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ARL to Host Boston City Councilor at Mattapan Pet Wellness Clinic

Ongoing mobile pet wellness clinic helps keep pets in homes and out of shelters

On Friday, October 11, the Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL) will host Boston City Councilor Enrique Pepén at its weekly Wellness Waggin' stop in Mattapan to showcase ARL's efforts to help keep pets happy, healthy, and in homes and out of shelters.

Pet owners are struggling, and ARL is thrilled that Councilor Pepén will have the opportunity to see first-hand the organization's efforts to provide essential services for pet owners in need.

ARL and Councilor Pepén invite members of the media to learn more about this innovative and impactful program to help pet owners in the Mattapan community and beyond.

Media Availability

When: Friday, October 11 @ 10 a.m.

Where: ABCD Mattapan, 535 River St., Mattapan

Interview Opportunities: ARL President and CEO Dr. Edward Schettino, Boston City Councilor Enrique Pepén, Wellness Waggin' clients

ARL's Wellness Waggin' served its first clients in 2019, and serves pet owners in Mattapan, Dorchester, Roxbury, East Boston and Hyde Park. The Wellness Waggin' provides low-cost, comprehensive pet wellness services for pet owners in communities that face barriers including lack of access to veterinary care and financial hardship pertaining to pet care.

The program has served nearly 15,000 since its inception, and in 2024, nearly 3,000 animals have been seen. Eleven percent of Wellness Waggin' clients reside in Mattapan.

It has never been harder to own a pet in Boston. Aside from being the fourth most expensive to live in the U.S., it's also one of most expensive cities in the country for veterinary care. ARL is a resource for pet owners, and the Wellness Waggin' is just one arm of the organization's community programs to assist pet owners. Other programs include the Spay Waggin', Keep Pets S.A.F.E. (Supporting Animals and Families Everyday), Temporary Pet Housing, just to name a few.

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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