

**ANIMAL
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ARL Rescues Stray Kitten Trapped Below Fall River Boardwalk

Kitten now in care of ARL

This past week, a nine-week-old kitten was rescued by the Animal Rescue League of Boston's (ARL) Field Services Department after finding itself at the bottom of a steep embankment below a Fall River, MA, boardwalk, and unable to get out.

The situation unfolded in the area of The Cove Restaurant and Marina in Fall River, when a couple walking along the boardwalk area heard the kitten meowing and contacted ARL for assistance.

ARL Field Services responded to the area and spotted the kitten curled up on a rock. The kitten was about 20 feet below the boardwalk, and the steeply-sloped and rocky area was not accessible without risk of injury, and the fear was the kitten would run and hide if responders attempted to come down to his level.

ARL contacted Fall River Animal Control to assist in the rescue, and ARL's agents tied a humane cat trap to ropes, and lowered it down to the area in an attempt to trap the animal. On-scene responders held the door to the trap open while others would throw food to try and tempt the kitten into the trap. After about 40 minutes, the kitten, showing signs of obvious hunger, drew closer and eventually stepped into the trap to get to the food that had been placed inside. Once inside the trap, ARL's agent snapped it shut, and raised the trap back to the boardwalk, where the kitten was safely placed in a carrier for transport.

The kitten, now named Wharf, was transported to ARL's Boston Animal Care and Adoption Center, where he was immediately fed and given a thorough veterinary exam. Aside from being ravenously hungry and frightened, Wharf was in good overall health.

It's anyone's guess how the kitten wound up in his precarious position, but ARL is now focused on finding Wharf the permanent home he deserves. He will be neutered and will likely be placed up for adoption in the next week or so.

ARL wishes to thank the Good Samaritans who reported the wayward kitten, and Fall River Animal Control for their assistance in rescuing this adventurous animal.

For photos of Wharf and video of the rescue, click the Dropbox link below:

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/j9sg8hkdo5lns35ktgzsc/AGPDbSMgcb9fypbVIOD8Lml?rlkey=m5o44xch4ll2dpmku48e8yy2&st=hohp3rif&dl=0>

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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](#), [LinkedIn](#), and [Instagram](#).

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