

A champion for animals

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ARL Receives \$25,000 Donation as Part of Hale Family \$26.2 Million Giving Effort Tied to the Boston Marathon

BOSTON – The Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL) announced today that they are one of 72 organizations who received a donation from Rob Hale and his wife, Karen, as part of a \$26.2 million giving effort tied to the Boston Marathon. Hale, co-founder and President of Granite Telecommunications LLC, ran the marathon for the first time on April 15.

The generous \$25,000 donation will greatly help the animals in ARL's care and will also support ARL's community-based programs, which are aimed at bringing services directly where they're needed and making it possible to keep owned pets out of shelters and in homes where they belong.

"The Animal Rescue League of Boston is grateful to be included among the deserving recipients of the incredible philanthropic efforts by Rob and Karen Hale to support organizations that are a vital part of the fabric of Boston," stated Dr. Edward Schettino, ARL President and CEO. "This donation will go a long way in providing care for animals in need throughout our partner communities."

"Recognizing the immense impact the fabled Marathon has had on our proud city, we are humbled to be able to make these gifts to wonderful organizations throughout our region that support our community," said Hale in an email letter to local charities sent moments after he crossed the finish line at Copley Square. "Please take and use this gift to further your vital mission. Together we make Boston Strong."

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 <u>arlboston.org</u>; and be sure to follow us on <u>Facebook, Twitter</u>, and <u>Instagram</u>.

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