



PURRS & PETALS

ACC's Springtime Tails

SPRING IS IN THE AIR at the STATEN ISLAND ANIMAL CARE CENTER!



Last newsletter we shared that the Staten Island Board of Realtors helped fund the Scent Enrichment Garden at the new Staten Island Animal Care Center. Initially designed for the enrichment of the dogs at the Care Center, the garden has blossomed into a community space where ACC has been forging partnerships with other animal-loving community stakeholders.

We recently welcomed the **College of Staten Island (CUNY) Women's Soccer Team** for a Day of Service at the Care Center to tend to the garden and get it

ready for its rebirth this year. The team not only assisted with the garden but also helped spruce up the grounds of the Care Center, as well as neighboring areas on Veterans Road that were in need of some TLC. The result of all this teamwork is an eye-catching and sweet-smelling scent enrichment experience for people and pets alike!

BRONX CARE CENTER CONSTRUCTION GAINING GROUND



Construction of the Bronx Animal Care Center is progressing, with officials recently celebrating a "topping off" ceremony to mark the completion of the structural steel framework. This 50,000-square-foot facility is set to become *the borough's first full-service public animal shelter*, addressing a long-standing need for local animal care services in the Bronx.

Once completed, the center will be able to offer a warm bed and plenty of kind, humane care for over 200 dogs, cats, rabbits, guinea pigs. Additional features include exercise runs, large courtyards and community spaces, educational programs for children, and volunteer opportunities for seniors. We can't wait to welcome you to this incredible new space—and to help more animals find loving forever homes in the Bronx!

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CONSTRUCTION KICKS OFF IN BROOKLYN

Construction is officially underway on the new and improved Brooklyn Animal Care Center (BACC). The former ACC Care Center on this exact site was demolished to make way for a modern, sustainable, 23,800-square-foot building designed to accommodate 300 animals. BACC will feature dedicated spaces for adoptions, admissions, lifesaving medical services, and comfortable housing for each animal resident.

Highlights of the new center include two rooftop dog runs for enrichment and exercise, a state-of-the-art medical suite for both urgent and preventive care, and vibrant murals by artist Olalekan Jeyifous (LEK) titled *Colorful Companions*, adding warmth and character throughout the facility.

MANHATTAN WINS GOLD

The reviews and awards continue to be bestowed on ACC's newly opened Manhattan Pet Adoption Center (PAC), which recently received the honor of "Gold Winner" of the 2025 Urban Design & Architecture Design Awards! Designed by Studio Joseph, this award recognizes PAC's thoughtful architecture that prioritizes comfort and support for both animals and potential adopters, offering each dog a roomy and calming space, and each cat their own multi-level cat condo!



Since opening in the fall of 2024, the number of animal adoptions has increased dramatically, with animals spending an average of two weeks instead of four in the Adoption Center before leaving with their new family and into a cozy, loving home. This recognition underscores the importance of creating spaces that prioritize the health and happiness of our animals while serving the needs of our community.



ACC IS TURNING 30—AND YOU'RE INVITED!

This year, ACC is celebrating 30 years of service. Since our founding in 1995, we have worked tirelessly to end animal homelessness in New York City, facilitating thousands of adoptions and reuniting lost pets with their families.

To commemorate this milestone, ACC will host a 30th Anniversary Benefit on June 4, 2025 at the stunning **Tribeca 360°** in Manhattan. This milestone celebration will be an unforgettable evening filled with joy, community, and of course—adorable, adoptable pets.

We hope to see you there! If you have any questions about the event, please reach out to rsvp@nycacc.org or visit bit.ly/ACC30thBirthday to learn more.

For three decades, ACC has been a lifeline for NYC's most vulnerable animals—giving them love, care, and second chances. With exciting progress ahead, we can't wait to share each heartwarming milestone with you!