**ACC** Animal Care Centers of NYC

## Animal Care Centers of NYC Releases First Quarter 2019 Data

*Overall placement rate reaches 94.4 percent — puts NYC as one of the nation's leaders in placement of dogs, cats and rabbits*

**May 3, 2019 —** Animal Care Centers of NYC (ACC), the only open-admissions animal shelter serving all five boroughs, today announced its 2019 first quarter data, available to the public here. The overall placement rate reached 94.4 percent with 94.3 percent of cats, 94.5 percent of dogs and 100 percent of rabbits in its centers being placed either through adoptions to the public or through its adoption partner program. This historic placement rate puts NYC as one of the nation's leaders in the placement of dogs, cats and rabbits among shelters that publicly report data and have average annual intakes exceeding 25,000 animals. Direct adoptions also hit a historic high, up 15 percent over last year at this time. ACC attributes the increase in placement rate to maintaining an optimum balance of shelter population along with increased outreach to the community in the form of free clinics, surrender prevention programs and bringing resources to underserved neighborhoods.

"There isn't just one factor that has led to our success," said **ACC's President and CEO Risa Weinstock**. "It is all of our departments working in concert to provide the best care to the homeless and abandoned animals of NYC. From field rescue to mobile adoption events, to increased staffing in Veterinary Services and more awareness of ACC resources available to the community. These efforts, combined with a tremendous support network of partners like the ASPCA and our 200 active New Hope adoption partners enable ACC to place more and more animals."

"Our animal shelters are an important resource for animals-in-need and for the countless New Yorkers who rely on Animal Care Centers of NYC to help them find a pet," said **Mayor de Blasio**. "I congratulate ACC on these historic placement rates. Their continued success in getting homeless pets adopted is exemplary, and I am proud they have been able to accomplish so much for New York City animals and pet owners."

"The historic placement rate is a testament to Animal Care Centers and their commitment to New Yorkers and their pets," said **Health Commissioner Dr. Oxiris Barbot**. "I want to thank ACC for its work in providing excellent services and finding loving homes for our furry friends."

"Animal Care Centers of New York has again demonstrated an outstanding commitment to helping the city's animals in need," said **Council Member Paul Vallone**. "I'm proud to have passed legislation, signed into law by the Mayor last year, which made full service animal shelters a reality for all five boroughs by 2024. ACC, which shares the belief that all animals should be protected and given the opportunity to find a home, will be an instrumental part of seeing this measure become reality, and I thank them for their continued hard work."

"It's very encouraging to see placement rates increasing as the ACC works to find homes for the many animals in this city," said **Council Member Robert Holden**. "I partnered with ACC this year to bring a record number of vaccines to dogs and cats in my district, and I look forward to hosting many more events together in the future as we strive to raise the placement rates even more."

"ACC's comprehensive and progressive approach to serving the needs of New York City's pets and people is a critical factor to their sustained success, and we applaud and support their tremendous efforts," said **Matt Bershadker, President and CEO of the ASPCA**®. "The ASPCA is proud to partner with ACC to pursue our shared goal of providing increased access to pet-related services for the city's low-income and underserved communities."

Ending animal homelessness in a major metropolitan city like New York involves much more than simply increasing adoptions. ACC serves the community in a variety of ways including providing humane education, field rescue, counseling services, lost and found assistance as well as operating the only shelters to accept all animals in need.

New Yorkers are encouraged to play an active role in animal welfare by adopting, fostering, volunteering and/or donating to animals in need. For more information, please visit **nycacc.org**.

ACC animal available for adoption can be viewed online at **nycacc.org**, or on ACC's free mobile app (available on Google Play and iTunes).

**About Animal Care Centers of NYC**
Animal Care Centers of NYC (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. For more information, please visit www.nycacc.org, and be sure to follow NYCACC on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

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# Q1 2019 Community Report
January, February, March

**1,874** Adoptions
1,116 🐱
689 🐶
69 🐰

**1,894** Placed with New Hope Partners
🐱 1,271 🐶 602 🐰 21

**346** Cats & Dogs Returned Home

**— 4,843 —** Animals — taken in —

**471** surrender **PREVENTIONS**

**8,516** HOURS volunteered

**405** Animals in Foster

❤️**741** Community Pets Vaccinated & Microchipped

**285** Spay/Neuter Appointments

**9,595** lbs of pet food distributed

**782** Kids participated in ACC humane education

**70** Outreach Events

**Countless** new members of the ACC community!

**Social Media Followers** 🅕 49,164 📷 30,925 🐦 12,213        **94.4% Placement Rate**