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ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL OF NYC CELEBRATES ADOPT-A-CAT MONTH

-- Fee for Felines Reduced as AC&C Promotes the Purrfect Pet --

(New York) – Warmer weather brings with it picnics in the park, blossoming flowers...and lots of kittens. New Yorkers are likely to see many more babies in the shelters these days, as "kitten season" is well underway. And, as of June 1st, so is Adopt-a-Cat Month.

Animal Care & Control of NYC (AC&C) celebrates Adopt-a-Cat Month to educate the public about the many ways cats bring joy to New York families and to encourage adopting an animal from one of AC&C's Care Centers. For all of June, the adoption fee for cats over the age of six months will be just \$25. All adoptions include vaccinations, a microchip, spay/neuter, one month of free pet health insurance, and a free office visit at a participating veterinarian.

Self-identified cat people don't need to be told the virtues of felines. They know how comforting their presence can be, how amusing their determination to catch a fly. They know they possess both independence and an enormous capacity for affection, and that they can be as clumsy as they are graceful. One could watch, cuddle, and play with them for hours -- and never have to take them for a walk.

Those not familiar with the benefits of cat companionship have a strong incentive to learn: having a cat can be good for one's health, lowering blood pressure and raising spirits. Whether someone has had a kitty before or never so much as pet one, the Manhattan, Brooklyn, and Staten Island Care Centers are sure to have a cat that's a match.

Cat lovers unable to adopt right now but willing to house animals temporarily are encouraged to join in the spirit of the month by fostering a cat or kitten. The AC&C Foster program takes animals in need out of the Care Center environment and places them in the homes of caring individuals, who provide them with extra love and attention to get them ready for adoption. Potential foster parents can sign up for an orientation at <http://www.nycacc.org/OrientationDates.htm>.

Those interested in adopting can visit one of AC&C's three Adoption Care Centers, which are open from 12 p.m. – 7 p.m. daily:

Manhattan 326 East 110th Street	Brooklyn 2336 Linden Boulevard	Staten Island 3139 Veteran's Road West
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Potential adopters can also view available animals at www.nycacc.org. Donations to help the cats, dogs, and rabbits in AC&C Care Centers can be made online as well.

Committed to Caring

Individuals or families interested in adopting a pet are also invited to attend our off-site adoption events:

- **Richmond Hill Block Association Pet Fair** – Sat., June 9, from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Forest Park (Buddy Monument Plaza, at the intersection of Myrtle Avenue and Park Lane South, Richmond Hill, Queens
- **Fenwick Keats** - Saturday, June 16, from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.
45 7th Avenue, Manhattan
- **Armani Exchange** - Saturday, June 23, from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Jackson Square Park on 8th Avenue, on Horatio and 13th Street, Manhattan

About Animal Care & Control

Animal Care & Control of New York City (AC&C) is the largest animal organization in the Northeast, with nearly 35,000 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.