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ARL's Spay Waggin' Celebrating 80,000th Surgery

ARL partnering with the YMCA of Greater Boston, improving the health and well-being of people and pets in our communities

On Wednesday, December 18, the Animal Rescue League of Boston's (ARL) Spay Waggin'® will be celebrating its 80,000th spay and neuter surgery during a special clinic in East Boston, in partnership with the YMCA of Greater Boston.

ARL and the YMCA of Greater Boston invite members of the media to acknowledge this milestone, and learn more about how we work together to help pets and people who love them through community-based programs.

Media Availability

When: Wednesday, December 18, 9-10 a.m.

Where: East Boston YMCA, 215 Bremen St., East Boston

Interview Opportunities: ARL President and CEO Dr. Edward Schettino, YMCA of Greater Boston President and CEO David Shapiro

ARL's mobile vehicle, the Spay Waggin', provides low-cost, high-quality spay/neuter services, and during this special clinic, more than two dozen animals will be having this important surgery performed, surpassing the 80,000 mark since the Spay Waggin' was first launched in 2000.

ARL is thrilled to have the opportunity and ability to provide this service to pet owners in East Boston as well as other Greater Boston communities, and to celebrate this occasion with the YMCA of Greater Boston.

ARL and the YMCA of Greater Boston have worked together since 2017, starting with a clinic at the YMCA's Dorchester location. This partnership has had a tremendous and positive impact in keeping pets and people together, and improving the health of both people and pets across Boston, including Dorchester, Roxbury, Mattapan, and East Boston neighborhoods.

"The Animal Rescue League of Boston is a resource for pet owners, and this is a momentous occasion for a program that is now in its 24th year of service," said **Dr. Edward Schettino, ARL President and CEO**. "We are proud of our work and the collaborative efforts of human service organizations like the YMCA of Greater Boston who helped innovative ideas become reality, helping countless pet owners in Boston."

"We are proud and honored to partner with the Animal Rescue League of Boston to mark this important milestone," said **David Shapiro, CEO Y of Greater Boston**. "We were energized to host the launch of this important innovation and outreach seven years ago, and it is incredibly meaningful to play a continued supporting role in collaboratively strengthening the bond between people and their pets, improving the health and well-being of both by removing barriers so all can better thrive in community."

ARL's Spay Waggin' provides spay/neuter services throughout the South Shore, South Coast, Cape Cod and the Islands, and Greater Boston. Without this program, this vital surgery for pets would financially be out of reach for many pet owners, and the Spay Waggin' not only provides a low-cost option, but also brings accessible services directly where they're needed most.

The Spay Waggin' is by appointment only, and any pet owners seeking this service can visit arlboston.org/services/spay-waggin/ for more information and to make an appointment.

ABOUT THE ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE OF BOSTON:

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 arlboston.org and follow ARL on [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#), and [Instagram](#).

ABOUT THE YMCA OF GREATER BOSTON:

The YMCA of Greater Boston, one of Massachusetts leading nonprofits and America's first Y, is dedicated to enhancing the mind, body, and spirit of individuals and families in our communities. For more than 170 years, the Y has been developing skills and emotional well-being through education and training, welcoming and connecting diverse populations, preventing chronic disease and building healthier communities. We provide welcoming,

belonging, and opportunity for all. For more information visit [Home - YMCA of Greater Boston \(ymcaboston.org\)](https://www.ymcaboston.org), or follow us on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), and [Instagram](#).

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