



Testimony

of

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**New York City Council Committee on Health**

on

**Oversight: Animal Shelters; and Intro. 401**

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Good morning Chairperson Levine, Councilmember Vallone and members of the Health Committee. My name is Corinne Schiff, and I am the Deputy Commissioner for the Division of Environmental Health at the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. On behalf of Commissioner Bassett, thank you for the opportunity to testify on the Department's animal shelter work. Testifying with me today is Risa Weinstock, President and CEO of Animal Care Centers of New York City.

One of the important missions of the Department is to promote and protect human health by working to prevent, discover, and intervene in cases of animal-borne diseases. The scope of our veterinary public health work is broad and ranges from inspecting animal handling facilities to investigating animal nuisance complaints and monitoring wildlife and domestic animals for diseases that can impact human health. Today I will speak specifically to our work as it relates to animal shelters.

The Department is charged with managing and caring for the City's population of owner-surrendered, abandoned, homeless and lost animals. In 1995, the City created a nonprofit entity – now known as Animal Care Centers or ACC – to operate the animal shelter system. The services the Department carries out through a contract with ACC include receiving and sheltering animals, providing medical services, and animal placement. ACC also performs a vital public safety function by handling potentially dangerous animals; accepting suspected rabid animals for observation or preparation for testing; and working with City and State agencies in wildlife management. ACC performs these services by operating full-service animal shelters in Manhattan, Brooklyn, and Staten Island, admissions centers in the Bronx and Queens, and field operations throughout the city. ACC is required to accept all animals, without regard to their condition, age, temperament, or adoptability.

The improvements in the animal shelter system during the de Blasio administration have been dramatic. In 2015, the placement rate in the City's shelter system was 80%. Today, ACC is a national leader among municipalities, with a placement rate in 2017 of over 93%. ACC's innovative programming has been recognized around the country, and an invigorated, independent board of directors has enabled the organization to increase private fundraising and deepen its marketing and promotion strategies. ACC has developed strong partnerships with animal welfare organizations such as the ASPCA, and the Mayor's Alliance for NYC's Animals, as well as hundreds of "New Hope" organizations. These partners provide support every day and worked closely with us just over a year ago when we mobilized a rapid and life-saving response to the cat influenza outbreak.

I will let Ms. Weinstock speak to the impressive developments in ACC operations, and will now provide details about the City's expanded capital investments. The de Blasio Administration is a strong supporter of ACC. The Administration has committed nearly \$100



million in capital funding to support new construction or renovations in every borough, including new full-service shelters in the Bronx and Queens. In January, we were excited to announce that, after a long search, the City had secured a site in the Bronx to build a new state-of-the-art animal shelter, and we are starting the public review process for that project at the end of this month. In Staten Island, a newly renovated Care Center will open later this year. Also in the works is the renovation of an existing garage to house a stand-alone adoption center in Manhattan, which will provide an expanded and welcoming space for New Yorkers looking for that just-right, new pet.

In Brooklyn, a substantial renovation of the Brooklyn Care Center will almost double the usable square footage, improve indoor air quality, provide more room for the animals, and fill the space with natural light. And finally, the Department is committed to opening a full-service shelter in Queens and has been actively evaluating locations. We are hopeful that we will soon identify a suitable property. In the meantime, we will relocate the Queens Admission Center to a larger and more accessible space.

The Administration fully supports having a full-service animal shelter in all five boroughs as demonstrated by our on-going commitment to these projects, particularly to opening full service shelters in the Bronx and Queens. This commitment is aligned with requirements of Introduction 401 under consideration today. We support the bill and are pleased to have the Council's strong support as we plan for those sites.

The transformation at ACC has been due not only to the support of the Council, the Mayor and the Health Commissioner, but, most importantly, to the deep dedication and hard work of the ACC leadership and staff. I want to take just a moment to acknowledge Risa Weinstock and her management staff. They are the best in their field, and, on behalf of Commissioner Bassett, I want to thank them for their service to the people and animals of New York City.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify. Ms. Weinstock will testify next, and then I will be happy to take questions.



Mayor's Alliance  
for NYC's Animals

Jane Hoffman, President | Mayor's Alliance for NYC's Animals

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

*Hearing before the NYC Council's Committee on Health: Update on the Status of NYC's Animal Shelter System; Int. No. 401- In relation to animal shelters*

Good Morning. My name is Jane Hoffman and I am President of the Mayor's Alliance for NYC's Animals. I'd like to thank Chairperson Mark Levine and the New York City Council's Committee on Health for the opportunity to speak today about the status of Animal Care Centers of NYC and Intro 401, which would require animal shelters in all five boroughs.

Animal Care Centers of NYC has achieved a current Live Release Rate of 94 percent, and we are delighted that the Mayor's Alliance for NYC's Animals was able to assist in this impressive achievement. When we created the Mayor's Alliance in 2003, our goal was to build an infrastructure to support Animal Care Centers of NYC, and help the organization improve outcomes for our community's thousands of homeless animals. This transformation was the focus of our strategic plan and the purpose of the 37-million-dollar Maddie's Fund grants we secured for NYC, assisted by multi-year grants from the ASPCA, a founding member of the Mayor's Alliance. Nearly 30 million dollars of the Maddie's Fund grants were funneled back directly into the hands of Animal Care Centers of NYC, and NYC's rescue and shelter community.

In 2005, we helped to create the New Hope Department at Animal Care Centers of NYC and supported the program in its infancy with targeted grants in excess of two million dollars. Today, Animal Care Centers of NYC's expansion of the New Hope Department is the core of their lifesaving programming, and a testament to what can be achieved through community collaboration.

In 2005, we created our Wheels of Hope program to provide free transport of animals, seven days a week, out of Animal Care Centers of NYC's shelters to its partner organizations. Over the past 13 years, Wheels of Hope has transported more than 120,000 dogs, cats, rabbits, and other animals.

We continue to support the lifesaving efforts of Animal Care Centers of NYC, our adoption partners, and other NYC shelters and rescue groups by providing a vital adoption outlet multiple times each year – our Adoptapalooza mega pet adoption event, which finds homes for more than 1,000 animals annually. Animal Care Centers of NYC typically has a 100% adoption rate at our adoption events.

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In 2012, with the enactment of Local Law 59, the Mayor's Alliance and the ASPCA helped secure additional funding for Animal Care Centers of NYC, and secured an expansion of Animal Care Centers of NYC's board of directors to include independent voting members with a variety of backgrounds, giving Animal Care Centers of NYC's board a broader mix of individuals committed to making NYC a more humane community.

With regard to Intro 401, we strongly support the notion of a full-service animal shelter located in each of NYC's five boroughs, thereby allowing residents of all five boroughs to adopt a new pet, locate a lost pet, surrender a pet, or access resources and services that will allow them to keep owned pets in a full-service shelter in their home borough.

The City Council Health Committee's proposal of Intro 401 demonstrates their belief that this next step in Animal Care Centers of NYC's progress, creating full-service shelters in all five boroughs, should be cemented. Our position in support for allowing all residents of NYC to have access to full-service shelters is in alignment with Council Member Vallone, Council Member Brannan, and Council Member Holden's goals.

Should Intro 401 be passed into law, increased funding will be necessary to build new shelters, expand operations, and adequately staff five full-service shelters. Animal Care Centers of NYC's innovative programming to increase pet retention, increase pet reunification, increase adoptions, and decrease shelter intake are the key to NYC's lifesaving success. We are hopeful that Animal Care Centers of NYC's impressive progress will continue to be recognized and supported by the City of New York, regardless of the outcome of Intro 401.

Over the last several years, Animal Care Centers of NYC has seen significant progress, and the Mayor's Alliance for NYC's Animals, along with the collaborative network of shelters and rescue groups in NYC, continue to be proud partners in their success.



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Intro. 401 and Oversight: Animal Care Centers: Update on the Status of NYC's  
Animal Shelter System*

April 24, 2018

Good morning. My name is Matt Bershadker. I am the President and CEO of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA). I would like to thank Councilmember Vallone for re-introducing this very important piece of legislation as well as Chairman Levine and members of the Health Committee for the opportunity to testify today in support of Intro. 401, which would require that a full-service animal shelter is established and maintained in every borough.

The ASPCA has long advocated for what this legislation provides to meet the needs of animals in every community and to give every homeless animal their best chance at finding a loving home. We are grateful that the Council and the administration have made clear their commitment to protecting at-risk animals with the recent announcement of funding for the development and renovation of full-service animal shelters and the plan to build a state-of-the-art animal shelter in the East Bronx. We recognize too however, that Queens is also in dire need of such a facility, and for that reason we steadfastly support the Council's response to the Mayor's 2019 budget proposal whereby equal investment to build and operate a shelter in Queens is put forward.

