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ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL OF NYC TO PARTICIPATE IN 'JUST ONE DAY' PROGRAM

—Extended hours and adoption specials to run all day—

New York, June 5, 2014 – On Wednesday, June 11, Animal Care & Control of NYC (AC&C) will join animal shelters across the nation that are participating in the 'Just One Day' event, which encourages shelters to suspend euthanasia on that day. Adoption hours will be extended until 8pm, adoption fees will be reduced and there will be no at-risk list the evening of June 10 and no euthanasia on June 11, unless deemed medically necessary for humane reasons. All three AC&C Care Centers will participate, and AC&C's Mobile Adoption Center will be at Petco Union Square with cats and dogs from 4 to 7pm.

"We are committed to finding families for as many of New York City's homeless animals as we can," said Risa Weinstock, Executive Director of AC&C. "This is a great opportunity to come together with the public and spread the word about all of the amazing animals we have in our shelters."

AC&C is one of the largest open-admissions shelters in the country, taking in approximately 30,000 animals each year. This translates to almost 80 animals each day entering the shelter. April through September -- "kitten season" -- are particularly busy months as thousands of kittens and cats are brought to the shelter. Last summer alone, AC&C took in nearly 6,000 cats, enough to fill every seat in Radio City Music Hall.

"Finding the right home for thousands of animals takes coordinated efforts at every level," said MeLissa Webber, Director of Operations at AC&C. "From our adoptions department to our New Hope Partnership we are committed to innovative and exciting programs to help increase placement of our companion animals."

In April 2014, AC&C achieved a Live Release Rate (LRR) of 86%, its highest ever. Live release rate (LRR) as defined by the Asilomar Accords is used as the standard among animal welfare industry leaders to calculate the percentage of animals that leave shelter facilities alive through Adoption, Return-to-owner, or Transfer to another non-profit agency that finds homes for the animals it receives.

All AC&C adoptions include vaccinations, a microchip, spay/neuter, dog license, one month of free pet health insurance, and a free office visit at a participating veterinarian. Individuals and families interested in adopting can visit one of AC&C's three Care Centers:

Manhattan (326 East 110th Street)

Brooklyn (2336 Linden Boulevard)
Staten Island (3139 Veteran's Road West)

Potential adopters can also visit AC&C's website at www.nycacc.org to view cats, dogs, and rabbits available for adoption.

About Animal Care & Control of NYC

Animal Care & Control of NYC (AC&C) is one of the largest animal welfare organizations in the country, taking in approximately 30,000 animals each year. AC&C is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that rescues, cares for and finds loving homes for animals throughout the five boroughs. AC&C has a contract with the City of New York to be an open-admissions organization, which means it never turns away any homeless, abandoned, injured or sick animal in need of help, including cats, dogs, rabbits, small mammals, reptiles, birds, farm animals and wildlife. It is the only organization in NYC with this unique responsibility. Visit <http://www.nycacc.org> for more information, and follow AC&C at [facebook.com/NYCACC](https://www.facebook.com/NYCACC) and [@NYCACC](https://twitter.com/NYCACC).