

**ANIMAL
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of BOSTON**



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ARL Joins Other Animal Welfare Agencies for Weekend Guinea Pig Adopt-a-Thon Event

Event comes on heels of large guinea pig intake and new Boston ordinance

The Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL) will join several other animal welfare organizations in Massachusetts for a fee-waived guinea pig [adoption event](#) this coming weekend to collectively find homes for over 100 guinea pigs.

The [Animal Rescue League of Boston](#), [Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals](#) (MSPCA), [Animal Protection Center of Southeastern Massachusetts](#) (ASPCM), [Dakin Humane Society](#), and [Lowell Humane Society](#) will all be taking part in the fee-waived adoption event which will run from Friday, January 5 to Sunday, January 7.

All adoption fees for guinea pigs will be waived during this weekend-long event.

Guinea pig populations at animal shelters throughout the Commonwealth have increased drastically in the past couple of years, and this upcoming event is timely on the number of fronts. Just last week ARL had an intake of 55 guinea pigs from a home, 20 of which were graciously taken in by MSPCA. The guinea pigs were very well cared for, but the owners purchased the animals from pet stores where they were incorrectly sexed, resulting in many litters.

The City of Boston also recently passed a ban on the sale of guinea pigs in pet stores, unless those stores partner with a rescue organization. With many pet stores acquiring guinea pigs

from out-of-state breeding facilities, the ban will help promote the large numbers of guinea pigs available for adoption in surrounding animal shelters and cut down on the rising numbers of abandoned and stray guinea pigs being found in the city.

Guinea pigs make amazing pets, and ARL, MSPCA, ASPCM, Dakin Humane, and Lowell Humane encourage anyone interested in adopting a guinea pig to visit a shelter this weekend and start 2024 by adding a furry friend to your home!

For photos of the recent large-scale guinea pig intake, click the Dropbox link below:

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/rsoaqtedi2bbeddwnmxn0/h?rlkey=0gt5udhl81m11d328pe42h9o2&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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