Our organization has enjoyed a productive relationship with Animal Care Centers of New York City (ACC) since its inception in 1994, and together we have created and sustained a comprehensive and effective animal care program in New York City that marshals the strengths of many other groups and agencies. This includes ACC's New Hope Partners, a network of over 300 rescue groups that assist in rehoming animals in need. These partnerships support adoptions and transfers, increase the number of spay/neuter surgeries, reduce euthanasia and reduce intake through trap, neuter, return (TNR). The proof of ACC's effectiveness is in the numbers; in 2017 it realized a 93% placement rate, in which adoptions, transfers of animals, and pet retention programs played a key role.

In fact, pet retention is a growing area of focus for both ACC and the ASPCA. In 2017, the sheltering system was able to keep 2,531 pets with their families with our grant dollars by providing critical services to pet owners in need. Thus far in 2018 we have committed an additional \$1.4 million to support retention efforts, the transport program,

and the First Alert grant program, which incentivizes rescues to pull the most at risk populations (adult large breed dogs and adult cats) more quickly from ACC. Thus far we are extremely pleased with the results.

Of course, we continue to provide thousands of spay/neuter surgeries, medical support and other hands-on mentoring toward ACC's success. I would be remiss if I did not reinforce the importance of spay/neuter prior to adoption as an essential component to ACC's adoption program, helping to control pet homelessness and allow animals to leave the shelter and go home faster once adopted. From January 2017 to March 2018, 99% of ACC's pre-altered animals were successfully placed in homes or with rescue groups. Working together with ACC, we performed over 8,500 spay/neuter surgeries; of those animals less than 1% were ultimately euthanized. We know these efforts are effective and we look forward to doing even more good work in this area moving forward.

For all groups referenced above to work effectively and diligently, it is critical that ACC continue to be funded at levels where it is able to provide adequate sheltering and care, field services and provision of shelter services in all five boroughs. The progress that ACC made last year (and is poised to continue moving forward) demonstrates their dedication and capacity to improve the welfare of NYC's animals when given the proper resources and opportunity to collaborate with high-quality partners to deliver impactful programs.

Having said that, thank you for recognizing that in order to take full advantage of these partnerships and realize the vision for the animal care system New Yorkers need and deserve, further investment is needed. Building full service animal shelters in the Bronx and Queens will alleviate overcrowding in existing shelters, increase opportunities for people to adopt animals, increase opportunities to reunite lost pets and their owners, decrease the number of dogs and cats euthanized, as well as enable ACC to save more lives and prevent animal suffering. This situation has shortchanged taxpayers for far too long, depriving them of a basic municipal service in their own communities. With a combined population of about 3.8 million, it is inconceivable that either borough has been without a

shelter until now. Nearly all the members of the Bronx and Queens delegations have agreed with this point and support dedicating funds to build and operate shelters in their boroughs.

A strong bond between people and pets is already shared across the city. Now, with the new full-service shelter in the Bronx, the renovated shelter in Brooklyn, and the promise of a full-service shelter in Queens, our city will finally fulfil its commitment to providing homeless animals with the care they need and deserve.

We urge the City Council to pass and appropriately fund Intro. 401. We need to ensure that New Yorkers, no matter where they reside, can access these very important community services. We stand ready to work with ACC, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, and the Council to support the city through this substantial, but much-needed change.

Thank you.



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Michelle Villagomez  
NYC Legislative Senior Director

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Good morning. I am Michelle Villagomez, New York City Legislative Senior Director for the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA). I would like to thank the Health Committee for the opportunity to testify in support of Intro. 401 and on the progress made by Animal Care Centers of New York City (ACC).

As stated by our CEO, the ASPCA believes that it is critical for each borough to have a full-service animal shelter in order to best serve its residents as well as to ensure that our city continue to be a leader in animal welfare. Without a proper investment we will not be able to maintain the progress sustained in recent years. We need to build and maintain full-service shelters in all five boroughs, upgrade existing facilities, and provide funding to hire staff and fortify community-based programs.

The ASPCA has provided grants to ACC to implement many programs aimed at increasing adoptions and pet retention. I would like to highlight one of our grant initiatives to illustrate how ACC has committed to finding solutions to help save more animals. In 2016, we worked with ACC to launch a surrender prevention pilot program at its Brooklyn care center location. The goal of this pilot program was to keep more pets in their homes and help owners access needed services. This included veterinary care, spay/neuter, supplies, and other pet care resources. In 2016, the Brooklyn pilot program improved the welfare of nearly 300 pets. During the same period, ACC experienced a 19% reduction in owner surrenders compared to 2015. Of the clients who could keep their pets, almost 90% reported that ACC's service offerings were instrumental in helping them keep their pet. Additionally, many clients reported going to ACC because they were hoping to get help

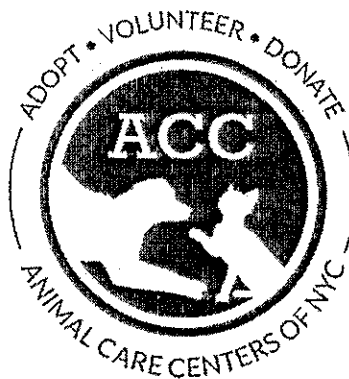
with their pets. These reports indicate that ACC is evolving beyond an animal shelter and becoming a crucial community resource.

Given the results seen in the pilot, these efforts were continued and expanded in 2017 to Manhattan, helping over 500 pets access veterinary care, supplies and other resources across both boroughs. In 2018, ACC launched surrender prevention programs in all five boroughs so that every ACC space could be used not only for animal intake but also to serve as a resource center for pets and their owners. So far, this year, ACC has helped 115 pets through this program across all five boroughs.

The ASPCA has partnered directly with virtually every program at ACC and we find that its leadership is steadfastly committed to helping pet owners access care and ensuring that New York City animals live better lives. They have become true experts in this work and even lend their expertise to Florida's Miami-Dade Animal Services agency and other animal welfare organizations nationally. This "peer to peer" education is critical in showing other communities what is possible. For these reasons and more, ACC is a highly valued and respected partner of the ASPCA.

The ASPCA will continue to work with ACC, the NYC Department of Health, the Council, and the rescue community in hopes of creating a more humane city.

Thank you.



**Testimony of**

**Risa Weinstock, President and CEO**

**Animal Care Centers of NYC**

*Before the*

**New York City Council Committee on Health**

Hearing on Oversight - Animal Care Centers

Update on the Status of NYC's Animal Shelter System

Int 401 - In relation to animal shelters

**Tuesday, April 24, 2018 10:00 a.m.**

**250 Broadway, 16th Floor New York, NY**

## Introduction

Good morning Chairperson Levine, Councilmember Vallone and members of the Health Committee. My name is Risa Weinstock and I am the President and CEO of Animal Care Centers of NYC (ACC). Thank you for the opportunity to testify at today's oversight hearing. ACC has steadily improved over the last five years thanks to the substantial support of Council and the NYC Department of Health & Mental Hygiene (DOHMH). I would like to thank all of you for your commitment to the health and welfare of NYC's shelter animals. ACC is also grateful for the commitment of Mayor DeBlasio toward ensuring the future success of ACC through the construction of a shelter in the Bronx and in Queens as well as much needed renovation of our existing facilities.

## Background

ACC was incorporated in 1995 as a 501(c)(3) not for profit organization dedicated to the health and welfare of pets and people in NYC. For over 20 years, ACC has been the city's sole contractor charged with operating the existing municipal animal shelters and providing animal rescue and welfare services to all five boroughs, 7 days a week, 24 hours a day. Twenty years ago, only 25% of animals entering the shelter system were placed. Today, ACC is a dramatically different organization. In 2017 ACC achieved an unprecedented placement rate of 93% for cats and dogs. The most significant achievements have occurred over the last five years beginning with Local Law 59 which gradually increased our city contract budget by nearly double for staff and services, enabling ACC to raise the caliber of care, programs, staff and partnerships required for the kind of work we are contracted to do. As we improved internally, ACC began getting recognition externally from grant funding organizations and private donors, which have supplemented our budget by several million dollars annually over the last five years and has enabled ACC to add innovative programs plus staff beyond the city contract budget.

Our mission is to end animal homelessness in NYC. Through targeted strategies and programs ACC has become a leader in animal welfare and a respected model for animal sheltering nationwide. ACC remains committed to using the successes of the past years only as a foundation for even greater success in the future. We know that there is much work to be done and while we are proud of this historic success, we continue to raise the bar to bring the best care to the most animals throughout NYC.

## Overview of ACC

By contract with the city, ACC operates under an "open admissions" model. This makes ACC unique among all other animal welfare organizations in NYC because we accept *any* animal brought to our five locations, whether the animal has been abandoned, surrendered, found as a stray, brought in by the public, NYPD, or our animal rescue team, and regardless of age, health status, breed, species, temperament or physical condition. We operate three city-owned, full-service Animal Care Centers located in Manhattan, Brooklyn, and Staten Island, and two Admissions Centers, located in the Bronx and in Queens respectively. We are the only organization that accepts and seeks placement for companion animals, but also wildlife, birds, reptiles, and farm animals. In calendar year 2017, ACC took in over 28,000 animals or roughly 75 animals per day.

