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Shelter Cats Bond During Surgery Recovery

Cats available for adoption and must go home together

A pair of cats transported to the Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL) in December forged a special bond after both animals received corrective eye surgeries, and now the cats are looking to begin the next chapter of their lives together.

Norma, a six-year-old Siamese, and Cream Soda, a three-year-old Tabby, arrived at ARL's Dedham Animal Care and Adoption Center through the ASPCA's Relocation Program, which transports animals from overcrowded shelters to organizations like ARL who can provide care and adoption services.

Upon intake in early December, both cats were diagnosed with entropion, a condition where the eyelid is inverted, which can cause painful irritation and if left untreated, could result in corneal scratches, inflammation, discharge, or possible blindness.

ARL's shelter medicine team performed multiple surgeries on the cats to correct the condition, and as the healing process began, Norma and Cream Soda were placed in the same kennel, and began leaning on each other for comfort. When applying eye medications following surgery, the cats would provide strength and support for one another, and would constantly be found curling up together.

With the post-surgery recovery lasting for weeks, the cats forged a strong bond, and when it was time to find them a new home, ARL decided that the two needed to go home together, to keep their bond intact.

Norma and Cream Soda are currently available for adoption, and anyone looking to open their heart and home to the special pair are encouraged to visit ARL's Dedham location.

For photos of Norma and Cream Soda, please click the Dropbox link below:

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/h5wfoczaxhaoosj8v23jf/ADl6gY3oCf4IHhOTh4t2xiQ?rlkey=ukuebgcckmy10dfvvk10he3bd&st=66olm9f2&dl=0>

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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 and follow ARL on [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#), and [Instagram](#).

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