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ARL Building the Future of Animal Welfare in the South End

The Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL) is thrilled to announce it will be transforming how it cares for animals and supports pet owners with a new, state-of-the-art facility at its current home in the South End.

There is an urgent and pressing need to rebuild ARL's Boston Animal Care & Adoption Center and increase its capacity to help pets and animals in need. Today, animals are staying longer in care and require more time and resources than ever before to treat their unique needs. At the same time, pet owners need more support, from access to care, to pet food and supplies, and temporary pet housing.

"Our new facility isn't just a building; it's a symbol of our commitment to animals and the people who love them," stated **ARL President and CEO Dr. Edward Schettino**. "It is our honor to reinvest in the City the Boston, its residents, and its pets with a new world-class facility that will provide animals with the highest standards of care for generations."

ARL, one of the largest nonprofits in the Commonwealth, moved into its current Boston home at 10 Chandler Street in 1956 and has proudly served the Boston community offering innovative, award-winning programs for pets and pet parents. This central location makes its services accessible to the animals and people who need it most, especially in neighborhoods that face barriers. The proposed three-story facility will include a veterinary hospital, animal care and adoption center, space for dog training courses, a hub for support services for pet owners, and a second home for its newly established humane education program.

Construction is expected to begin in late spring 2025. Through the duration of the construction period, ARL anticipates uninterrupted operations of its Boston based programs to remain a reliable resource for the community.

For more information regarding this exciting project, please visit https://www.arlboston.org/boston-project/.

For architectural renderings of ARL's new facility, click the Dropbox link below: <u>https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/5c7w2deiw8m02754aj5s4/ACASsLJpcBCHa2K601rUcBw?rlke</u> <u>y=cg583xt0goxx4lqqgsoh8fcca&e=1&st=38pw15hc&dl=0</u>

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Pets are family. This belief is at the heart of everything we do at the Animal Rescue League of Boston. ARL is the first female-founded animal welfare organization in Massachusetts and is proud to carry on a legacy of kindness and compassion, helping more than 20,000 animals annually since 1899. Recognized for innovative, award-winning programs that go beyond sheltering, ARL addresses the root causes of the issues facing animals and the people who love them. By partnering with communities, ARL helps animals heal and thrive, keeps pets and people together, and protects animals from harm. Because there is no government funding for this important work, animals must rely on people like you to get the care they need, when they need it most, 365 days a year. For more information, visit <u>arlboston.org</u> and follow ARL on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>LinkedIn</u>, and <u>Instagram</u>.

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