek new home soon

When a 10-year-old cat who had recently given birth was brought to the Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL) with a life-threatening condition, ARL's shelter veterinary team needed to act quickly in order to save her life.

The cat, named Rhianna, had been rehomed through an ad on Craigslist, and when her new family discovered that she had given birth, they also discovered there was a problem. Rhianna had suffered a prolapsed uterus, a relatively rare occurrence for a cat giving birth, but an issue requiring immediate attention.

Upon her emergency surrender at ARL's Dedham Animal Care and Adoption Center, she was taken into surgery where ARL's veterinary team were able to reverse the prolapse, placing the uterus back into the correct anatomical position, and allowed her time to recover. Due to her condition, she was unable to care for her neonatal kittens, so ARL placed the kittens into foster care where they were bottle-fed and monitored constantly.

Following her surgery, Rhianna was given a thorough veterinary exam, and ARL's veterinary team discovered that the cat was visually impaired, a little underweight, and also suffered from severe dental disease. With the prolapsed uterus addressed, the next issue to tackle was the cat's teeth. Due to the extent of the dental disease, Rhianna was already missing a number of teeth and needed 17 teeth extracted.

Despite Rhianna undergoing a number of medical procedures, she quickly became a favorite among staff and volunteers with not only her striking markings, but her sparkling personality.

With her medical journey just about complete, Rhianna is not quite yet ready for adoption, but will soon be looking for her permanent home, and her kittens are almost old enough to also find homes of their own.

For photos of Rhianna, click the Dropbox link below:

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/yw5mxv3hk8fl4hgm87m15/h?rlkey=jm2tu7yrz4mfhzc0yg1ebmyld&dl=0>

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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