

## **NEW MEDICAL DIRECTOR JOINS ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL OF NYC (AC&C)**

### ***Dr. Lisa Hara Levin To Lead AC&C's Medical Department***

**New York, January 7, 2013** – As the new year kicks off, Animal Care & Control of NYC (AC&C) announces the appointment of Dr. Lisa Hara Levin, DVM, as its Medical Director, an executive level position overseeing the medical department across AC&C's locations in each of the five boroughs. Dr. Levin will be responsible for all veterinary medical and surgical functions in conjunction with AC&C's Chief Veterinarian, Dr. Michael Lund, who had been temporarily overseeing the department along with AC&C's Director of Operations, MeLissa Webber.

"We are delighted to welcome Dr. Levin to Animal Care & Control of NYC," Risa Weinstock, AC&C's Executive Director, says. "She brings an intelligent and compassionate approach to ensuring a humane standard of care for the thousands of animals entrusted to AC&C each year."

Dr. Levin's professional background is diverse and has featured shelter medicine (a uniquely challenging and growing veterinary field) and academic activities as primary components. She is interested in shelter enrichment strategies for the animals, pain management, and how existing animal law may be adapted to reflect the concerns of a society increasingly committed to animal welfare. Dr. Levin is a graduate of Cornell and Tufts universities and has postdoctoral training from The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine.



"I look forward to hearing from and speaking with my fellow New Yorkers about animal welfare concerns," Dr. Levin, originally from Staten Island, says. "And I'm excited to join a compassionate team devoted to caring for the neediest animals in NYC."

AC&C's medical department includes a Chief Veterinarian, four additional full-time vets, medical supervisors, medical clerks, and numerous licensed veterinary technicians, veterinary assistants, and animal care technicians. Every animal that comes through AC&C's doors is given an initial medical assessment and (immediately upon intake) appropriate vaccinations. AC&C is open to all animals in need, regardless of health and behavior, or species.

### **About Animal Care & Control of NYC**

Animal Care & Control of New York City (AC&C) is one of the largest animal welfare organizations in the country, taking in approximately 30,000 animals each year. As a 501 (c) (3) not-for-profit organization since 1995, AC&C rescues, cares for and finds loving homes for homeless and abandoned animals in New York City. AC&C facilities operate in all five boroughs. Visit [www.nycacc.org](http://www.nycacc.org) for more information.