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ARL Law Enforcement Assisting Malden PD in Abandoned Dog Case

Dog with 13-pound tumor found tied to pole in park

The Animal Rescue League of Boston's (ARL) Law Enforcement Department is assisting Malden Police and Animal Control in a case of animal abandonment, where the dog involved required immediate medical attention but is thankfully on the road to recovery.

ARL, Malden Police and Animal Control invite members of the media to meet the animal in-person, learn more about her story, and how the public can assist in her case and recovery.

Media Availability

When: Friday, January 26 @ 11 a.m.

Where: Malden Police Department, 800 Eastern Ave., Malden, MA 02148

The 5-to-7-year-old Mastiff, now named Big Momma, was found tied to a pole in Trafton Park on a cold and wet night in mid-December 2023. She was found by a Good Samaritan who then brought the scared, cold, and hungry dog to the Malden Police Department.

Big Momma had a very large mass on her underbelly, and Malden Animal Control Officer Kevin Alkins took steps to get the dog immediate veterinary care at the Blue Pearl Vet Hospital in Charlestown. The 13-pound tumor was removed and testing revealed the mass to be benign. Big Momma then went into the care of Bill Bowdrige, owner of Big Daddy Doggie Daycare in Malden, to begin her recovery process.

The cost of removing the tumor and spaying Big Momma was roughly \$5,000, and while about half of cost has already been raised by Bowdridge, anyone interested in contributing for the remaining balance for her care can contact Blue Pearl's finance department at 617-284-9777.

This is being considered a case of animal neglect and abandonment, and ARL Law Enforcement and Malden Police are asking anyone with information on where this dog may have come from to come forward. The public can contact ARL Law Enforcement at (617) 426-9170 x110, or Malden Police at (781) 397-7171 with any pertinent information regarding this case.

ARL understands that an animal with a medical condition may be a frightening or costly situation, however, the organization reminds the public that abandoning an animal is never an option. When an animal is left to fend for themselves, they become vulnerable to many dangers that may result in illness, injury or even death.

There are resources available to pet owners, and ARL recommends pet owners to reach out to their local animal control or animal welfare organization to see what assistance or options are available.

For photos of Big Momma, click the Dropbox link below:

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/ycoh12z5w91e0ojw4zgkw/h?rlkey=2s2edp2n0t37wygzbaphwfn9w&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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