

**ANIMAL
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ARL Celebrates 125th Anniversary

ARL marking anniversary with Anna Harris Smith Day of Service

The Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL) is celebrating a momentous milestone today, as the organization turns 125-years-old. ARL was founded in early 1899, but was incorporated on March 13, 1899. To mark the occasion, ARL is setting out into the communities we serve for the Anna Harris Smith Day of Service, in honor of ARL's founder.

The Day of Service includes a number of community-based efforts to provide pet care and wellness services, and ARL invites members of the media to attend a special event at the Franklin Park Zoo.

Media Availability

When: Wednesday, March 13, 1:30-2 p.m.

Where: Franklin Park Zoo (Zebra Entrance), 1 Franklin Park Road, Boston

Interview Opportunities: ARL President and CEO Dr. Edward Schettino, ARL clients

ARL's Spay Waggin' will provide spay and neuter surgeries for more than two dozen animals while at the Franklin Park Zoo, and additionally, ARL's Keep Pets S.A.F.E. (Supporting Animals and Families Everyday) program will also be on-hand for a pet food and supply pick-up to help local pet owners alleviate some of the barriers of pet ownership, which include financial hardship and limited access to pet care.

Other activities will include a special presentation by Boston City Council, pet wellness visits to Boston Senior Home Care facilities, interactive activities for children at ARL's Dedham Animal Care and Adoption Center, among others.

"This is an incredible day for the Animal Rescue League of Boston," stated ARL President and CEO Dr. Edward Schettino. "ARL is a vital part of the communities we serve, and we are proud to honor our founder and reflect on 125 years of service to both animals and the people who care for them."

Over the past one hundred and twenty-five years, ARL has embodied Anna Harris Smith's vision of thoughtful kindness by helping millions of animals heal, find homes, and stay with their families, while protecting them from cruelty and neglect.

Keeping true to Anna Harris Smith's vision, ARL devotes its resources to helping animals thrive, keeping pets and people together, partnering with local non-profit organizations and creating the next generation of compassionate animal advocates.

For a historical retrospective of ARL in photos, please click the Dropbox link below:

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/zwyt3l25isf07qdf7t4ep/h?rlkey=r4d4mcu3m635altvtswh1nj7b&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 2023, ARL served 20,964 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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