

ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE of BOSTON



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ARL Awarded Grant from “I’m Animal Friendly” License Plate Funds

Grant provides subsidized spay/neuter surgery for more than two dozen pet owners

The Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL) is happy to announce the organization is a recipient of a 2025 grant from the MA “I’m Animal Friendly” license plate program. Funds will be used towards ARL’s community-based programs to provide subsidized spay/neuter services for more than two dozen pet owners in Boston.

This month ARL’s Spay Waggin’ held two spay/neuter clinics, one at the Franklin Park Zoo, the other at a private business in Mattapan, to provide the service for local pet owners. Clients included one pet owner who is a client of ARL’s Wellness Waggin’ and was recently reunited with their cat after the animal had snuck out.

ARL’s Spay Waggin’ is a mobile veterinary surgical vehicle that provides low-cost spay and neuter services in Greater Boston, Southeastern Massachusetts, and Cape Cod. The Wellness Waggin’ brings low-cost pet wellness care directly into Boston communities that need it most including Dorchester, Roxbury, Mattapan, Hyde Park, and East Boston.

“Pets are family, and the Animal Rescue League of Boston continues to be grateful to the Massachusetts Animal Coalition and their commitment to provide grants to help provide spay/neuter services for pet owners in need,” stated ARL President and CEO Dr. Edward Schettino. “Through this grant, ARL has been able to help more than two dozen pet owners, and ensure that their animals are happy, healthy and will continue to thrive.”

Anne Lindsay, founder and president of the Massachusetts Animal Coalition, says, “An important way to decrease the population of unwanted pets is to spay and neuter any animal

we can get our hands on. For the past 20 years, the 'I'm Animal Friendly' License Plate Program has supported these efforts by providing funding for these necessary surgeries."

The "I'm Animal Friendly" license plates are a program of the Massachusetts Animal Coalition. Funds are granted annually to organizations that demonstrate a need for funding and provide low-cost spay/neuter services. Since the program's inception, MAC has awarded over \$3,300,000 to many deserving organizations.

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](#).

ABOUT THE MASSACHUSETTS ANIMAL COALITION AND THE "I'M ANIMAL FRIENDLY" LICENSE PLATE PROGRAM:

Massachusetts Animal Coalition (MAC) is a statewide, non-profit organization comprised of animal welfare professionals and individual volunteers dedicated to working together to decrease the number of homeless, neglected, displaced and abused animals in Massachusetts. MAC's "I'm Animal Friendly" license plate program helps fund spay and neuter programs across the state. These charitable plates are available through Massachusetts RMV and are tax deductible. www.petplate.org

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