



## Improving the Lives of Shelter Dogs

**\$3 million grant helps develop the Animal Rescue League of Boston's Center for Shelter Dogs.**

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The Animal Rescue League (ARL) of Boston received a \$3 million grant from The Stanton Foundation to fund ARL's efforts to develop its Center for Shelter Dogs. The contribution is the largest ever in ARL's 109-year history.

Once completed, the Center for Shelter Dogs will provide a model for improving the welfare and placement of homeless dogs being cared for by humane organizations, animal control facilities, and rescue groups nationwide. To accomplish this goal, the center will improve its ability to screen for, evaluate, and resolve canine behavior problems, develop better methods of evaluating stress in shelter environments, and improve strategies for matching dogs with prospective adopters.

"We are honored to be selected by The Stanton Foundation to develop a world-class program for homeless dogs," said Jay Bown, president of the Animal Rescue League of Boston. "We are grateful to The Stanton Foundation for its financial call to action for shelter dogs in our society."