## Progress Report

### Recruitment and Hiring

Successful recruitment and retention of staff is at the core of ACC's success. Since the passage of Local Law 59, ACC has nearly doubled in size with more than 265 staff across thirteen departments each with a specific role as it relates to our overall mission. With over 28,000 animals in our care annually, we are keenly aware that we simply cannot end animal homelessness through adoptions alone. Staff at all levels of qualification have been added including individuals with excellent skills in animal handling, customer service and social work, as well as advanced degrees and experience in animal welfare and not for profit business.

## *Programs*

ACC's core programmatic strategy focuses on: reducing intake; decreasing behavioral stress and medical illness inside the shelter; increasing live placements; and building awareness of ACC's comprehensive services throughout the five boroughs. We have become a leader in animal welfare because of the innovative work we are doing inside our care centers and outside in the community. Here are just a few examples driving our success in recent years:

**Surrender Prevention:** Thousands of animals in need of care and homes continue to arrive at our shelters each year. In response, ACC sought resources beyond our contract with the city to build a department dedicated to surrender prevention. This new approach to intakes combines our passion for helping animals with our interest in the human welfare issues facing pet owners in the community. With the help of funding and training from the ASPCA, to date we have successfully helped thousands of animals remain out of the shelter by offering resources and counseling to pet owners. We will continue to seek government and private funding for this essential program so that we can help preserve the human-animal bond whenever possible and appropriate, and also help reduce shelter intake.

**Animal Housing and Enrichment:** Those who haven't been to one of our Care Centers in recent years would be quite surprised by the innovations ACC has embraced to increase the chances of adoptions for dogs, cats and rabbits. Backyard playgroups and dog walkers under the supervision of Behavior and Enrichment staff simulate NYC dog park environments, as most NYC adopters seek social and playful dogs. Enrichment programs and improved housing for our cats and rabbits have helped them stay healthier while trained enrichment staff have been added to help calm the animals, making them less fearful of potential adopters.

**Community Outreach:** In FY2016 ACC introduced a pilot "Community Pet Program" funded by State Senator Jeffrey Klein, which works within Bronx neighborhoods to identify dog and cat owners in need and assist them in keeping their pets. The program offers a Pet Food Pantry, free basic dog obedience classes and free vaccination clinics and spay/neuter impacting nearly 1500 animals in the Bronx last year. This program presents a very real opportunity to help NYC pet owners who struggle with pet ownership, either financially or are simply without a support network. ACC is dedicated to bringing the Community Pet Program to all five boroughs with a goal of keeping more pets with their families.

**Community Adoption Events:** ACC has grown its adoption rate and outreach work with two mobile adoption vehicles. For the past two years, we have deployed our Mobile Adoption Centers each weekend to different neighborhoods for an additional 150 adoption/outreach events annually, increasing adoptions by nearly 2,500 animals since 2016.

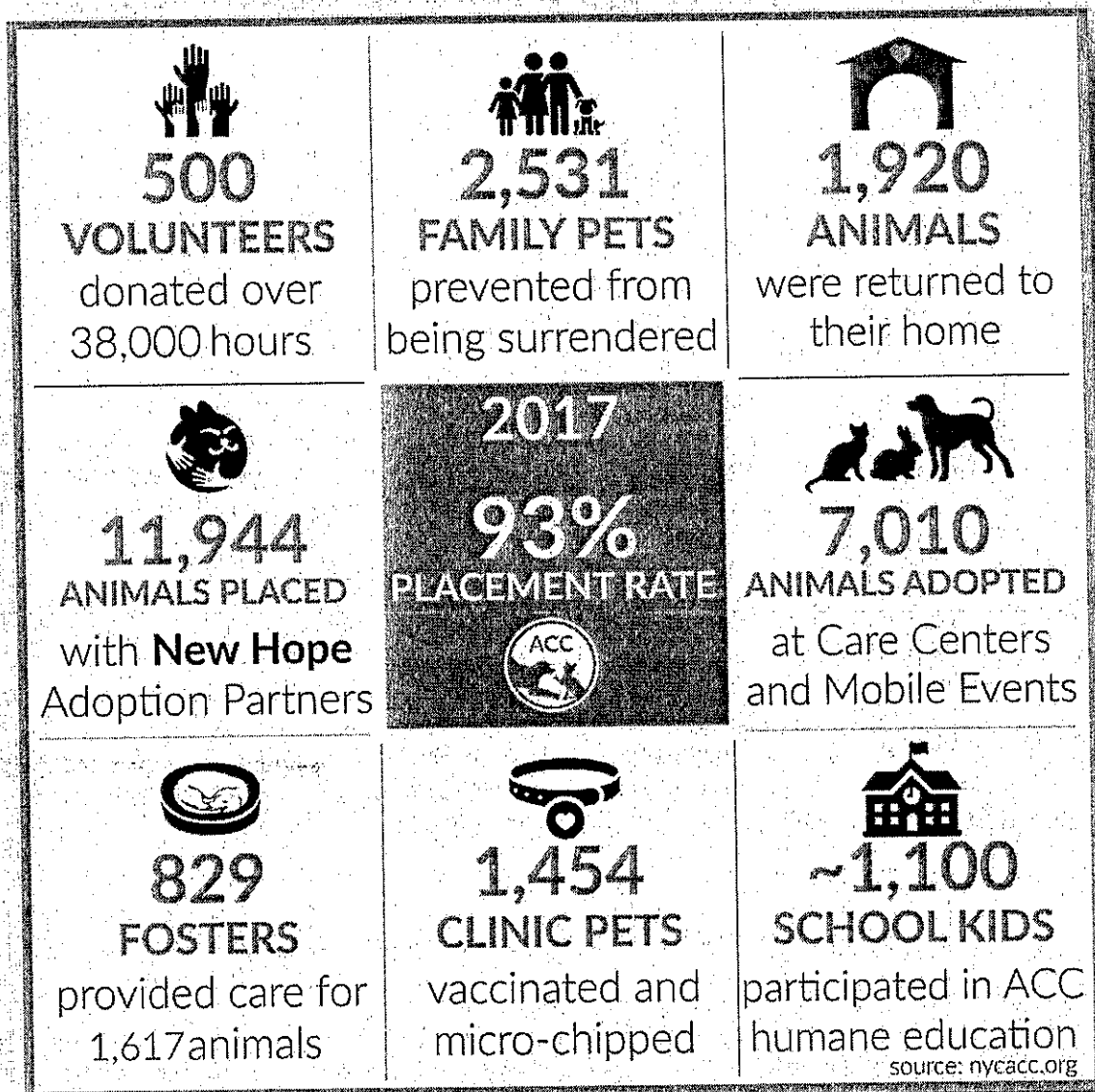
**New Hope Adoption Partners:** ACC strives to provide our animals with medical care, nourishment, behavior enrichment and mental stimulation. Yet thousands of animals require medical and behavioral resources beyond our capacity. This is where community partnership is vital. Our New Hope adoption partners provide specialized medical care and behavioral attention to animals that may otherwise not be ready or suitable for adoption to the general public or that are at risk of euthanasia due to medical or behavioral issues. In 2017 ACC added 27 organizations to our roster of over 300 partners.

