

**ANIMAL  
RESCUE  
LEAGUE  
of BOSTON**



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## **Stray Dog Likely Hit by Car in Care of ARL**

*Stray dog required amputation of severely fractured leg*

A one-year-old dog found as a stray and in need of an urgent surgery after likely being struck by a car is currently in the care of the Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL) and recovering well following the trauma.

ARL invites members of the media to meet the dog, learn more about his story and the collaborative effort to save his life.

### **Media Availability**

**When: Thursday, October 31, 8:30 a.m. - noon**

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

**Interview Opportunities: ARL staff**

The dog, now named Vincenzo, was found in Roxbury and initially rescued by Boston Animal Control. Not only was he suffering from a fractured leg which was likely the result of being hit by a car, he was emaciated, and during his initial exam at ARL, he was diagnosed with a heart murmur.

Vincenzo was in a tremendous amount of pain due to his injury, the fracture had begun to heal incorrectly, exacerbating the pain and impacting his gait and quality of life. ARL's shelter medicine team decided amputation was the best course of action, and following his surgery,

Vincenzo is healing, is on a refeeding plan to gain weight safely and slowly, and is also starting to discover something he had likely been without previously – toys!

Vincenzo is currently in foster care and ARL's veterinary staff continues to monitor his heart murmur, but it's expected this affectionate and playful pup will be ready to find his new home sometime in the next week.

### **Critical Care**

Vincenzo's injuries were not only severe, but impacted his quality of life.

ARL's shelter and community medicine staff provides the highest standards of animal care and are able to respond quickly to help animals like Vincenzo.

With surgery, diagnostics and other medical needs, Vincenzo's cost of care is well into the thousands, and ARL relies solely on the support of like-minded individuals like yourself to make it possible to help Vincenzo and animals like him.

By clicking the following link, you can help Vincenzo and animals like him receive everything he needs to recover and find the home he deserves: <https://arl.boston/Vincenzo>.

For photos of Vincenzo please click the Dropbox link below:

[https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/cz2fgnhyp9qblvzk49e5/AEINJWkC14Rkf-U\\_DY8VUuY?rlkey=pa1i1sjh5bz56kommo3pstfcs&st=99fgkovp&dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/cz2fgnhyp9qblvzk49e5/AEINJWkC14Rkf-U_DY8VUuY?rlkey=pa1i1sjh5bz56kommo3pstfcs&st=99fgkovp&dl=0)

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

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