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Severely Injured Stray Kitten in Care of ARL

Kitten likely injured in vehicle engine compartment

A three-month-old kitten is in the care of the Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL), after being found in a Dorchester parking lot with injuries likely due to being inside a vehicle engine compartment.

The kitten sustained a multitude of injuries, including burns, and ARL is asking for the public's support to help provide her with the care she needs.

ARL invites members of the media to meet the kitten, learn more about her story and the ongoing efforts to help her heal.

Media Availability

When: Wednesday, November 20, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Where: ARL's Boston Animal Care and Adoption Center, 10 Chandler St., Boston Interview Opportunities: ARL staff

The kitten, now named Cynthia, was found in a grocery store parking lot in Dorchester in late October, with the Good Samaritan finder realizing the kitten was in distress and needed help. The finder took the kitten home for a few days, but soon realized she needed medical intervention.

Upon arrival at ARL's Boston Animal Care and Adoption Center, Cynthia received a comprehensive veterinary exam, which revealed abrasions, lacerations, and second-to-third-

degree burns on her head, neck and abdomen. Given the pattern and appearance, it's likely the kitten suffered thermal burns while hiding in the engine compartment of a vehicle.

Although it will take some time, Cynthia is an amazingly resilient and friendly kitten, and is expected to make a full recovery and live a normal life. Once the healing process is complete she will made available for adoption, however, at this time there is no timeline on when that may happen.

Cynthia's medical care is already in the thousands, and ARL reminds the public that the organization does not receive any government grants or funding, relying on the generosity of like-minded individuals to make a difference in the lives of animals in need. To donate towards the care of Cynthia and animals like her, log onto https://arl.boston/arl-cynthia.

For photos of Cynthia please click the Dropbox link below: https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/52k673rwoxsndijs8o906/APA3TTlxYok9JbY3Wh5Z1z0?rlkey=1ifgoh5ku22wkhko1j1ciolct&st=snjawzjx&dl=0

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