

**ANIMAL
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of BOSTON**



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**Animal Rescue League of Boston Launches
*Home for the Holidays***

Six Long-Stay Animals, Including Gordy the Pig and Great Dane Mix Nico, Are In Need of New Families This Holiday Season

****Media are welcome to visit ARL's Dedham campus and speak with an expert about the campaign and meet a long stay animal***

The Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL) is kicking off its *Home for the Holidays* campaign to find new homes for its long-stay animals and other adoptable pets. ARL is committed to keeping animals out of shelters and finding them safe and healthy homes. As of Nov. 30, ARL has placed 3,046 animals in loving homes. Every cat, dog, bird, rabbit, and pot-bellied pig who arrives at ARL receives compassionate, high-quality medical care no matter how they came to the shelter.

A few long-stay animals available for adoption include:

- **Gordy, a smart, handsome and bristly male pig** is looking for a farm with an experienced pig owner who can provide structure. Three-year-old Gordy is ARL's longest resident and has been at the Dedham campus since August 2024.

- **Large dogs like Nico, a one-year-old Great Dane mix with a big heart**, often wait the longest to find homes of their own. They face many barriers to adoption between the cost of care, breed and size limits, and a lack of affordable pet friendly housing. Nico has been at ARL's Brewster location since October.
- **Achilles, a big, handsome former street cat with feline immunodeficiency virus (FIV+)**. He's been at ARL's Dedham campus since May.
- **Wrangler, a Pit Bull Terrier mix who lights up like a Christmas tree** when he sees other dogs. Wrangler arrived at ARL in October after being rescued from a dogfighting operation.
- **Elsa, a sweet, six-year-old cat** and **Fiona, a gentle and reserved cat**, who have both been at ARL's Boston location since June.

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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