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## ARL Finalist for MA Nonprofit Network's 2024 Excellence Awards

The Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL) is pleased to announce the organization has been chosen as a finalist for the 2024 Massachusetts Nonprofit Network Excellence Awards. ARL is one of 30 nonprofit organizations from throughout the state to be nominated in one of six categories: Advocacy, Community-Building, Innovation, Leadership, Small Nonprofit, and Young Professional.

ARL is a finalist in the Excellence in Innovation category for the organization's extensive community-based programs. This includes the Wellness Waggin', a mobile veterinary clinic that offers low-cost, high-quality pet wellness services in Metro Boston communities where pet owners routinely face a number of barriers including cost and access to services. Since the program launched in 2019, ARL has helped well over 10,000 animals and animal surrender is also down in the areas the Wellness Waggin' serves.

The program is a direct reflection of ARL's commitment to keeping animals out of shelters and in homes where they belong.

Winners will be announced at the Massachusetts Nonprofit Network's Excellence Awards, being held June 12, at the New England Aquarium.

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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