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## **MAKE THE HOLIDAYS PURR-FECT WITH ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL'S ADOPTION SPECIAL AND SAFETY TIPS**

**NEW YORK** – Celebrate the holidays and ring in the New Year with new furry family members! From December 1, 2012 through January 1, 2013, Animal Care & Control of NYC (AC&C) is holding a 2-for-1 cat adoption special. Animal adoptions, gift certificates and dog licenses are available during the holiday season at all three of the AC&C adoption centers.

Potential adopters can also meet some of our wonderful felines at the “Whiskers in Wonderland” adoption event on December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 12pm to 5pm at the Union Square Petco (860 Broadway, New York, NY).

First-time and longtime pet owners alike can benefit from the following tips from AC&C to ensure that pets stay safe, healthy and happy during the holiday season:

### **DO NOT**

- Feed them table scraps - scraps can cause vomiting, diarrhea and stomach pain.
- Feed them candy and chocolate - these can be very toxic and even fatal.
- Give them turkey bones - they can cause blockages and intestinal damage.
- Ignore them during the busy holiday season - may lead to behavioral problems.
- Give them tinsel, ribbons or other decorations to play with - can cause intestinal blockages, which can be fatal.

### **DO**

- Buy them a gift. Specially made dog/cat toys and treats work best.
- Shower them with love and attention by taking them for a walk on a leash.
- Buy a dog license and a new collar to keep them identified in case they get lost.
- Consider adopting them a playmate once the holiday season is over. Make it a family event.
- Keep them inside and secure from open doors, crowds, and unfamiliar people during holiday get-togethers.
- Try to stick to your pet's regular routine and schedule to lower their stress level.

Animal lovers wanting to help homeless animals during this season of giving are encouraged to donate towels, blankets, toys and pet food to their local AC&C Care Center. Donations can be dropped off at the following locations:

Manhattan  
326 East 110th Street

Brooklyn  
2336 Linden Blvd.

Staten Island  
3139 Veteran's Rd. West

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New York, NY 10029

Brooklyn, NY 11208

Staten Island, NY 10309

**About Animal Care & Control**

Animal Care & Control of New York City (AC&C) is the largest animal organization in the Northeast, rescuing nearly 34,000 animals each year. As a 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 AC&C's website at [www.nycacc.org](http://www.nycacc.org) for more information.

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