

Massachusetts State Police seek public's help in finding who chemically burned "Annie"

"The Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL) is currently caring for this one-year-old mixed-breed dog who was reportedly found as a stray in Norwood suffering from severe burns. ARL Law Enforcement is jointly investigating the incident with Norwood Police Animal Control as a case of animal cruelty and abandonment and is asking the public for any assistance in the investigation.

The case unfolded this past week when the dog, now named "Annie", was brought to the Norwood Police Station after reportedly being found along Route 1 in the area of Ellis Avenue. She was wearing a leash and collar, but did not have any tags or a microchip. Concerned for her welfare, Norwood Animal Control Officer Henry Cerqueira contacted ARL Law Enforcement and Annie was then transported to ARL's Dedham Animal Care and Adoption Center.

Annie's second-degree burns cover her head, neck, shoulders, front limbs and abdomen. ARL's shelter medicine team's first priority was to help manage her pain and provide treatment for the wounds. Given the severity of the burns and pain level, Annie was transferred to Tufts Veterinary Emergency Treatment & Specialties (Tufts VETS) in Walpole for several days to receive intensive 24-hour care and pain management.

Annie has returned to ARL's care but has a long road, perhaps months, of recovery ahead of her. ARL and its partners in this matter are committed to providing this dog with the treatment she desperately needs. Law enforcement is also committed to tirelessly investigate and determine who may have been responsible for this act of cruelty.

Anyone with information regarding Annie or this case is urged to contact ARL's Law Enforcement Department at 617-426-9170 x110 or email them at cruelty@arlboston.org, or call Norwood Police at 781-440-5100.

ARL wishes to thank Tufts VETS and Norwood Police and Animal Control for their ongoing assistance in caring for Annie." - Animal Rescue League of Boston Law Enforcement Division and the Norwood Police Department.