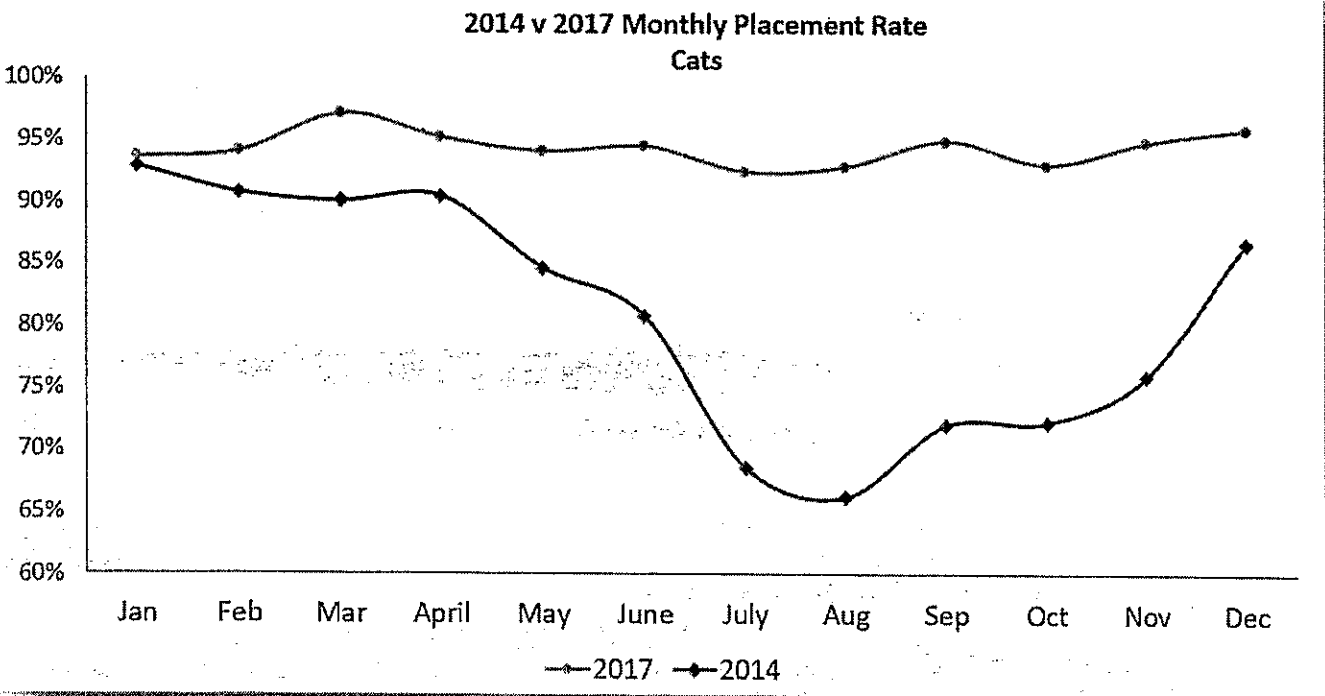
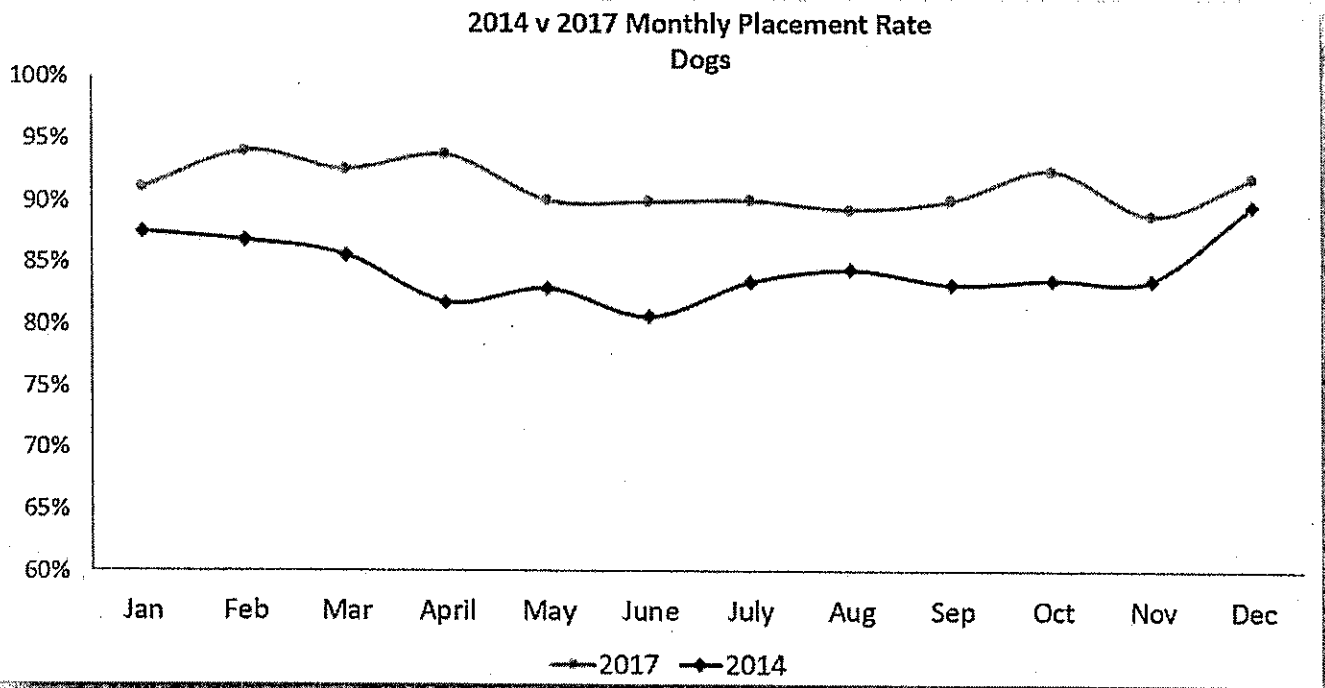
## **Intro No. 401**

ACC appreciates Council's consideration of CM Vallone's proposal to add a full service shelter in the Bronx and Queens. We believe the addition of these shelters will help continue to improve NYC's animal welfare system; provide more services to a greater number of NYC residents seeking to adopt or in need of animal resources; alleviate the stress on the existing care centers that ACC operates; and in the long run save more lives. In addition to building new facilities, it is essential to have adequate funding to support the many departments and

staff required to run these new shelters optimally. We urge the council to consider the costs associated not just with building new shelters, but with continuing to make making NYC's animal sheltering system premier.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today. I am happy to take any questions.





**DEBORAH THOMAS TESTIMONY TO CITY COUNCIL  
RE: NYC ANIMAL CARE CENTERS - APRIL 24, 2018**

Good Morning. My name is Deborah Thomas and I am a long-time volunteer at the Animal Care Centers Manhattan Shelter, having volunteered there as a cat adoption facilitator for more than 12 years.

During the past 12 years, I have seen the ACC really get its act together, and do a complete turnaround from being an animal flop-house, where illness was easily spread and euthanasia rates were high, to being an ever improving shelter where pets are well-cared for and placed into homes and rescue organizations, by well-trained and compassionate staff adoption counselors. *These vast improvements have resulted in a 93.2% placement rate for dogs and cats in 2017, which is a significant rise from past years.*

I am thrilled to have witnessed and shared in this continued progress, and I'll share some of it with you now. First of all, I have seen the adoption department move from the front desk on the first floor, where animals were also being surrendered and wait time was often 4 hours to finalize adoptions, to the second floor, where welcoming, knowledgeable adoption counselors help potential adopters choose and interact with pets, and finalize adoptions more quickly and efficiently.

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~~I have also seen the growth of ACC offsite adoptions, with the help of two ACC~~  
mobile adoption vans. This, as well as pro-bono advertising, such as the Borough Bred Campaign in Times Square, Public Service Announcements in the media, various fundraising events, and numerous rescue organization partners have contributed greatly to the improved placement rate.



I have also seen the fast tracking of adoptable animals, which allows them to be spayed/neutered and pre-adopted more quickly, thus reducing chances of their getting sick at the shelter, and resulting in the majority of fast tracked dogs and cats being placed. The ACC also has a Medical Director now, which has been very beneficial to maintaining healthy conditions for the animals.

I cannot tell you how wonderful it is to walk into the main cat adoption room at the shelter and see that half of the cat condos are empty due to so many adoptions and placements. I am very grateful to ACC Executive Director Risa Weinstock as well as the amazing Executive Office staff, the shelter staff and my fellow volunteers for making all this progress possible.

I am also very grateful to the New York City Council Members, who have shown their support for our work at the ACC by appropriating generous funding, which I hope will continue so that this important work can continue and grow. I also thank Mayor DeBlasio for supporting the building of full service ACC shelters in the Bronx and Queens, and hope that the Mayor, as well as all of you (Council members) will come and visit our shelter and see for yourselves what strides have been made.

I would also like to suggest to all animal lovers who are truly concerned about the ~~future of the animals at the ACC, to please learn the facts about progress made at the ACC,~~ (because negative misinformation can deter potential adopters), and then please come and volunteer with us, so that they can have a hand in continuing to improve the ACC.

Thank you very much.



## WE LOVE ANIMALS AND WE VOTE!

Testimony of Edita Birnkrant, Executive Director, NYCLASS  
Committee on Health: Animal Care Centers; Intro 401, April 24, 2018

My name is Edita Birnkrant, and I am the Executive Director of NYCLASS, an animal advocacy and political action non-profit organization with supporters and activist chapters in all five boroughs of New York City and I'm a resident of Queens. I want to thank Health Committee Chair Mark Levine and the Committee members for holding this hearing on the status of New York City's animal shelter system and the proposed Intro 401.

NYCLASS is strongly in support of Intro 401, which would mandate full-service animal shelters in all five boroughs of New York City—in which 30,000 animals come through every year.

This is a campaign we at NYCLASS have long been committed to, and we commend Council Member Vallone, Council Member Brannon and Council Member Holden for taking the lead on this important issue.

We believe that the greatest city in the world deserves a world-class animal shelter system, and our supporters and volunteers in all five boroughs vehemently agree. We commend the Animal Care and Control Centers of New York City's staff and volunteers for their record-high 93% placement of animals in 2017, thanks in large part to the partnership with New Hope animal adoption partner program now in place with numerous animal rescue organizations. Things are moving in the right direction for the dogs, cats and rabbits waiting for homes, and we should build upon this positive momentum.

