ANIMAL CARE CENTERS OF NYC
BOARD MEETING
June 2022
New York City
Animal Care Centers
City-Managed Capital Projects
Update June 2022
Overview

- Staten Island Shelter (Total Renovation)
- Brooklyn Shelter (Total Renovation)
- Manhattan Adoption Center (New)
- Bronx Full Service Shelter (New)
- Queens Full Service Shelter (New)
Brooklyn Animal Care Center

- Project re-bid anticipated Summer 2022.
- Move-in projected for Spring 2025.
Brooklyn Animal Care Center

LOOKING AT PERGOLA FROM PARKING LOT
Brooklyn Animal Care Center
Bronx Animal Care Center

• Design completed March 2022.
• Construction procurement ongoing.
• Construction start projected for Winter 2023.
• Move-in projected for Spring 2025.
Bronx Animal Care Center

VIEW FROM BARTOW AVE

VIEW FROM CO-OP
Staten Island Animal Care Center

- Projected phase 2 substantial completion - June 2022
- Exterior landscaping completion - June 2022
Staten Island Animal Care Center

• Phase 2 construction is nearing completion (main adoption entrance, parking lot, and dog run)
Manhattan Pet Adoption Center

• Anticipated Move-in January 2023.
Manhattan Pet Adoption Center

- Installation of wall framing, duct work, and electrical ongoing.
QUEENS FULL-SERVICE SHELTER
New opening 2023
TRENDS IN ANIMAL WELFARE

Shelters at Capacity as Adoptions Wane

- 'We're pretty maxed out right now': Orange County animal shelter battles overcrowding
- LA animal shelters reach capacity, ask Angelenos for help
- San Francisco SPCA shelter full, looking for loving families for adult dogs
- BARCS low on space; waives adoption fees, asks rescue organizations to take animals
- S.I. animal shelter issues plea to pet lovers: 'We're really struggling' to handle influx of animals.
- Fresno Humane says it's in crisis mode

Animal shelters see an overflow of guinea pigs citywide
DISEASE OUTBREAK AT MACC

• Adopted puppy (MACC) presents with pneumonia
• Daily cases of CIRDC on the rise in MACC
• Puppy dies and tests are run
• Two pathogens detected
  • StrepZoo
    • not present since 2009
    • very concerning
  • Pneumovirus
• Infectious disease response initiated
Baseline data in May

- 75% of canine population symptomatic for CIRDC

  Of these, 9 dogs develop pneumonia

  Of these, 4 dogs die

  Of these, 2 test positive for strep zoo

- No pneumonia in BACC or SIACC at this time
DISEASE OUTBREAK AT MACC

Infectious disease protocol

• Reduce canine overcrowding in MACC through foster, adoption & New Hope placement
• Prophylactic penicillin administration with assistance from ASPCA®
• MACC closed to canine intakes – diverted to BACC
• Daily dog population capacity reduced from 100+ to 45 – 69
• Increased biosecurity (PPE)
• Environmental sampling
DISEASE OUTBREAK AT MACC

Risk Factors

• Stress
• Staffing #s
• Kennel space
• Population
• Population
• Population
• Building limitations

-originally built in 1920 as a one-story factory
POPULATION SHIFT TO BACC

Consequences

MACC population remains low and healthy

- Receiving better care/enrichment, on walking schedules, able to

BACC is now seeing 5-8 cases of CIRDC a day

- No ability to isolate - all rooms have sick dogs
- All transfer doors down
- Currently have 27 sick dogs
Operating Within Our Capacity-for-Care

• Operating outside of our C4C leads to:
  - Disease
  - loss of life
  - employee burnout
  - workplace injuries

• Pneumonia cases can reach upwards of $5,000/animal

• Tens of thousands of dollars spent in antibiotics and other treatments

• Remember Cat Flu? Cost for recovery was over $500,000
LIVE INTAKE BY SOURCE

Year Over Year (Jan – May)

**Stray**
- Dog: 824 ↑11%
- Cat: 1,396 ↑11%
- Guinea Pig: 63 ↑21%
- Rabbit: 92 ↑180%

**Owner Surrender**
- Dog: 917 ↑25%
- Cat: 1,698 ↑20%
- Guinea Pig: 244 ↑88%
- Rabbit: 127 ↑71%
INTAKE BY SOURCE
Owner Surrender Deep Dive

- **6,724**
  - **776**
  - **2,375**
  - **2,986**
  - **587**

**Owner Surrender**
- Dog: 917 (up 25%)
- Cat: 1,698 (up 20%)

**Dogs**
1. Housing
2. Behavior
3. No time

**Cats**
1. Housing
2. Too many
3. Medical issues of guardian
LIVE INTAKE BY SPECIES
Jan - May 2022

Starting to average 50 pets a day

Jan 22: 542
Feb 22: 485
Mar 22: 603
Apr 22: 718
May 22: 928
PLACEMENT RATE (JAN – MAY)

Dogs 94% (94% in 2021)

Placement rate = Adoptions + RTH + New Hope/Total outcomes (does not include end-of-life services, in-shelter death or dogs in foster/still available)
PLACEMENT RATE (JAN – MAY)

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- **Medical Euthanasia**: 7.9%
- **Reunification**: 3.7%
- **Adoption**: 51.6%
- **New Hope Placement**: 36.8%

Total number of Cats with outcomes: 2,962
COMPANION ANIMAL PLACEMENT

Adoptions
- Trial adoption program encourages placement
- 186 trial adoptions completed (Jan-May)

