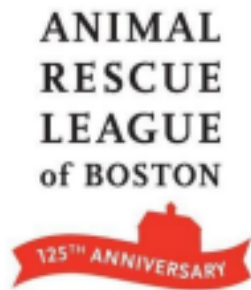


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Animal Rescue League of Boston to Welcome Cats from New York City's Largest Animal Shelter Amid Rising Pet Surrenders

The Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL) is taking in cats from Animal Care Centers of New York City (ACC). The ACC is New York City's largest animal shelter and announced in July that it would stop taking in animals because they were experiencing critical capacity issues. The cats, including those named Elaine, Foxy, Tyrolean Grey, and Watercress, are expected to arrive at ARL's Dedham Animal Care & Adoption Center, on Wednesday, August 27.

ARL reached out to the ACC to offer assistance a month ago after learning the NYC shelter was at capacity with more than 1,000 animals in its care. Thanks to organizations like ARL, and volunteers, the ACC is no longer experiencing an overcrowding crisis.

ARL is also experiencing a rising number of pet surrenders due in part to the housing crisis, rising cost of living, and lack of access to affordable and quality veterinarian care. This year, the ARL has seen a 78% increase in pet surrenders due to cost. This summer, ARL has seen a 95% increase in intakes from Animal Control officers throughout Massachusetts.

ARL is committed to keeping pets in homes with their owners, and offers those in need pet food for their animals, pet supplies, affordable veterinary care, and temporary pet housing. As part of their mission, ARL's Wellness Waggin'® provides low-cost, high-quality pet wellness services for \$20 to pet owners in Dorchester, Roxbury, Mattapan, and East Boston. ARL also supports legislation to increase pet-friendly housing. Currently, a new state-of-the-art facility is being built at ARL's Boston Animal

Care & Adoption Center that will allow ARL to expand these services and help keep more pets and people together.

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](#).