In January, the de Blasio Administration committed to investing 98 million dollars into the development and renovation of full-service shelters in each borough, announced the location of the new Bronx shelter to be built and committed to upgrades to the existing Brooklyn Shelter.

However, the new Bronx shelter is not projected to be open until 2024 and there is no location for a Queens shelter yet. It should be a priority that these shelters get built and operational as quickly as possible.

We are eager to work with the City to increase pet adoptions and care throughout New York City, as well as decrease euthanasia rates. We are also committed to ensuring that New Yorkers across all 5 boroughs have access to the programs and services offered at city shelters. This includes facilities to receive lost, stray or homeless dogs or cats, and field services officers who

Testimony of Edita Birnkrant, Executive Director, NYCLASS  
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have the capacity to pick up lost, stray, homeless or injured dogs and cats and bring them to shelters.

Currently, both Queens and the Bronx lack full-service animal shelters and the corresponding medical services, adoptions, and field services they provide. The combined population of residents of Queens and the Bronx is nearly 3.6 million. Yet, the residents in these boroughs only have access to animal receiving centers, meaning that they must travel to another community, which may not be feasible or financially possible, or otherwise wait for a mobile adoption truck. This means they also cannot easily reunite with lost pets.

In addition, the lack of shelters in Queens and the Bronx leads the existing full-service shelters in Manhattan, Brooklyn, and Staten Island to be severely overburdened as a result. These shelters are operating at capacity and therefore cannot maximize their efficiency, meaning animals and community members both lose out.

New full-service shelters mean better, more humane care for the cats, dogs and rabbits in our shelters, and they will help connect more New Yorkers to loving companions. It's a win-win for animals and for New Yorkers.

Intro 401 provides a much needed and long overdue investment and commitment to New York City's animal pet population. In our progressive, forward-thinking city, it is vital that we ensure the welfare and humane treatment of the millions of pets that call New York City home, and ensure that each animal in our shelter system gets a fair shot at being adopted into a loving, forever home.

# **TESTIMONY**

**By Judith Lustgarten**

**\*\*\* Please note ...**

**My Father was a Judge and US Attorney**

**My Great-Uncle was US Ambassador to Siam & Bolivia**

**That and a token won't get me on the subway ...**

**Having said that, my entire upbringing was about:**

**PROFESSIONALISM, INTEGRITY, & RESPONSIBILITY  
AND THROW IN A BIG DASH OF HUMANITY & JUSTICE**

**And this organization**

**IS /HAS NONE OF THAT ...**

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**By Judith Lustgarten**

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**And this is just the tip of the iceberg ...**



We need the CAPA BILL passed ... as they're doing, one by one, across our country. If it can be better ... as PROVEN it can, then IT MUST! There's no other correct choice.

Look up DOH/ Mario Merlino ... it says Veterinary and Pest Control ... how can these 2 words even be in the same title?! Says volumes. This business needs to be spun out of the DOH ... and an animal welfare dept created.

In every successful business ... you put the Proper PEOPLE, in the Proper POSITION, with the Proper PLAN ... AND JUST AS IMPORTANTLY ... THE PROPER MOTIVATION. ACC has attorneys, publishers, writers, their "friends" ... and union workers. This business requires ... QUALIFIED business, admin, marketing, and animal PROFESSIONALS which aren't in place.

ACC tells "UNTRUTHS"

1. discrediting the advocates ... saying we pass on misinformation.  
2 sides to every story. ACCs chooses not to disclose the dark side. They don't want you to know the living nightmare the advocates live through everyday.
2. ACC receives funding under the DOH to provide a govt function. They supercede law/ Section 1983... infringing on 1<sup>st</sup> amendment rights ... by deleting comments/ blocking people on their FB page
3. Risa and /Matt president of ASPCA signed off/ lied in writing to Senator Avella about spay/ neuter/ kill. He asked about 1 animal. They said it was an anomaly. We've shown him a LIST of animals ... now close to 80
4. Lied about Austin shelter saying it's not NO KILL ... that Austin ships animals to outside facilities where they can be killed. untrue ... Austin's livid.
5. Humane euthanasia means only killing an animal if terminally ill w/no quality of life or **TRULY** vicious & dangerous. ACC kills for Kennel Cough (like

killing a child for a cold) ... leash biting ... being scared/ lunging in the shelter. This isn't H.E ... Animals here are treated like a disposable commodity.

6. ACC's not near to the #1 municipal shelter in the country. They didn't even make the list of **30 finest** no kill shelters.
  7. ACCs Distance perimeters ... only relevant if home checks are done ... they're not!
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### **CONTRACTS:**

1. DOH / ACC: a 45 page contract that silences everyone. They're all walking around like the Stepford wives ... with the same verbiage. It's like the twilight zone.
2. ACC/ ASPCA agreement: they decide if ACC's diseased environment is acceptable after the s/n surgery. They think it is ... It's not.
3. New Hope contract: lists about 300 rescues ... only a handful pulls animals. So peoples precious time are wasted trying to pull off the kill list. ACC should be coordinating **ALL this ... but they're totally hands off**. This is their job for God sakes ... what our tax \$\$\$ are paying for ... but the advocates are doing it. If the public knew ... the roar would be deafening.

Advocates across the country/world are networking our animals .... people in Australia, demark, Holland, the UK, Italy ... even the Italian Senator Carla Rocchi sent a video plea to De blasio saying you're supposed to be the greatest city in the world ... but your shelters are an utter disgrace! We have a vile reputation.

It's about the Moral compass and professionalism. Motivation and mind set must change!



Time for a NEW REGIME ... OF Wisdom, moral and ethical integrity and responsibility, humanity, compassion, and justice for every animal who is unfortunate enough to have to walk thru those diseased.riddled shelter doors.

I have no doubt that animal rights and welfare will be one of the greatest social movements of our times. Please, respected councilmen & woman ... get into the right side of this equation ... now.

—**Arthur Schopenhauer, German philosopher (1788–1860)** All truth passes through three stages. First, it is ridiculed. Second, it is violently opposed. Third, it is accepted as being self-evident.

**Leonardo da Vinci:** "The time will come when men such as I will look upon the murder of animals as they now look upon the murder of men."

**Jeremy Bentham, 19th century Philosopher, Oxford University** "The question is not, Can they reason? nor, Can they talk? But rather, Can they suffer?"

**Victor Hugo (1802-1885):**"First it was necessary to civilize man in relation to man. Now it is necessary to civilize man in relation to nature and the animals."

—**Henry David Thoreau (1817–1862:)** It takes two to speak the truth: one to speak, and another to hear.

– **Martin Luther King:** Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.

—**Martin Luther King, Jr. (1929–1968)** The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.

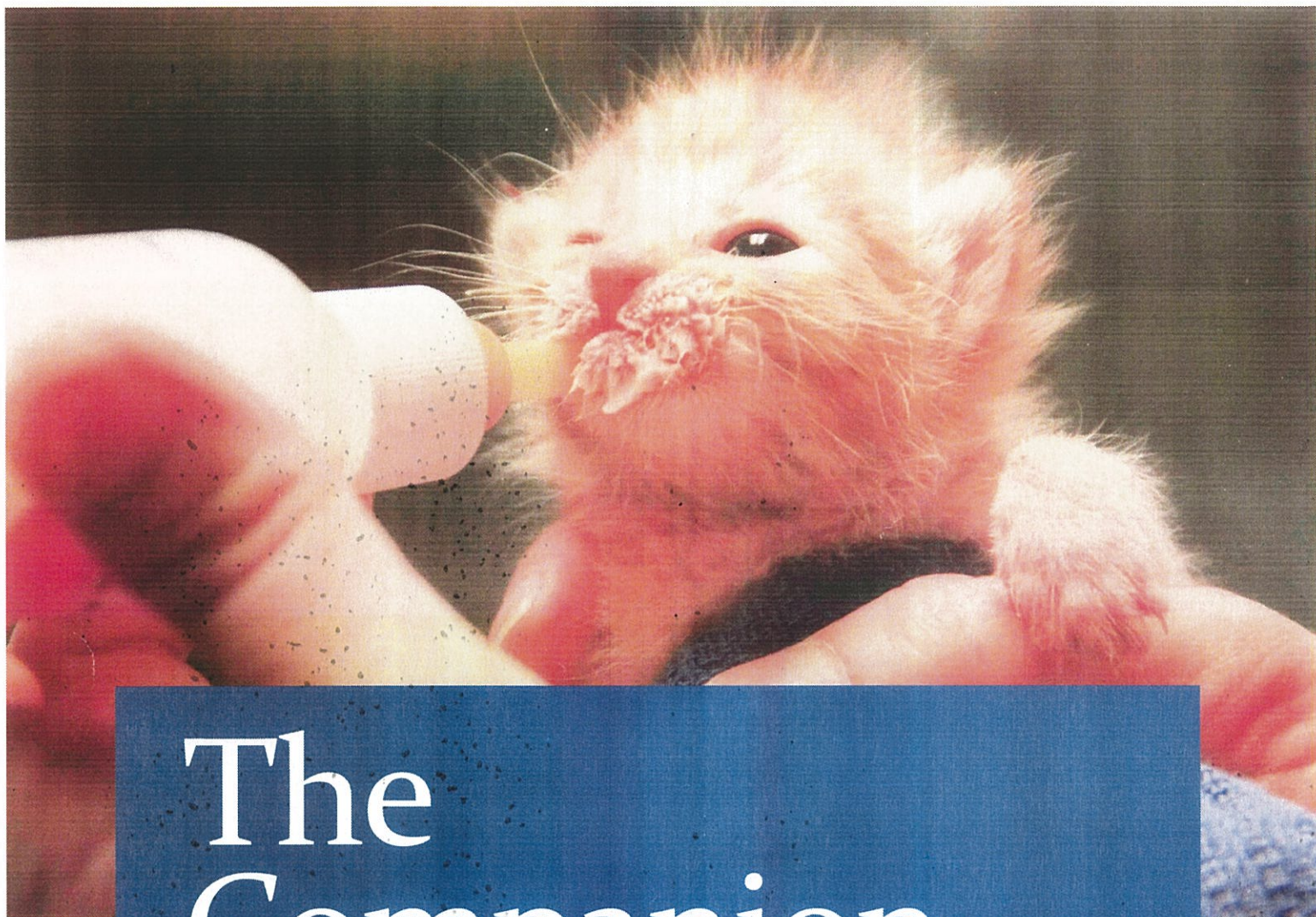
–**Albert Einstein:** The world is a dangerous place, not because of those who do evil, but because of those who look on and do nothing.



