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**ANIMAL CARE CENTERS OF NYC ISSUES PLEA TO PUBLIC FOR HELP WITH STAGGERING NUMBER OF CATS IN MANHATTAN LOCATION**

*Calling on the community to help burgeoning feline population*

**NEW YORK, July 20, 2015** –Animal Care Centers of NYC (ACC)’s Manhattan shelter is overflowing with cats, and calling on the community of animal lovers to help by adopting a fabulous feline friend today. The nonprofit organization is waiving adoption fees for all cats one year or older.

“This year we have already taken close to 10,000 cats into our care. That’s over 1,000 more cats than last year at this time,” said ACC Executive Director Risa Weinstock. “The increase in the amount of cats coming to ACC so early in this summer season has made it ever more important for animal lovers to open their hearts and homes to a wonderful cat companion—or two!--today.”

April through September -- “kitten season” -- are particularly busy months for open-admissions shelters across the nation as hundreds of kittens and cats are brought in every single day. So far in 2015, even with more cats coming in than last year, ACC and its New Hope community have maintained a live release rate for cats at over 85%. However, the staggering number of cats coming in each day means more adopters are needed.

“There are hundreds of thousands of animal lovers in Manhattan,” said Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer. “I encourage all New Yorkers looking for a new feline friend to consider giving one of ACC’s hundreds of cats a loving home.”



*Luli, Ella and Hendrix are just a few of the many adorable cats at ACC in need of homes.*

Potential adopters can meet great cats at ACC’s three Care Centers, open for adoptions 12pm-8pm Monday through Friday and 10am-6pm Saturday and Sunday:

**Manhattan** - 326 East 110th Street

**Brooklyn** - 2336 Linden Boulevard

**Staten Island** - 3139 Veterans Road West

As part of its push to get cats adopted, ACC is also bringing several felines to its Mobile Adoption Center events throughout the month of July. Upcoming events:

**July 25, 11-4pm: Petco Turtle Bay**, 991 Second Ave, New York, NY 10022

**July 25, 12-4pm: Petco Riverdale**, 193 West 237th Street, Bronx, NY 10463

**July 26, 12-4pm: Petco Sheepshead Bay**, 1610 Avenue Y, Brooklyn, NY 11235

Cats available for adoption can be viewed online at <http://nycacc.org/AdoptionSearch.htm>, or on ACC's free mobile app (available on [Google Play](#) and [iTunes](#)). ACC adoptions include vaccinations, a microchip, spay/neuter, a free office visit at a participating veterinarian and a free identification tag.

### **About Animal Care Centers of NYC**

Animal Care Centers of NYC (ACC) is one of the largest animal welfare organizations in the country, taking in more than 30,000 animals each year. ACC is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that rescues, cares for and finds loving homes for animals throughout the five boroughs. ACC is an open-admissions organization, which means it never turns away any homeless, abandoned, injured or sick animal in need of help, including cats, dogs, rabbits, small mammals, reptiles, birds, farm animals and wildlife. It is the only organization in NYC with this unique responsibility. Visit [www.nycacc.org](http://www.nycacc.org) for more information, and follow ACC at [facebook.com/NYCACC](https://www.facebook.com/NYCACC) and [@NYCACC](https://twitter.com/NYCACC).

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