

**ANIMAL
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of BOSTON**



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ARL Caring for Small Puppy Abandoned at Boston-Area Gas Station

6-Month-old puppy in poor condition, signs of neglect

A six-month-old puppy found abandoned at a Boston-area gas station and in poor condition is receiving treatment at the Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL), and ARL's Law Enforcement Department is asking for the public's help in identifying where the animal may have come from.

ARL invites members of the media to meet this dog, learn more about his story and condition.

Media Availability

When: Wednesday, June 5, 10-11 a.m.

Where: ARL Boston Animal Care and Adoption Center, 10 Chandler St., Boston

Interview Opportunities: ARL Law Enforcement

The six-month-old Shih Tzu, now named Arthur, was brought to ARL's Boston Animal care and Adoption Center over the weekend by a person who said they had stopped at a Mobil gas station in the Boston-area, and discovered the dog near a dumpster. Arthur was in a cat carrier and was severely matted, covered in urine and feces and also had a splint on his left front leg from a previous injury. He did not have access to food or water.

Arthur is also emaciated and was ravenously seeking food upon arrival at ARL. He did not have ID tags or a microchip, and X-rays revealed a toe fracture which may have been a chronic injury, and he has since been groomed and is currently on a refeeding plan to ensure safe and slow weight gain.

ARL's goal for Arthur is to provide him with the care he needs and find him the home he deserves once he is healthy enough to be made adoptable. There is no timeline on when this may happen.

ARL's Law Enforcement Department is investigating this matter and is asking anyone who may know where the dog came from to contact ARL Law Enforcement by calling (617) 426-9170 x110 or emailing cruelty@arlboston.org.

ARL understands the difficulties of pet ownership, however, the organization reminds the public that abandoning an animal is never an option. Not only is abandoning an animal illegal, but Arthur could have been further injured or even starved to death had he not been discovered. If you are unable to care for an animal, please reach out to ARL or your local animal control office or shelter to surrender the animal.

For photos of Arthur please click the Dropbox link below:

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/70bqf675x9n154eqpb0d2/ADKatqTJAesCsah-U2GwrE?rlkey=597fmoyt5nh1vhc472oxzl6t7&st=neugizzn&dl=0>

ABOUT THE ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE OF BOSTON:

The Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL) is an unwavering champion for animals in need, committed to keeping them safe and healthy in habitats and homes. Founded in 1899, ARL provides high-quality veterinary care, adoption, and rescue services; while also confronting the root causes of animal cruelty and neglect through innovative community programs, police investigations, and public advocacy. In 2023, ARL served 20,964 animals throughout Massachusetts. ARL is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization. The Animal Rescue League of Boston does not receive government grants or public funding and relies on the generosity of our supporters to help animals in need. For more information please visit us online at arlboston.org; and be sure to follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).

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