**COMPANION ANIMAL PROTECTION ACT**  
**“CAPA”**



*Model Legislation to Improve the Performance  
& Life-Saving of Animal Shelters*



# The Companion Animal Protection Act

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# Stopping a Preventable TRAGEDY



## *Why Shelter Reform Legislation Is Needed*

Nearly three million animals are killed in U.S. shelters every year. In fact, shelter killing is the leading cause of death for healthy dogs and cats in the United States. For far too long, we have been led to believe there is no other way. But there is hope. In the last several years, shelters in numerous communities have comprehensively implemented a bold series of programs and services to reduce birthrates, increase adoptions and redemptions, and keep animals with their responsible caretakers. As a result, they are achieving unprecedented results, saving upwards of 99 percent of all impounded animals in open admission animal control facilities, reserving "euthanasia" for hopelessly ill or injured and irremediably suffering animals, and truly vicious dogs with a poor prognosis for rehabilitation. Not only are they saving lives, but they are saving taxpayer money as well.

Many of the programs identified as key components of saving lives are more cost-effective than impounding, warehousing, and then killing animals. Some rely on private philanthropy, as in the use of rescue groups, which shifts costs of care from public taxpayers to private individuals and groups. Others, such as the use of volunteers, augment paid human resources. Still others, such as adoptions, bring in revenue. And some, such as neutering rather than killing, are simply less expensive, with exponential savings in terms of reducing births.

A national study found no correlation between per capita funding for animal control and save rates. One shelter saved 90 percent of

## The Companion Animal Protection Act:

Saves Lives

Saves Taxpayer Money

Improves Public Health  
and Safety

Improves Public  
Satisfaction with  
Government



**According to the Delaware Office of Animal Welfare, the passage of CAPA has *“improved the quality of care animals receive and has saved thousands of animals that would otherwise have been [killed] due to outdated policies and practices.”***

the animals. Another saved only 40 percent despite spending four times per capita on animal control. One community has seen killing rates increase over 30 percent despite one of the best funded shelter systems in the nation. Another has caused death rates to drop by 50 percent despite cutting costs. There was, in other words, no correlation between success/failure and per capita spending on animal control. What *did* make a difference was leadership: the commitment of shelter managers to implement a key series of necessary programs and services to modernize shelter operations.

Unfortunately, many shelter directors remain steadfast in their refusal to embrace lifesaving initiatives. But it makes no sense to kill animals in the face of cost-effective alternatives, nor does it make sense that taxpayers are spending money to kill animals, when non-profit organizations are willing and able to save them at private expense.

Today, Americans of all walks of life want to build a better world for animals. There are now 95 million cats and 70 million dogs in American homes. We spend \$60 billion on their care, an amount which is growing every year even as other economic sectors decline. And giving to animal related charities is the fastest growing segment in American philanthropy. This embrace of animals cuts across all political, economic, and social demographics. Saving lives is not only good public policy, it is also good bipartisan politics.\* That is why states like California and Delaware, and municipalities across the country such as Austin, Texas, have legislated shelter reform.

The Companion Animal Protection Act (CAPA) was written as “model” legislation by legislators, shelter directors, animal lawyers, and shelter veterinarians to provide animals with maximum opportunities for lifesaving. No law can anticipate every contingency and CAPA is no exception. It is not intended to be complete or eliminate the need for other animal protection laws. Nor is it intended to reduce stronger protections that animals may have in a particular jurisdiction. The legislation can and should be modified in such circumstances.

But because too many shelters are not voluntarily implementing the programs and services and culture of lifesaving that makes No Kill possible, animals are being needlessly killed. And because animals are being needlessly killed, taxpayer money is being needlessly wasted. And the shelters which are supposed to reflect the

## THE DELAWARE COMPANION ANIMAL PROTECTION ACT

In 2010, the State of Delaware passed a version of the CAPA which has since reduced killing in that state by over 80%.



\* In California, shelter reform passed the legislature by a vote of 96 to 12. In Delaware, it passed both houses of the legislature unanimously. And Austin's City Council embraced it 7-0. Both Democratic and Republican legislators, governors, and constituents favor shelter reform by wide margins.



values of animal loving Americans are instead undermining them. To combat this, CAPA mandates the programs and services which have proven so successful at lifesaving in shelters and communities which have implemented them; follows the only model that has actually ended the killing of healthy and treatable animals; and,

focuses its effort on the very shelters that are doing the killing.

CAPA saves lives, saves taxpayer money, is consistent with public health and safety, and improves public satisfaction with the job government is doing.

## CAPA HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Establishes that saving lives and public safety are compatible;
- ✓ Protects all species of shelter animals;
- ✓ Makes it illegal for a shelter to kill an animal if a rescue group or No Kill shelter is willing to save that animal;
- ✓ Requires shelters to provide animals with fresh food, fresh water, environmental enrichment, regular exercise, veterinary care, and cleanliness;
- ✓ Requires shelters to have fully functioning adoption programs including offsite adoptions, use of the internet to promote their animals, and ample adoption hours when the public is available;
- ✓ Prohibits shelters from killing animals based on arbitrary criteria when alternatives to killing exist;
- ✓ Requires animal control to allow volunteers to help with fostering, socializing, and assisting with adoptions; and
- ✓ Requires shelters to be truthful about how many animals they kill and adopt by making their statistics public.

### CAPA saves the lives of animals

A statewide survey of rescue groups in New York State found that 71% of non-profit animal welfare groups have had at least one NYS shelter refuse to work collaboratively and then turn around and kill the very animals they were willing to save. This is inhumane and bad policy. CAPA would make it illegal for a shelter to kill an animal when a qualified non-profit organization that specializes in adoptions is willing to save that animal. This maximizes the number of animals who are saved, while reducing the numbers killed.

### CAPA saves taxpayers money

CAPA is modeled after a similar law which has been in effect in California since 1998. An analysis of that law found that sending animals to non-profit animal rescue organizations saved the City and County of San Francisco \$486,480 annually in publicly funded animal control costs. CAPA saves taxpayer money by mandating public-private partnerships that not only reduce expenses associated with having to care for, then kill and dispose of an animal, but which transfers expenses from taxpayers to private philanthropy. Under CAPA, shelters can also charge the cost of an adoption to those groups, thereby bringing in needed revenues and defraying any costs associated with implementation.



## CAPA provides whistleblower protections

A statewide survey of rescue groups in New York State found that 43% of groups have been the subject of retaliation by shelters after they expressed concerns about inhumane conditions which they have witnessed in shelters, while over half (52%) who have witnessed such conditions did not express concerns—and simply looked the other way—because they were afraid if they did complain, they would no longer be allowed to rescue, thus allowing those inhumane conditions to continue. By giving non-profit organizations the legal right to save animals scheduled to be killed, CAPA removes the power to condition lifesaving on silence as to inhumane conditions, and sometimes criminal behavior, witnessed by rescuers.

## CAPA stops discrimination

All non-profit organizations have identical rights and responsibilities before the law. CAPA seeks to protect those rights by leveling the playing field between the large non-profits which have all the power and the small non-profits which are prevented from fulfilling their lifesaving mission when these larger organizations refuse to collaborate with them in order to save more lives.

