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KITTEN THROWN FROM A MOVING VEHICLE ON THE VERRAZANO BRIDGE
AC&C IS LOOKING FOR ADDITIONAL WITNESSES

(New York - July 6, 2011) – While transporting animals to the Staten Island Care Center, an Animal Care & Control of NYC (AC&C) animal control officer witnessed a kitten being thrown from the window of a moving car on the Verrazano Bridge. The animal control officer safely stopped his vehicle and took immediate action to try and rescue the kitten. With the assistance of some very concerned truck drivers who helped block traffic, the little kitten, which was at the edge of the bridge, was safely rescued and transported to AC&C’s Staten Island Care Center located at 3139 Veteran’s Road West. Staff affectionately named this five week old all gray kitten “Verrazano.”

AC&C staff at the shelter checked him over for injuries and was relieved that he was okay. “It is unthinkable that someone could do something so heartless and cruel to an animal,” explained Julie Bank, Executive Director of AC&C. “If AC&C wasn’t crossing the bridge at that time who knows what may have happened to Verrazano.”

If you can no longer care for your pet, please bring it to an animal shelter. AC&C and other shelters are there to help.

AC&C is looking for any additional witnesses that may have information that will help identify the person or persons responsible for this cruel act. If you have information or you are interested in adopting Verrazano, please email AC&C at info@nycacc.org. You can also visit the website to find out more about donating to the Special Treatment and Recovery (STAR) program that helps care for injured and ill animals, adopting a pet, and volunteering to help us care for the nearly 40,000 animals we rescue each year. The web address is www.nycacc.org.



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About Animal Care & Control

Animal Care & Control of New York City (AC&C) is the largest pet organization in the North East, with nearly 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.

