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Cat Suffering from Extensive Burns Continues to Recover

Cat suffered second/third-degree burns covering more than 50 percent of body

A one-year-old female cat who suffered severe burns continues to recover in the care of the Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL). The cat came to ARL in late November with burns covering over half her body, and has endured months of painful and invasive treatments to promote healing.

ARL invites members of the media to see the cat first-hand, see the tremendous progress she's made, and learn more about her treatments.

Media Availability

When: Friday, March 8, 9-10 a.m.

Where: ARL's Boston Animal Care and Adoption Center, 10 Chandler St., Boston

Interview/Photo Opportunities: ARL Veterinary Staff, Era the cat

The cat, now named Era, was found in a work shed in Oxford, MA, in November, and once the extent of her injuries was realized, Oxford Animal Control contacted ARL for assistance and the cat was transported to ARL's Boston Animal Care and Adoption Center for treatment.

ARL's veterinary team assessed that second and third-degree burns were covering over half her body, and treatment has consisted of pain management and twice-weekly wound debridement to remove dead skin and exposing the new skin underneath to promote healing.

Initially it was unknown whether Era would be able to overcome her injuries, however, she is incredibly resilient and has responded very well to treatment, and will indeed get the second chance at life that she deserves.

It is still unknown what caused the burns and whether it was an intentional act, but ARL's primary focus has been saving the animal's life and preparing her for the next chapter in her life. Era's path to recovery is nearly complete, but with her healing at about 80 percent, she still has a way to go before going home.

Era's cost of care has exceeded \$20,000, and ARL is asking the public for their continued support in helping Era and animals like her. The cost of her care is roughly \$1,000-1,500 per week and it is likely she'll have to undergo at least another month of treatment before being adopted. Anyone interested in supporting Era and animals like her can visit arlboston.org/donate.

For updated photos of Era, please click the Dropbox link below:

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/ptrj2hgpg5ntg8b383gl6/h?rlkey=qgv1xsi7igqzwtudv69uzkt4j&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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