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ARL Caring for Stray Rabbit Found in National Seashore

ARL reminds public that domesticated animals cannot survive in the wild

A one-year-old rabbit is on the mend at the Animal Rescue League of Boston's (ARL) Cape Cod Tom Kingman Memorial Campus, after being found as a stray in the National Seashore in the vicinity of Coast Guard Beach in Eastham.

The rabbit, named Eeyore, was discovered along Doane Rd. in late April by a trail-walker who noticed that the rabbit did not look wild and then notified a nearby park ranger. The ranger trapped the rabbit and contacted Eastham Animal Control who then transported Eeyore to ARL's Brewster Animal Care and Adoption Center.

Eeyore was very thin and had numerous abrasions and healing lacerations, signs that he had likely come in contact with wildlife and was also having difficulty discovering a food source.

He is currently unavailable for adoption as he continues to recover and gain weight, and there is no timeline on when he may be made available. Despite his medical ailments, Eeyore is incredibly friendly, social, and easy to handle.

Although it is unknown how he wound up on his own, ARL thanks all those involved in rescuing this animal, and reminds the public that domesticated animals cannot survive on their own in the wild. If you are no longer able to care for an animal, contact your local animal control office,

ARL, or local animal shelter to surrender the animal. ARL understands pet ownership can be difficult, and offers a judgement-free environment for anyone looking to surrender.

For more information on animal surrender, visit arlboston.org, or contact ARL's Brewster location by calling (617) 426-9170 x305.

For photos of Eeyore please click the Dropbox link below: <u>https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/mkmva4hwj46be14y597xx/AIZY0kZ_kie-</u> <u>QIHbTKcAYsg?rlkey=mcyig9yzpn8rkj6ejhs7ggm4g&st=bsuu70lb&dl=0</u>

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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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