

**ANIMAL  
RESCUE  
LEAGUE  
of BOSTON**



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## **DOJ Announces Resolution of Historic Case Involving Thousands of Beagles**

*ARL assisted national animal welfare group to rehome 25 beagles*

This week the U.S. Department of Justice announced a historic fine levied upon Inotiv, who will pay more than \$30 million, including an \$11 million fine for violating the Animal Welfare Act, due to violations that occurred at a facility that bred dogs for use in animal testing. The Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL) is thrilled with the case outcome, and had the privilege of rehoming 25 of the dogs involved in this case in 2022.

The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) worked with federal authorities to remove more than 4,000 beagles from the Virginia breeding facility, provide veterinary treatment and then undertake the monumental task of working with animal welfare organizations throughout the country, including ARL, to take in and rehome the animals.

In the summer of 2022, ARL took a 24-hour road trip to pick-up and transport 25 of the beagles to ARL's Animal Care and Adoption Center on Cape Cod where the animals were able to just be dogs for the first time in their lives. Once made available for adoption, all 25 beagles were adopted very quickly.

### **Case Breakdown**

Based on a Department of Justice investigation, in May 2022, a search warrant was executed at the Evnigo breeding facility, where hundreds of beagles were found in “acute distress” from the facility, which had been cited for numerous violations of the Animal Welfare Act.

The investigation also revealed that beagles were being euthanized instead of receiving veterinary care for simple conditions, dogs were being denied food and the food the animals did receive was unfit for consumption. A number of animals at the facility died from exposure to cold, and several dogs were also injured due to overcrowded conditions.

This is a landmark case, and ARL is proud to have played a role in this historic rescue effort and knowing that the beagles the organization found new homes for are thriving and living their best lives.

For photos of the beagles that were in the care of ARL in 2022, please click the Dropbox link below:

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/ggmlh6nn39t5ytf9ly/AKXdeDHyTEPOvcYl9a9aSnC?rlkey=qabudiw40rjq1b62b90dmxz6d&st=zifcrsis&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](http://arlboston.org); and be sure to follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).

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