

**ANIMAL  
RESCUE  
LEAGUE  
of BOSTON**



*A champion for animals*

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**On World Spay Day, Animal Rescue League of Boston Helps  
Keep Pets Healthy and With Families With Low-Cost Spay  
and Neuter Services**

*ARL's Spay Waggin'® has served 86,000+ animals*

*One of the area's only mobile spay and neuter programs requires additional  
support to continue critical work*

*\*Photos/video of ARL's Spay Waggin' available here: [Dropbox](#).*

**DEDHAM, MA** – On World Spay Day, the Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL) helps keep pets healthy and with their families with low-cost spay and neuter procedures. The demand for spay and neuter surgeries in the region continues to rise due to increasing surgery costs and limited availability of spay and neuter programs. As the demand for low-cost and accessible spay and neuter procedures increases in the Boston area, additional support is needed for ARL's Spay Waggin' services. An ARL expert is available for a virtual interview on Tuesday, February 24. World Spay Day is

an annual event that raises awareness about the importance of spaying and neutering pets. The Spay Waggin' is a mobile veterinary surgical vehicle that provides accessible high-quality spay and neuter services for low or no cost in Greater Boston, Southeastern Massachusetts and Cape Cod.

**WHO:**

Emily Pilczak, Operations Director, Community & Shelter Medicine programs, Animal Rescue League of Boston

Cheryl Traversi, Chief Animal Welfare Officer, Animal Rescue League of Boston

**WHEN:** Tuesday, February 24, 2026

**WHERE:** Virtual

ARL's Spay Waggin' has performed spay and neuter surgeries on more than 86,000 animals since its inception in 2000. In 2025, the Spay Waggin' provided 4,886 spay and neuter surgeries. Additionally, 198 spay and neuter surgeries were provided for community cats. ARL empowers families and helps more pets stay in their homes by expanding access to innovative community services, including low-cost veterinary care. While the benefits of spaying or neutering our pets are numerous, it can be cost-prohibitive for many pet owners.. To learn more, visit <https://www.arlboston.org>.

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**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](#).