New Hope
- 188 different partners pulled
- Added 13 new partners

Partners pulling 25+ animals
- Rock N'Rescue
- No Paw Left Behind Animal Rescue
- ASPCA (Kitten Nursery)
- CARE of DC (Compassionate Animal Rescue Efforts..)
- Feline Rescue of Staten Island
- Pound Hounds Rescue
- Bald is Beautiful Hairless & Small Breed Rescue
- ASPCA (New York)
- Amsterdog Rescue
- Whiskers-AGoGo Inc
- Patricia Ladew Foundation
- Brooklyn Bridge Animal Welfare Coalition
- DGI Paws Incorporated
- Waggytail Rescue
- Everlasting Hope Animal Advocacy & Rescue
- Best Friends Animal Society
- Ready for Rescue
- Animal Kind
- Zani's Furry Friends

Cat adoption up 61% YOY
Dog adoption up 81% YOY
Adoptions 2,284
New Hope 2,231
RTH 390

Jan - May 2022
FOSTER PROGRAM

Added 733 new Fosters to the program
- 348 new cat fosters
- 302 new dog fosters
- 146 new kitten fosters
- 54 small animals (rabbit, guinea pigs, rodents)

Total Pets Fostered (Jan - May)

14 Foster Orientations
- 5 Adult Cat Foster Orientations
- 5 Dog Foster Orientations
- 3 Kitten Foster Orientations
- 1 Neonate Kitten Foster Orientation
FOSTER PROGRAM

The Return of Boroughbreaks!
COMMUNITY RESOURCES
(JAN-MAY)
Providing resources to those most in need

- 11 pet pantry events serving 1,183 clients
- 50,043 LBS pounds of food distributed to clients via pantry events, curbside delivery, Center pick-ups, and Chewy orders
- 4 Clinics serving 512 pets (Vaccine/Microchip & Wellness Clinics)
- 145 pets spayed/neutered at 10 Toby Project Spay/Neuter Clinics
- 36 Dog training clients for whom we funded
- 120 Cat clients assisted by ACC Cat Behavior Expert
- 317 pets stay with their families by providing financial assistance with vet care from funding provided by the ASPCA®.
  - *We helped with everything from vaccines and minor wounds to intensive surgeries.*
COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Navigating the human side of animal welfare

Special Case Advocates

- Animal welfare from a social services perspective
- Team formed in April 2022
- Total cases: 67
- Open cases: 4
- Homelessness, Eviction, and Hospitalization have been the most common situations experienced
- Social work experience has been paramount to assisting clients
- Grant funded by ASPCA®
ANIMAL PROTECTION LEGISLATION

Companion Animal Care Standards Act
A.6246-C / S.6870-B (Paulin / Addabbo)

This legislation uses the Association of Shelter Veterinarians’ (ASV) Guidelines for Standards of Care in Animal Shelters to provide comprehensive, uniform facility and animal care standards to improve shelter management and care.

A sign that New York State takes animal welfare seriously!
Prohibits retail sale of dogs, cats and rabbits in pet stores across New York State. Investigations have shown that puppies sold in pet stores frequently come from commercial breeding operations that prioritize profit over the well-being of the animals, where dogs are often kept in crowded cages their entire lives without adequate shelter, veterinary care, food or socialization.

"Shutting down the puppy mill pipeline in New York State—which has one of the country’s highest concentrations of pet stores that sell puppies—will help stop retail sellers and commercial breeders from engaging in and profiting from unconscionable brutality. We urge Governor Hochul to sign this bill to signal New York’s determination to reject animal cruelty."

—Matt Bershadker
ASPCA President & CEO
Ban on Sale of Guinea Pigs
NYC Council Introduction 4
Sponsored by Council Member Diana Ayala
28 total co-sponsors

This legislation would prohibit the sale of guinea pigs as pets.

Since 2018, the annual intake of guinea pigs at ACC has more than doubled:
- 2018: 325
- 2021: 709

Since the start of the pandemic, ACC has taken in more than 1,065 guinea pigs.
STOP THE OVERPOPULATION CYCLE

A Call for Community Help

- Adopt
- Foster
- Donate
- Help your neighbors
- Support local rescuers
- Share pets on social media
- Spay/neuter your pet
- Microchip your pet
- Rehome on your own
- Leave kittens with mothers

VOLUNTEER!
VOLUNTEERS ARE ESSENTIAL

We can't do it without volunteers!
NOW IS YOUR CHANCE TO HELP

Volunteer Orientations

Animal Care Centers of NYC

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT OUR BROOKLYN CARE CENTER!

If you have a passion for animals and are looking to make a difference, Animal Care Centers of NYC (ACC) needs your help! We have various volunteer opportunities at our Brooklyn Care Center, including:

- Dog Walking (experienced only)
- Rabbit & Guinea Pig companions
- Building enrichment toys
- Teaching cats to high five
- Assisting our operations team
- And much more!

Virtual Volunteer Orientation | Thursday, June 23 at 2pm

nycacc.org/volunteer

How to join? Go the webpage on the 23rd and click the “Brooklyn ACC Volunteer Orientation” button!

Animal Care Centers of NYC

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT OUR STATEN ISLAND CARE CENTER!

Staten Island ACC is seeking daytime volunteers! This is a support role and doesn’t involve direct animal handling. In this role, volunteers will assist with client care greeting and the operational tasks of the care center.

Virtual Volunteer Orientation | Friday, June 24 at 1pm

nycacc.org/volunteer

How to join? Go the webpage on the 24th and click the “Staten Island ACC Volunteer Orientation” button!