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Pair of Puppies Found Tethered to Tree Near ARL Dedham Campus

Incident an example of a pet owner in crisis

The Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL) is caring for a pair of 4-month-old puppies found tethered to a tree near ARL's Dedham campus – there was no malicious intent but is yet another example of a pet owner in crisis.

ARL acknowledges that many pet owners are facing tremendous challenges – and when people struggle, pets struggle. The rising cost of pet care, the housing crisis and financial hardship are all having a tremendous impact and are unfortunately causing some pet owners to make difficult decisions, and in some cases, take drastic actions.

ARL invites members of the media to meet these dogs and learn more about their story and ARL's efforts to help pet owners in need.

Media Availability

When: Friday, February 28, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

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

Interview Opportunities: ARL staff

The puppies, one male and one female, were discovered on the grounds of the Nobles and Greenough School, right next door to ARL's Dedham campus on February 12 and were brought to ARL immediately upon being found by Dedham Animal Control.

The Cane Corso-type dogs were wearing matching leashes and collars, and are in good condition – their coats are clean, nails are trimmed and they are both healthy.

“ARL realizes many pet owners are struggling, and we want the public to know that ARL is a resource,” stated Dr. Edward Schettino, ARL President and CEO. “Through community-based programs and services and reinvesting in the City of Boston to rebuild our animal care and adoption center, ARL’s goal is make every effort to help keep pets in homes and out of shelters, and when surrender is the only option, to offer a safe, judgement-free environment to help pet owners through this difficult decision.”

If you are a pet owner in crisis, ARL urges you to contact the organization to learn more about what resources may be available to help keep pets in homes and out of shelters. If surrender is your only option, ARL understands that while difficult, surrendering an animal in-person not only protects the animal, but allows ARL to gather information to help the pet move quickly through the shelter system. You can visit arlboston.org for more information about how to properly surrender an animal.

For photos of the puppies, please click the Dropbox link below:

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/g1ewhhiv70sxd433h6yfy/AAku5LAixTabTn-U5I1DBFk?rlkey=dab5eulv73ra1897ai2bxu0lf&st=265opqhr&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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