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Small Dog Found as Stray on Busy Neponset Circle

Puppy lucky to escape life-threatening circumstance

The Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL) is currently caring for a 10-week-old puppy who is lucky to be alive after being found as a stray along a high-traffic area in Boston.

ARL invites members of the media to meet the puppy first-hand and learn more about her rescue.

Media Availability

When: Sunday, February 25, 1-3 p.m.

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

The 10-week-old Chihuahua named Sparkle, was found this past week in the Neponset Circle area, along the on-ramp heading towards the Express Way. The Good Samaritan who rescued her had seen the dog in the area for several days, however, when the small dog wandered towards the busy roadway, her rescuer sprung into action to save the dog.

Weighing just 3 pounds and being an all-black dog, Sparkle is incredibly lucky she wasn't struck by a vehicle, and ARL is extremely grateful to her rescuer.

The Good Samaritan is a resident at the Pine Street Inn, and once brought to the inn, staff then took the puppy to ARL's Boston Animal Care and Adoption Center. Sparkle was frightened upon intake, and while she presented with an abnormal gait, she was determined to be in good overall health.

Sparkle was recently spayed, and is now available for adoption.

ARL again wishes to thank both the resident and staff at the Pine Street Inn for their actions in rescuing and likely saving the life of this young dog, who will now have the chance to find the forever home she deserves.

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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