

**ANIMAL  
RESCUE  
LEAGUE  
of BOSTON**



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## **ARL Caring for Injured Dog Who Needed Emergency Eye Surgery**

*Dog with bulging eye brought to ARL after being found outside vet clinic in Boston*

The Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL) is caring for a one-year-old dog taken in from Boston Animal Care and Control after being found tied to a pole outside a local veterinary clinic and needed emergency surgery to remove an eye that dislodged from its socket. Aside from the injury, the dog was very well cared for and ARL believes this is yet another example of a pet owner in crisis not knowing where to turn.

ARL invites members of the media to meet the dog, learn more about his story and the trends ARL is seeing in regards to pet owner struggles.

### **Media Availability**

**When: Friday, December 20, 9:00 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

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

**Interview Opportunities: ARL Veterinary staff, ARL President and CEO**

The dog, named Herbie, was found on December 11 outside of a veterinary clinic in Boston and brought to Boston Animal Care and Control. Because he needed immediate medical attention, he was transported to ARL's Boston Animal Care and Adoption Center where he was assessed. His left eye was proptosed, meaning it dislodged from its socket, and needed to be removed surgically due to the severe damage. This is not an uncommon injury for a small dog, and typically occurs as the result of trauma i.e. accident. Other than the injury to the eye, Herbie is in excellent health, is very friendly, and well-groomed.

Herbie is healthy and will live a normal life. ARL understands many pet owners are struggling and reminds the public that ARL is a resource. In 2024 ARL has seen more than 700 animals surrendered due to housing-related issues, which is more than double from 2023. Cost of pet care has risen drastically in recent years, and when a medical emergency arises, many pet owners are unable to pay for care, prompting some to make rash decisions, but with the best interest of the animal in mind.

Struggling pet owners are encouraged to visit [arlboston.org](http://arlboston.org) for a complete list of resources and programs that are available.

Herbie still has some healing to do and is not yet available for adoption. The cost of his ongoing care has exceeded several thousand dollars, and anyone interested in contributing to his treatment can visit: <https://arl.boston/help-herbie>

For photos of Herbie please click the Dropbox link below:

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/zn7q82ks79lc7vh0bnoa4/ANfpXvm3aTJHb1eB0KolaLM?rlkey=uawaejz9klsivde6kmvu7baw&st=9kn0vwmv&dl=0>

#### **ABOUT THE ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE OF BOSTON:**

**Pets are family. This belief is at the heart of everything we do at the Animal Rescue League of Boston.** ARL is the first female-founded animal welfare organization in Massachusetts and is proud to carry on a legacy of kindness and compassion, helping more than 20,000 animals annually since 1899. Recognized for innovative, award-winning programs that go beyond sheltering, ARL addresses the root causes of the issues facing animals and the people who love them. By partnering with communities, ARL helps animals heal and thrive, keeps pets and people together, and protects animals from harm. Because there is no government funding for this important work, animals must rely on people like you to get the care they need, when they need it most, 365 days a year. For more information, visit [arlboston.org](http://arlboston.org) and follow ARL on [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#), and [Instagram](#).

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