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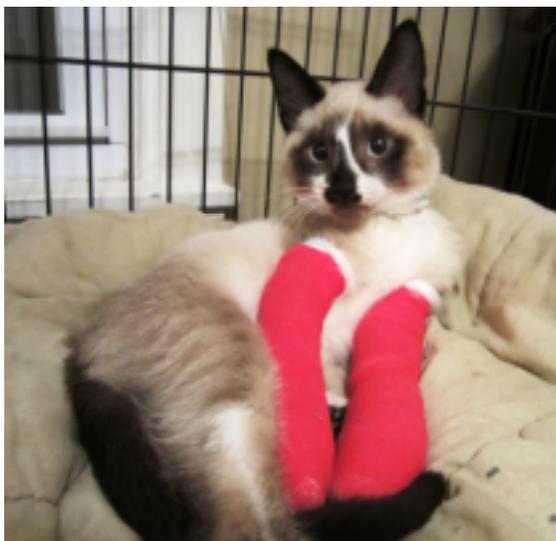
**AC&C is Urging Pet Owners to Protect Their Pets
against Deadly Falls from Open Windows**

(New York, May 13, 2011) – Gilbert, a four month old white snowshoe kitten, fell almost seven stories from an open apartment window. This type of situation happens so often in urban environments like NYC that the term has been coined “high rise syndrome”. Gilbert was lucky to survive the fall but he fractured the upper roof of his mouth and broke his two front legs. He was brought in to an AC&C Care Center by a good Samaritan and the AC&C medical team provided immediate emergency medical care in order to save his life.

Animal Care & Control of NYC (AC&C) is urging all pet owners to protect their pets from accidental falls from windows by making sure there are screens or “cat-proof” window guards on all open windows. Pet owners should keep their windows closed unless they have proper screens to keep their pets safe.

“Each year as the weather gets warmer, pet owners open their windows so they can enjoy the fresh air”, explains Julie Bank, Executive Director for AC&C. According to Ms. Bank, “AC&C sees two to three cats a day that have fallen from unprotected windows and unfortunately many of them don’t survive the fall.”

If you would like to donate to our STAR Program (Special Treatment and Recovery) which provides medical care to victim’s of high rise falls or are interested in joining our fostering team please visit our website at www.nycacc.org. Gilbert should be available for adoption in about three weeks. If you are interested in adopting him please send an email of interest to info@nycacc.org.



Gilbert

About Animal Care & Control

Animal Care & Control of New York City (AC&C) is the largest pet organization in the North East, with an estimated 40,000 animals rescued each year. As a non-profit organization since 1995, AC&C has been responsible for New York City's municipal shelter system; rescuing, caring for and finding loving homes for homeless and abandoned animals in New York City. AC&C facilities operate in all five boroughs to service all NYC communities.