

**ANIMAL
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of BOSTON**



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ARL Joins MAF for Special Spay/Neuter Clinic in New Bedford

24 Animals to receive vital surgery

On Tuesday, May 7, the Animal Rescue League of Boston's (ARL) Spay Waggin' was in New Bedford to spay/neuter two dozen animals as part of an ongoing collaborative effort with ARL, the Massachusetts Animal Fund (MAF), and New Bedford Animal Control.

For several years, ARL and MAF have hosting these clinics along the South Coast, primarily Fall River. However, the need is also great in the New Bedford region, and the two organizations are pleased to partner with New Bedford Animal Control to provide these vital services to pet owners in New Bedford.

The surgeries are under the MAF voucher program, which distributes vouchers to qualifying low-income pet owners to cover the cost of the important procedure. This is also an appointment-only clinic, there is unfortunately no walk-in availability.

Due to high demand, many clients have been on a waiting list for a number of months to have their pets spayed or neutered.

MAF is a vital resource for pet owners throughout the Commonwealth, and also has direct ties to the New Bedford Community.

Senator Mark Montigny (D-New Bedford) has long been dedicated to improving animal welfare. In 2012 he was instrumental in creating the Massachusetts Animal Prevention and Care Fund (Massachusetts Animal Fund), which provides spay/neuter, vaccines, and emergency medical care to animals in low-income households and at risk of homelessness. Since its inception, The Massachusetts Animal Fund has helped over 20,000 dogs and cats. Senator Montigny has also championed various other animal welfare laws to protect animals and hold abusers accountable.

“Pets are beloved companions and family members who deserve the very best medical care and attention,” said Senator Montigny. “With higher costs of living, it is becoming increasingly more difficult to access high-quality, affordable care that is necessary to sustain a lifelong and loving home for an animal. I am so pleased that the Animal Rescue League is making its low-cost services available in New Bedford, and I look forward to their continued efforts in our community.”

For photos from the clinic click the Dropbox link below:

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/1w46qq6vb7rqu6jeivwo3/AMFxfhQMRBgRGYO8fjzcixVI?rlkey=tkmtdh3ptlre20hdl2s4moz5d&st=735pi4sk&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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