

# ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE of BOSTON



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## **As the Ice Melts, Hope Blooms for Dogs Like Mouse at the Animal Rescue League of Boston**

*Historic Snowfall and Extreme Cold Slowed Dog Adoptions*

*\*Photos/videos (before & after) of Mouse available in this [Dropbox link](#).*

*\*An updated list of dogs available for adoption can be found on [ARL's website](#).*

**Boston, MA** – The Animal Rescue League (ARL) of Boston is hopeful that the arrival of spring and warmer weather will bring more visitors to its shelters and lead to an increase in dog adoptions. This year's snowfall and extreme cold weather led to a decrease in visitors to ARL's

Animal Care & Adoption centers in Boston, Dedham, and Brewster, resulting in fewer dog adoptions and limited kennel space for other dogs in need of help.

One dog awaiting adoption since December 2025 is Mouse: Mouse is an 11-month-old German Shepherd mix who arrived at ARL dangerously underweight and too weak to wag his tail. ARL's team put Mouse on a round-the-clock refeeding plan carefully designed to help him regain strength. Mouse lived with a loving foster family as he continued to heal and is now ready to be adopted from ARL's Brewster shelter.

To encourage adoptions this spring, ARL has collaborated with specialty pet brands, Tall Tails and Polkadog, to offer special gift bags to the first 50 individuals who adopt a dog from ARL, beginning Friday, March 27.

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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](#).