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ARL Hosting Fee-Waived Guinea Pig Adoption Event

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This weekend, the Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL) will be hosting a fee-waived adoption event for guinea pigs at all three of its Animal Care and Adoption Centers. For those thinking of adding a guinea pig (or two) to the family, it's a perfect time to do so!

The event will run from Saturday, March 23, through Sunday, March 24 at ARL's Boston, Dedham, and Brewster Animal Care and Adoption Centers. Hours of operation are 1-6 p.m.

Currently, ARL has well over 40 guinea pigs available for adoption, with many more in foster care waiting their turn. The organization has seen a dramatic rise in guinea pig surrenders in the past few years, often times due to owners having purchased incorrectly sexed animals from pet stores, with the end result being unexpected litters.

Additionally, in December 2023, the City of Boston passed a ban, which went into effect this week, on the sale of guinea pigs in pet stores, unless those stores partner with a rescue organization like ARL. 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 local animal shelters and cut down on the rising numbers of abandoned and stray guinea pigs being found around the city.

Guinea pigs make wonderful pets – they're social, relatively quiet, great for small living spaces, and may be an option for those living in properties that may not allow dogs or cats but do allow small animals.

During the adoption event, ARL's Adoption Forward process will remain the same and our adoption team will require prospective adopters to bring a photo of the enclosure their pet will live in to ensure it meets our requirements.

Visit an ARL Animal Care & Adoption Center from March 23 through March 24 from 1:00pm-6:00pm:

Boston: 10 Chandler Street

Dedham: 55 Anna's Place

Brewster (Cape Cod): 3981 Main Street

For photos of some of ARL's small animals, click the Dropbox link below:

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/rxckuhf0fzjuweyvpg0ax/h?rlkey=94hvqktqxphmgyfzedj1vp31i&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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