

# ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE of BOSTON



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## **ARL Rescues Mom and Five Kittens Before Nor'easter Strikes**

*Vulnerable cats spotted at Roxbury Preschool*

A three-year-old female community cat and her five, four-week-old, kittens are resting comfortably today after being rescued by the Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL) on the eve of a spring Nor'easter.

A custodian at the Haynes Early Education Center in Roxbury contacted ARL's Field Services Department on Wednesday afternoon with concern after spotting the mom and her kittens on school grounds. ARL responded and were quickly able to safely corral the kittens and mom and get them ready to travel.

The animals were brought to ARL's Boston Animal Care & Adoption Center and were provided the care and medical attention needed to allow them to thrive. The mom and kittens are doing well, but due to a lack of safe shelter on the school grounds, the animals, kittens in particular, were vulnerable due to the Nor'easter moving into the area today.

Due to their young age, the family will be placed into foster care and will not be available for adoption for at least a month.

ARL is the only large animal welfare organization in Massachusetts with a dedicated agent working with community cats, and with temperatures beginning to warm, ARL is beginning to see an influx of kittens, which will continue throughout the summer months and likely into the fall. In 2024 ARL's Community Cat Program helped nearly 2,000 community cats, a record since the program's inception in 2017.

While community cats are incredibly adept at finding safe shelter and food sources, kittens are vulnerable to a multitude of things including the elements, illness and predators. If you spot community cats and kittens, you are encouraged to contact ARL's Field Services Department at (617) 426-9170 x563 for assistance.

For photos of the kittens, click the Dropbox link below:

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/hkkryr7i0b58go1skj7dj/AKbDOP0jvvyBL9qGFMHGy90?rlkey=vsfms1z4iijm11k8lxqqwxodz&st=fx3aebui&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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