

**ANIMAL
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Stray Puppy with Severe Mange Ready for Adoption

Puppy found wandering along Boston highway in May

A 4-month-old puppy with severe mange found as a stray along Cummins Highway in Roslindale back in May has made a remarkable transformation and is now ready to begin the next chapter of her life.

The Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL) invites members of the media to meet this puppy, learn more about her condition and see this amazing transformation first-hand.

Media Availability

When: Wednesday, June 26, 8:30-11 a.m.

Where: ARL's Dedham Animal Care and Adoption Center, 55 Anna's Place, Dedham

Interview Opportunities: ARL staff

The puppy, now named Petunia, made a quick recovery, her fur has grown back and she looks completely different than she did upon intake. Through medical treatment, foster care and her own strength and resilience, her transformation is utterly amazing. She is now ready to find her new home, and will be made available for adoption at ARL's Dedham Animal Care and Adoption Center, located at 55 Anna's Place in Dedham.

Petunia was found May 7 along the Cummins Highway and taken to an emergency veterinary hospital for assessment and then transported to Boston Animal Control early the next day. Knowing the puppy would 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 was to get the helpless puppy on the path to recovery. Petunia suffered 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 had fur loss on the majority of her body, however, her condition was not contagious to other dogs or people.

The puppy's course of treatment involved medicated baths twice-a-week to help soothe her skin and oral medications to clear the mange. Her treatment lasted just over a month, and she spent her recovery time in foster care, which was pivotal in the healing process.

For before/after photos of Petunia please click the Dropbox link below:

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/s0ujki2wlaq9s92814y27/AExQIFhSXCJYTSI0XH4JrZ8?rlkey=nkd6qmr8xdlijvir2d69fyvzq&st=lega1ke1&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](#), [LinkedIn](#), and [Instagram](#).

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