

# ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE of BOSTON



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## **Dog Seeking New Home After Being Surrendered Due to Medical Cost**

*Rising cost of pet wellness care an ongoing issue for pet owners*

The Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL) is looking for a loving family to take in a nine-year-old mixed-breed dog who was recently surrendered due to medical cost.

This type of surrender is becoming more commonplace, as according to a recent report compiled by PetSmart Charities and Gallup, seven out of 10 pet owners have forgone veterinary care due to financial constraints, a clear sign that pet owners across the country are struggling with the increasing costs of care.

ARL invites members of the media to meet this resilient dog, learn more about her circumstances and the financial burdens being placed on many pet owners.

### **Media Availability:**

**When: Wednesday, May 14, 9 a.m. - Noon**

**Where: ARL's Boston Animal Care & Adoption Center, 10 Chandler St., Boston**

**Interview Opportunities: ARL Staff**

Pebbles was surrendered to ARL this past week, and her thorough veterinary exam revealed gastrointestinal inflammation, an ear infection, skin infection and irritation due to allergies, and because she's an older dog, arthritis was also diagnosed in her knees and hips.

The gastrointestinal, and chronic ear and skin issues have been treated and resolved, and Pebbles is now ready to find her new home.

ARL aims to keep people and pets together and offers a multitude of community-based, low-cost pet wellness services, however, animals like Pebbles that have chronic conditions that require medication and more frequent trips to the vet can be a costly, and the organization understands that the cost of this ongoing care can become overwhelming. In these instances, surrender is sometimes the best option for both the animal and people involved, and ARL encourages anyone facing these types of struggles to reach out to its Animal Care & Adoption Centers, located in Boston, Dedham, and Brewster.

For more information regarding the resources ARL provides for pet owners, including surrender, please visit [arlboston.org](http://arlboston.org).

For photos of Pebbles, click the Dropbox link below:

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/jeb9kdy0horq7c892kiiq/ALLvoDY2APhKiafEPJP9Azg?rlkey=k08ifduzx0jksgy4wfqu0dru8&st=v7htkakd&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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