

**ANIMAL
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of BOSTON**



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ARL Caring for Stray Puppy with Severe Mange

Puppy found wandering along Boston highway

A 4-month-old puppy with severe mange is receiving treatment at the Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL), this after being found this week as a stray who was roaming along the busy Cummins Highway in Roslindale.

ARL invites members of the media to meet this puppy, learn more about her condition and long-term prognosis.

Media Availability

When: Friday, May 10, 9-11 a.m.

Where: ARL Boston Animal Care and Adoption Center, 10 Chandler St., Boston

Interview Opportunities: ARL staff

The puppy, named Petunia, was found Tuesday night along the Cummins Highway and taken to an emergency veterinary hospital for assessment and then transported to Boston Animal Control early Wednesday. Given the puppy will require long-term treatment, Boston Animal Control contacted ARL and brought Petunia to ARL's Boston Animal Care and Adoption Center.

While it is unknown where she came from or how she found her way to the busy roadway, ARL's focus right now is getting this helpless puppy on the path to recovery. Petunia is suffering

from severe demodectic mange, which is caused by mites living in the hair follicles of an animal, and results in fur loss and itchy skin. The puppy has fur loss on the majority of her body, but it's important to note that her condition is not contagious to other dogs or people.

The puppy's course of treatment will involve medicated baths twice-a-week to help soothe her skin and oral medications to clear the mange. Her treatment is expected to last 3-12 weeks and additionally, she will spend this time in foster care to provide her a quiet and calm environment to recover.

For photos of Petunia please click the Dropbox link below:

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/rnoekgx60nas6adnxi7ao/ADS2atjKfTC3627BfF4JUuc?rlkey=kwublqb3oqu7y6wbn5pk53pry&st=tkru1zhd&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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