## CAPA improves staff well-being

Studies show that staff members responsible for killing animals in shelters are vulnerable to emotional trauma, exhaustion, and burnout. CAPA would spare staff from killing animals when those animals have readily available lifesaving options.

## CAPA protects public health and safety

CAPA specifically excludes dangerous dogs, animals who have rabies, and animals who are irremediably suffering. It also requires shelter to implement best practices that reduce disease, ensure animals are behaviorally evaluated and medically screened, thus

protecting both employee and public welfare. Moreover, because CAPA requires rescue organizations to be incorporated as non-profit public corporations under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3), CAPA would also improve oversight of groups which perform rescue: a statewide survey in New York State revealed that 70% of organizations performing animal rescue which are not incorporated would do so if CAPA becomes law. This would require them to file articles of incorporation, to recruit a Board of Trustees, and to subject themselves to both state and federal mandates, while placing them under the supervision of the state Attorney General's Office.

## CAPA improves shelter operations

CAPA will reduce the number of animals shelters kill. It reduces costs for killing. It brings in revenue through adoption fees. And it transfers costs from taxpayers to private organizations, funded through philanthropic dollars.

## CAPA is good bipartisan policy popular with voters

CAPA is based on a similar law in California which was passed in 1998 with overwhelming bipartisan support—96 to 12. It made no sense to California legislators that taxpayers were spending money on killing animals when non-profit organizations were willing to spend their own money to save them. Legislators also found that public shelters that killed animals when those animals have a place to go did not reflect the humane values of their constituents. In addition, the State of Delaware recently passed similar legislation. The bill, mandating collaboration between shelters and rescue organizations, passed both houses of the Delaware Legislature unanimously.





# THE COMPANION ANIMAL PROTECTION ACT

## SEC. 1 Definitions

(1) **ANIMAL SHELTER.**—The term ‘animal shelter’ means a public or private facility that—

(a) Has a physical structure that provides temporary or permanent shelter to stray, abandoned, abused, or owner-surrendered animals; and,

(b) Is operated, owned, or maintained by a society for the prevention of cruelty to animals, humane society, non-profit organization, pound, dog control officer, government entity, or contractor for a government entity.

(2) **LICENSED VETERINARIAN.**—The term ‘licensed veterinarian’ means a veterinarian licensed to practice veterinary medicine in this State.

(3) **RESCUE ORGANIZATION.**—The term ‘rescue organization’ means an organization that is—

(a) An organization described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and exempt from taxation under 501(a) of that Code; and,

(b) An animal rescue organization, animal adoption organization, or organization formed for the prevention of cruelty to animals.

(4) **IRREMEDEIABLE PHYSICAL SUFFERING.**—The term ‘irremediable physical suffering’ means an animal who has a poor or grave prognosis for being able to live without severe, unrelenting pain even with comprehensive, prompt, and necessary veterinary care, as certified in writing by a licensed veterinarian.

SEC. 2(a) No animal shall be euthanized at an animal shelter prior to the expiration of seven full business days from impoundment of the animal, not including the date of impoundment, except as follows:

(1) Subsection (a) does not apply to an animal who is irremediably physically suffering.

(b) An animal impounded as a stray with identification or whose owner has been identified shall be made available for owner reclamation for a period of four business days, not including the date of impoundment.

(c) An animal impounded as a stray without identification and whose owner has not been identified shall be made available for owner reclamation for a period of three business days, not including the date of impoundment.

(d) At any time, an animal impounded as a stray may be placed in foster care or transferred to an animal rescue or-

ganization or other shelter, subject to the following:

(1) An animal transferred under this subsection remains subject to reclamation by its owner pursuant to Subsection (b) and (c).

(2) Documentation of an animal transferred under this subsection, including a photograph of the animal and relevant information pertaining to the animal’s impoundment and transfer, shall be maintained in physical or electronic form, reviewable by the public, at the animal shelter that originally impounded the animal or on their website during the time period relevant under Subsection (b) and (c).

(3) An owner that satisfies an animal shelter’s reclaim requirements during the time period relevant under Subsection (b) and (c) is entitled to reclaim the animal even if the animal has been transferred pursuant to Subsection (d) and is no longer physically in the animal shelter’s custody. At the owner’s discretion, the owner has the right to physically redeem the animal at the animal shelter that originally impounded the animal.

(e) An animal who is impounded upon being surrendered by the animal’s owner shall be subject to reclaim by that person, upon having a change of heart, for a period of three business days, not including the date of impoundment, so long as the animal has not been adopted or transferred.

(f) The holding periods mandated by this Section do not apply to an animal who is impounded solely for the purpose of sterilization.

(g) Not less than two business days before the euthanasia of any animal, the animal shelter shall:

(1) Notify or make a reasonable attempt to notify by verifiable written or electronic communication any rescue organization that has previously requested to be notified before animals are euthanized;

(2) Unless there is evidence of neglect or animal cruelty as certified in writing by a licensed veterinarian, notify or make a reasonable attempt to notify by telephone or verifiable written or electronic communication the owner who surrendered the animal and inform that person that the animal is scheduled to be killed;

(3) Notify or make a reasonable attempt to notify by telephone or verifiable written or electronic communication the finder who surrendered the stray animal and inform that person that the animal is scheduled to be killed;

(4) Give those notified under Subsections (g)(1), (2), and (3) possession of the animal to avoid the animal’s death if they request it.

(h) No animal shelter may euthanize any animal without making the notification required by Subsections (g)(1), (2),



and (3).

SEC. 3(a) An animal shelter shall provide all animals during the entirety of their shelter stay with fresh food; fresh water; environmental enrichment to promote their psychological well-being such as socialization, toys and treats, and exercise as needed, but not less than once daily; except as follows:

(1) Dogs exhibiting vicious behavior towards people or adjudged to be dangerous by a court of competent jurisdiction may but are not required to be exercised during the holding period.

(b) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), an animal shelter shall work with a licensed veterinarian to develop and follow a care protocol for animals with special needs such as, but not limited to, nursing mothers, unweaned animals, sick or injured animals, extremely frightened animals, geriatric animals, or animals needing therapeutic exercise.

(c) During the entirety of their shelter stay, animals shall be provided prompt and necessary cleaning of their cages, kennels, or other living environments no less than two times per day, to ensure environments that are welcoming to the public, hygienic for both the public and animals, and to prevent disease. This cleaning shall be conducted in accordance with a protocol developed in coordination with a licensed veterinarian, and shall require that animals be temporarily removed from their cages, kennels, or other living environments during the process of cleaning, to prevent them from being exposed to water from hoses or sprays, cleaning solutions, detergents, solvents, and/or chemicals.

(d) During the entirety of their shelter stay, all animals shall be provided with prompt and necessary veterinary care, sufficient to alleviate any pain caused by disease or injury, to prevent a condition from worsening, and to allow them to leave the shelter in reasonable condition including but not limited to preventative vaccinations, cage rest, fluid therapy, pain management, and/or antibiotics.

SEC. 4(a) Every animal shelter shall take appropriate action to ensure that all animals are checked as soon as possible, but no more than 24 hours, after impoundment for all currently available methods of identification, including microchips, identification tags, and licenses.

(b) Every animal shelter shall maintain continuously updated lists of animals reported lost and found, and shall regularly, but no less than once daily, check these lists and animals in the shelter for matches, and shall also post a photograph of and information on each stray animal impounded by the shelter on the internet with sufficient detail to allow the animal to be recognized and claimed by its owner.

(c) If a possible owner is identified, the animal shelter shall undertake due diligence to notify the owner or caretaker of the whereabouts of the animal and any procedures available for the lawful recovery of the animal. These efforts shall include, but are not limited to, notifying the possible owner by telephone, mail, and personal service to the last known address.

(d) Every animal shelter shall post a photograph and information on each animal impounded by the shelter on the internet to facilitate adoptions.

(e) No animal shelter shall ban, bar, limit or otherwise obstruct the adoption or transfer of any animal based on the animal's breed, breed mix, species, age, color, appearance, or size.

SEC. 5(a) No animal shelter shall euthanize any animal simply because the holding periods required by Section 2 have expired. Before an animal is euthanized, all of the following conditions must be met:

- (1) There are no empty cages, kennels, or other living environments in the shelter;
- (2) There is no additional room to set up temporary cages, kennels, or living environments in the shelter;
- (3) The animal cannot share a cage or kennel with another animal;
- (4) The shelter has made a plea to foster homes and a foster home is not available;
- (5) The notifications required in Section 2 have been made and neither a rescue group, the former owner, or the finder is willing to accept the animal;
- (6) The animal cannot be transferred to another shelter with room to house the animal;
- (7) The animal is not a healthy cat who can be sterilized and then released;
- (8) All mandates, programs and services of this Act have been met; and,
- (9) The director of the animal shelter certifies that he or she has no other alternative and the reasons no alternatives exist.

