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Rudolph the Cat Injured Seeking Warmth on a Car Engine

AC&C Reminds Car Owners to Bang on the Hood of Your Car Before Starting It

New York – Rudolph, a three-year-old black and white male domestic shorthair cat, was found severely injured on a car engine he was sleeping on top of in Brooklyn last week. Rudolph suffered severe injuries to his front and left hind legs when the car was started. Animal Care & Control of NYC (AC&C) animal control officer rescued Rudolph with the help of several good Samaritans. He was transported to an AC&C clinic where he received emergency veterinary care. Rudolph's prognosis is good but doctors are watching him closely to see if they can save his hind leg. AC&C needs donations to pay for Rudolph's medical care and Rudolph is looking for an adoptive home.



Rudolph

During the cold weather months free roaming cats will often seek warmth by climbing up inside car engines.

“Without knowing the cat is on their engine a motorist starts the car and the moving parts of the engine cause serious injury and in some cases death to the cat,” said Julie Bank, executive director of Animal Care & Control of NYC. “AC&C reminds motorists, especially those who have cats living with or near them, to gently bang on the hood of their car before starting it so it gives a cat time to get out before the engine is started.”

Banging on the car hood can prevent serious injuries to a cat that is seeking warmth and shelter on a car engine.

Cat owners should also keep their cat indoors during inclement weather. Animals can become hypothermic, meaning their body temperature can fall below normal levels, if they are left outside. In cold or bad weather, animals are much safer and happier indoors.

AC&C is asking for donations to pay for Rudolph's medical expenses. Medical care for injured or ill animals like Rudolph is paid for from donations to AC&C's Special Treatment and Recovery (STAR) Fund.

If you want to obtain more information about adopting Rudolph, donating to the STAR Fund or becoming an AC&C foster parent please visit, AC&C's website at www.nycacc.org .

About Animal Care & Control

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

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