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Pit Bulls Rescued in Brooklyn Dogfighting Case Recovering Well

Animal Care & Control of NYC putting them up for adoption, anyone interested should email adoption@nycacc.org

NEW YORK — The seven pit bulls at the center of a recent dogfighting case in Brooklyn are recovering well, and Animal Care & Control of NYC (AC&C) is seeking placement for the rescued dogs.

“These dogs did nothing wrong, and they deserve to be in loving homes,” said Risa Weinstock, AC&C’s Executive Director. “Dogfighting is a criminal offense and the dogs are the innocent victims of illegal and abusive conduct.”

In May, the NYPD requested assistance from AC&C in conjunction with a search warrant for narcotics and weapons at a Brooklyn house, because the police were informed that there were dogs present. AC&C Field Officers rescued seven pit bulls from the location — several of whom had scarring consistent with dogfighting, and a few with recent wounds that hadn’t yet healed. The house also contained dogfighting paraphernalia such as dog treadmills, syringes, and a break stick. AC&C and the NYPD also uncovered a dogfighting pen in the garage.

AC&C provided emergency medical treatment and hospitalization for two of the dogs, made ill by a blood-borne parasite that is associated with dogs used to fight. One has since been permanently transferred to the ASPCA and the other moved to a foster home. Two more of the rescued pit bulls, Jill and Jackie, came in pregnant, and they and their 16 puppies are also currently being cared for in AC&C foster homes. Some of the dogs will soon be ready for adoption or placement with AC&C partner groups. Anyone interested in adopting is encouraged to email adoption@nycacc.org.



All the dogs still require medical care, which AC&C is able to provide the expensive treatment they need through its Special Treatment and Recovery (STAR) Fund, but only because donations make such care possible. Individuals can help ill and abused animals like these innocent dogs by donating to the STAR Fund (<http://nycacc.org/STARFund.htm>). Cases like this require fosters as much as they require funds, and AC&C urges those who can temporarily open their homes to a dog or cat in need to sign up for a foster orientation at <http://nycacc.org/Foster.htm>.

In addition to caring for the rescued dogs, AC&C and the ASPCA meticulously documented their condition, and took extensive photographic evidence. The Brooklyn District Attorney's office charged the alleged abuser with 22 counts of Prohibition of Animal Fighting, seven counts of Overdriving, Torturing and Injuring Animals, and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree, Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Fourth Degree, and Unlawful Possession of Ammunition. The case was featured on a recent episode of CBS' *Brooklyn DA*.

About Animal Care & Control of NYC

Animal Care & Control of New York City (AC&C) is one of the largest animal shelter-systems in the country, taking in more than 30,000 animals each year. As a 501 (c)(3) non-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 <http://nycacc.org> for more information.

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