

**ANIMAL
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Transported Dogs from Los Angeles Fire Zones Ready for Adoption

ARL's Dedham Animal Care and Adoption Center caring for special pups

Just days after arriving at the Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL), nine dogs taken in from Los Angeles animal shelters, as part of a massive relocation effort, are ready to begin the next chapters of their lives.

ARL invites members of the media to meet these dogs and learn more about the collaborative transport operation.

Media Availability

When: Wednesday, February 5, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

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

Interview Opportunities: ARL staff

Although weather delayed the transport, ARL's Transport Waggin' met the plane in Philadelphia on Friday, January 31, to pick up the dogs, and bring them back to ARL's Dedham Animal Care and Adoption Center – arriving in the wee hours of the morning the next day.

Despite traveling 3,000 miles on a plane then over 600 miles in a vehicle, the large-breed dogs have settled in quickly and while fearful, are showcasing their personalities. They've also adapted to the change of environment, going from sunny California to snowy New England. They have received medical and behavioral evaluations and with clean bills of health are now ready to find their new homes and experience their first winter in Massachusetts.

It's important to note that these dogs were available for adoption in L.A. animal shelters, and not owned animals. With such a wide swath of destruction during the wild fires, resources are stretched to the limit, including animal shelters. Transport efforts like this are imperative, as they relocate animals seeking new homes, freeing up much-needed kennel space for displaced, injured and even owned animals that are unable to be with their families in the wake of being evacuated.

An enormous number of animals have been impacted by these wildfires and are in desperate need for care, and when animal welfare organizations band together to help create space in these shelters, even more animals are able to receive the basic necessities they need and deserve.

While gratifying and essential to assist those impacted by the wildfires, a transport of this magnitude is a costly endeavor, and those interested in donating to offset the cost of the relocation trip and cover the care of these dogs can visit <https://arl.boston/la-dogs>.

ARL is honored to have been part of this large collaborative effort to clear the shelters in L.A., and wishes to thank Wings of Rescue, Angel City Pit Bulls, and Best Friends for their dedication to find these dogs homes, and helping countless other animals when they need it most.

For photos of the dogs, and their journey to arrive at ARL, click the Dropbox link below: <https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/neh9bb5gvju6m33iviwqo/ALgXLI65x3V4z3U6SY-nY-E?rlkey=ii3fskjlo1aeyul64udbmesfd&st=s632oo91&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 and follow ARL on [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#), and [Instagram](#).

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