

**ANIMAL  
RESCUE  
LEAGUE  
of BOSTON**



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## **Three Animals in Care of ARL Thanks to Acts of Kindness**

### *Stray cat in Dedham rescued by BJ's staff*

In the past week, the Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL) has taken in several animals thanks to Good Samaritans who took action when seeing an animal in distress, including a stray cat that was rescued by BJ's staff in Dedham after finding his way into the store. All three animals involved have found the homes they deserve and are thriving.

ARL wishes to acknowledge these inspiring acts of kindness to help animals in need.

Billie Joe, a 2-year-old male cat, was discovered at the BJ's in Dedham, after staff began hearing mewing in the store's vestibule several days earlier. Once the cat was located, staff safely corralled the cat, and then brought him to ARL's Dedham Animal Care and Adoption Center, located just minutes away from the store.

Billie Joe was not wearing a collar, ID tags and was not microchipped, but was neutered and in good health. He is extremely friendly and has settled in quickly to his new surroundings. The former outdoor cat was recently adopted and is thriving in his new home.

Mighty, a 2-year-old Pomeranian, was found alone by a couple visiting the area from out-of-state. The small dog was wandering along a busy roadway in West Roxbury, and fearing for the dog's well-being and safety, the couple stopped to pick up the animal. Mighty was not wearing a collar and was not microchipped, and he was taken to ARL's Boston Animal Care and Adoption Center.

Mighty received a thorough veterinary exam and neutered and he found the loving home he deserves this past week.

Also in Boston, Bonnie, a 1-year-old female cat, was found as a stray in late-February by a Good Samaritan on Shawmut Avenue who was worried about the cat being outdoors and on her own during a period of extreme cold.

The cat's finder took her in for a couple of days, contacting neighbors and others to try and find an owner. When the cat was not claimed, the Good Samaritan brought Bonnie to ARL, and while initially shy, she quickly warmed up and also found her new home in the past week.

ARL is the resource for local animals in our communities, and praises these Good Samaritans for their compassionate, and in the case of Bonnie, likely life-saving acts of kindness to help animals in need.

For photos of these animals, please click the Dropbox link below:

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/ajfjrgfyhhw97et76l1f/AJlfkFLq8aULEgkfsO12GsU?rlkey=2iq9ux3xp9yxkzcuke6cpdv4a&st=ia2zxy&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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