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Severely Burned Cat Finishes Treatment, Finds New Home

Cat suffered second/third-degree burns covering more than 50 percent of body

The Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL) is thrilled to announce that a one-year-old female cat who suffered severe burns and has been in the care of the organization since November 2023, has finished her course of treatment and has also found her forever home.

The cat, now named Era, was found in a work shed in Oxford, MA, in November 2023, and once the extent of her injuries was realized, Oxford Animal Control contacted ARL for assistance and the cat was transported to ARL's Boston Animal Care and Adoption Center for treatment.

ARL's veterinary team assessed that second and third-degree burns were covering over half her body, and treatment has consisted of pain management and twice-weekly wound debridement to remove dead skin and exposing the new skin underneath to promote healing.

Initially it was unknown whether Era would be able to overcome her injuries, however, she is incredibly resilient and responded very well to treatment.

It is still unknown what caused the burns and whether it was an intentional act, but ARL's focus was saving the animal's life and preparing her for the next chapter in her life. After six painful months, Era's path to recovery is complete, and having forged an incredible bond with her foster parent during her journey, once Era was ready for adoption, she became what ARL lovingly refers to as a foster fail. She is home with her foster parent, now owner, and is thriving.

Era's cost of care over six months was approximately \$30,000 and ARL has now established a fund to help care for animals with complex medical needs. Named in her honor, Era's Fund will provide medical care for animals in need like her and give them the best chance to heal. From medication and vaccines, exams, diagnostics to surgery and special treatments, the fund will help animals like Era when they need it most.

For those interested in contributing to the fund click [here](#).

For timeline photos of Era, please click the Dropbox link below:

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/eny989p4qyi4vsnk2sk9l/AJTJ4wgAWbOoBayW87USNco?rlky=8p0f8swk9if6cvkprcx49cdd9&st=vgrztahy&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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