

ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE of BOSTON



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ARL Grants Emeritus Status to Former Organization President

Former president solidified ARL's Vision for the Future

The Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL) has granted emeritus status to former president Mary Nee, in recognition of her wide-ranging contributions to ensure a bright future for the organization.

The first female president was ARL's founder Anna Harris Smith (1901-1922).

During her seven years of leadership, Nee aimed to strengthen the organization as a whole, and implement innovative programs to broaden ARL's reach. She led the analysis and adoption of a strategic vision for the future that positioned ARL to focus on animals and people by bringing services directly into neighborhoods and communities across Eastern Massachusetts.

Additionally, under her watch, ARL established its first advocacy department at ARL and served on the Animal Cruelty and Protection Task Force which led to the passage of several pieces of legislation to further protect animals in Massachusetts.

Nee was also pivotal in numerous capital projects including the rebuilding of the Dedham Animal Care & Adoption Center in 2015, the Solomon Family Administration Building in Dedham which was completed in 2021, as well as the state-of-the-art facility that will replace ARL's Boston Animal Care & Adoption Center.

With the emeritus status, Nee will continue to advise ARL's Board of Directors to help set the organization on a path to greatly impact the lives of animals and the people who care for them, for decades to come.

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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