

ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE of BOSTON



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Good Samaritans Rescue Stray Cats Struggling in the Boston Heat

Stray cats brought to ARL Boston Animal Care & Adoption Center for evaluation and care

The Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL) has found loving homes for two stray cats that were rescued by a Good Samaritans after recently being spotted struggling with the stifling Boston heat.

ARL commends these Good Samaritans and reminds the public to contact local animal control or ARL should you see an animal in distress.

The first cat, now named Morris, was seen on July 7 in Boston's South End neighborhood, and it was a day that saw temperatures reach the mid-90s.

His finder received a call from a neighbor, stating the cat had approached, was panting and clearly in distress. While the neighbor provided some food and water and stayed with the cat for a few hours, Morris eventually crawled into the shade of a parked car, but was still panting and struggling with the heat.

The Good Samaritan arrived on-site armed with a cat carrier and treats and was able to approach and get him into the carrier. Aside from panting, Morris was also drooling, and heatstroke was certainly a concern. Morris was brought to ARL's Boston Animal Care & Adoption Center, where he received fluids and a cooling blanket to help reduce his core temperature.

Morris quickly settled into his new environment, showcasing a friendly and relaxed personality, and found a loving home this week.

The second cat, a 5-year-old named Rory, was found just outside ARL's Boston Animal Care & Adoption Center by a landscaping crew. The cat was motionless, but breathing, clearly struggling in the heat. ARL was contacted, and Rory was immediately brought inside to be treated for heat exhaustion. Rory rebounded quickly and was also adopted just this past week

ARL wishes to thank these Good Samaritans for identifying an animal in distress and taking action to get the animal to safety. If there had not been intervention, these animals may have succumb to the heat, and ARL advises anyone that witnesses an animal in need to contact local animal control, or ARL at (617) 426-9170.

For photos and video of Morris and Rory, please click the Dropbox link below (please credit video to Julie Nashawaty):

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/y1uifqm7d51cy3o7be91e/AH9vV45Rc12K8gxrnRwXcgo?rlkey=kb2xirq38r6sjzh566wpf3io8&st=b7w5t52m&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 and follow ARL on [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#), and [Instagram](#).

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