(b) The determination that all conditions of subsection (a) have been met shall be made in writing, signed by the director of the animal shelter, and be made available for free public inspection for no less than three years.

SEC. 7(a) Animals impounded by an animal shelter shall be killed, only when necessary and consistent with the requirements of this Act, by lethal intravenous injection of sodium pentobarbital, except as follows:

- (1) Intraperitoneal injections may be used only under the direction of a licensed veterinarian, and only when intravenous injection is not possible for infant animals, companion animals other than cats and dogs, or in comatose animals with depressed vascular function.

(2) Intracardiac injections may be used only when intravenous injection is not possible for animals who are completely unconscious or comatose, and then only by a licensed veterinarian.

(b) No animal shall be allowed to witness any other animal being killed or being tranquilized or sedated for the purpose of being killed or to see the bodies of animals which have already been killed.

(c) Animals shall be sedated or tranquilized before being killed as necessary to minimize their stress or discomfort, or in the case of vicious animals, to ensure staff safety, except that neuromuscular blocking agents shall not be used.

(d) Following their lethal injection, animals shall be lowered to the surface on which they are being held and shall not be permitted to drop or otherwise collapse without support.

(e) An animal may not be left unattended between the time procedures to kill the animal are commenced and the time death occurs, nor may the animal's body be disposed of until death is verified.

(f) Verification of death shall be confirmed for each animal in all of the following ways:

- (1) By lack of heartbeat, verified by a stethoscope;
- (2) By lack of respiration, verified by observation;
- (3) By pale, bluish gums and tongue, verified by observation; and
- (4) By lack of eye response, verified if lid does not blink when eye is touched and pupil remains dilated when a light is shined on it.

(g) The room in which animals are killed shall be cleaned and regularly disinfected as necessary, but not less than once per day on days the room is used, except the specific area in the room where the procedure is performed shall be cleaned and disinfected between each procedure.

(h) The room in which animals are killed shall have adequate ventilation that prevents the accumulation of odors.

(i) No one other than a licensed veterinarian or a euthanasia technician certified by the state euthanasia certification program shall perform the procedures referenced in this section.

SEC. 8(a) Every animal shelter shall report to the Depart-

ment of Agriculture an annual summary which includes the following information by species-type:

- (1) The number of animals impounded during the previous calendar year;
- (2) The number of animals who were killed by the animal shelter, at the animal shelter's direction, with the animal shelter's permission, and/or by a representative of the animal shelter during the previous calendar year;
- (3) The number of animals who died, were lost, or were stolen while in the direct or constructive care during the previous calendar year;
- (4) The number of animals who were returned to their owners during the previous calendar year;
- (5) The number of animals who were adopted during the previous calendar year;
- (6) The number of animals who were transferred to other organizations during the previous calendar year;
- (7) The number of animals who were sterilized and then released during the previous calendar year;
- (8) The number of animals who were on hand at the start of the year;
- (9) The number of animals who were on hand at the end of the year.

(b) The annual summary required by Subsection (a) shall be completed and reported by February 1 of the current calendar year.

(c) By April 1 of the current calendar year, the Department of Agriculture shall make the information available on its website for public review. Such review will be searchable by individual shelter and in the aggregate for all shelters statewide.

(d) The animal shelter shall also make the information available for free public inspection upon request.

SEC. 9(a) An animal shall not be sold or transferred, with or without consideration, to any person, hospital, educational, private, or commercial institution, laboratory, or animal dealer, whether or not such dealer is licensed by the United States Department of Agriculture, for purposes of medical or biological teaching, research, study, or experimentation of any kind.

SEC. 10(a) Any person may compel an animal shelter to follow the mandates of this Act through a legal action for declaratory or injunctive relief, or any other appropriate remedy at law which will compel compliance.



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**Infringing upon one's 1<sup>st</sup> Amendments Rights**

**Law Section 1983**

## Does it apply to private humane societies or SPCAs?

Keeping in mind that the protections of the First Amendment protect against government intrusion, so long as they receive funding to provide a government function (i.e., animal control contract), Sec. 1983 has been held to apply to both government shelters and private SPCAs. *Allen vs. Pennsylvania Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals*, 488 F.Supp.2d 450 (MD Penn 2007); *Brunette vs. Humane Society of Ventura County*, 294 F.3d 1205 (9th Cir. 2002); and *Snead vs. Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals*, 929 A.2d 1169 (Pa.Sup.Ct. 2007).

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**Correspondence between Senator Avella  
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October 10, 2017

*Via mail and email*

Tony Avella  
State Senator  
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Dear Senator Avella,

Thank you for reaching out to ACC and the ASPCA to seek the facts concerning our spay/neuter practices. We welcome these kinds of conversations as they are opportunities to dispel untruths. This response is sent on behalf of both organizations.

Ms. [REDACTED] allegation is unequivocally untrue. There is no practice - new, old, or otherwise, of ACC or the ASPCA spaying or neutering animals and then euthanizing them directly after. We strive to alter all of our animals before they are adopted so that when they are selected for adoption or rescue placement, they are ready to leave our care centers that day. By altering animals that are available for adoption, we increase the likelihood of that animal being adopted. The ASPCA provides tens of thousands of subsidized spay/neuter surgeries to shelters, rescues, and individuals around NYC, and ACC is one of the groups that receives these services.

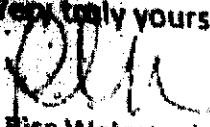
Laws require that all animals adopted from our shelter to be spayed or neutered with limited exception before leaving our care. Unaltered animals in ACC's care that have not been adopted and, due to behavior and/or medical issues, are at risk for euthanasia, would never be spayed or neutered. It does not make moral, financial, or logistical sense to spay/neuter an animal and then have them euthanized.

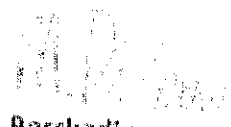
As you will see in our stats, ACC is currently saving over 90% of the animals we take in: <http://www.nycacc.org/Statistics.htm>. Every year, the placement numbers increase and we are proud of the progress that we've made, with the support of the ASPCA, making NYC a leader in animal sheltering nationwide. If you are interested, I invite you to visit one of our care centers to see the work that our compassionate staff is doing to help NYC's animals every day.

Adopt • Volunteer • Donate

We hope we can count on you to spread awareness to your constituents about the life-saving work we are doing to protect the city's most vulnerable animals and help correct misinformation like this. Please do not hesitate to contact us (ACC or ASPCA) with any questions.

Very truly yours,

  
Lisa Weinstock  
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November 7, 2017

Tony Avella  
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Dear Senator Avella:

Thank you for reaching out again on behalf of Ms. [REDACTED] regarding ACC's practices and policies. Most recently, Ms. [REDACTED] inquired about the dog named Hannah (A1125871), relevant to her belief that ACC has implemented a new policy of spaying/neutering/euthanizing animals. As explained in our previous letter to you, ACC has no such policy.

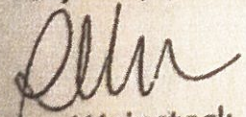
Where Hannah is concerned, she displayed behavioral concerns when she came into the shelter. We anticipated that despite this challenging behavior, she would be selected by a specialist rescue partner, and therefore she was spayed. Unfortunately, she was not selected by a rescue partner, and with her behavioral challenges escalating, our team felt it was best to proceed with euthanasia. This unfortunate case was an anomaly and not the norm.

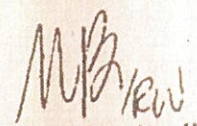
We never make these decisions lightly or without pursuing every option for each animal.

In 2017, month over month, ACC has placed over 90% of all animals that have come to us. In the month of September alone, we spayed/neutered and placed 6,664 animals.

We hope this information provides clarification you were seeking. We appreciate the opportunity to answer your questions and speak about our lifesaving work.

Very truly yours,

  
Risa Weinstock  
President & CEO

  
Matt Bershadker  
President & CEO  
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our previous correspondence concerning possible instances of animals  
being spayed and neutered.

**NAME + ADDRESS**

In our previous correspondence, your

office has been contacted with similar and  
a dog named (ID# 12590) contracted

of the shelter and was euthanized as a

of the animals and as a result of a lack of

once they are diagnosed with a

provided by your organization

It has been alleged that the dogs

which could be fixed via

behavioral issues.

to Ms. [REDACTED], several other concerned citizens have recently contacted my office and [REDACTED] organizations. Among these allegations are that your organizations have [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] animals as little as eighteen hours for adoption, overstated animals' ages, [REDACTED] during [REDACTED] [REDACTED] dogs for minor medical conditions like kennel cough and [REDACTED] [REDACTED] as [REDACTED] [REDACTED], and misrepresented the statistics on your save rate.

In light of these concerns, I would ask that you advise me of any relevant rules or procedures governing the [REDACTED] in these areas of concern. Please include information on how your organizations calculates the [REDACTED] and how, in detail, your shelters determine when it is appropriate to euthanize an animal.

**SPAY/ NEUTER/ KILL**

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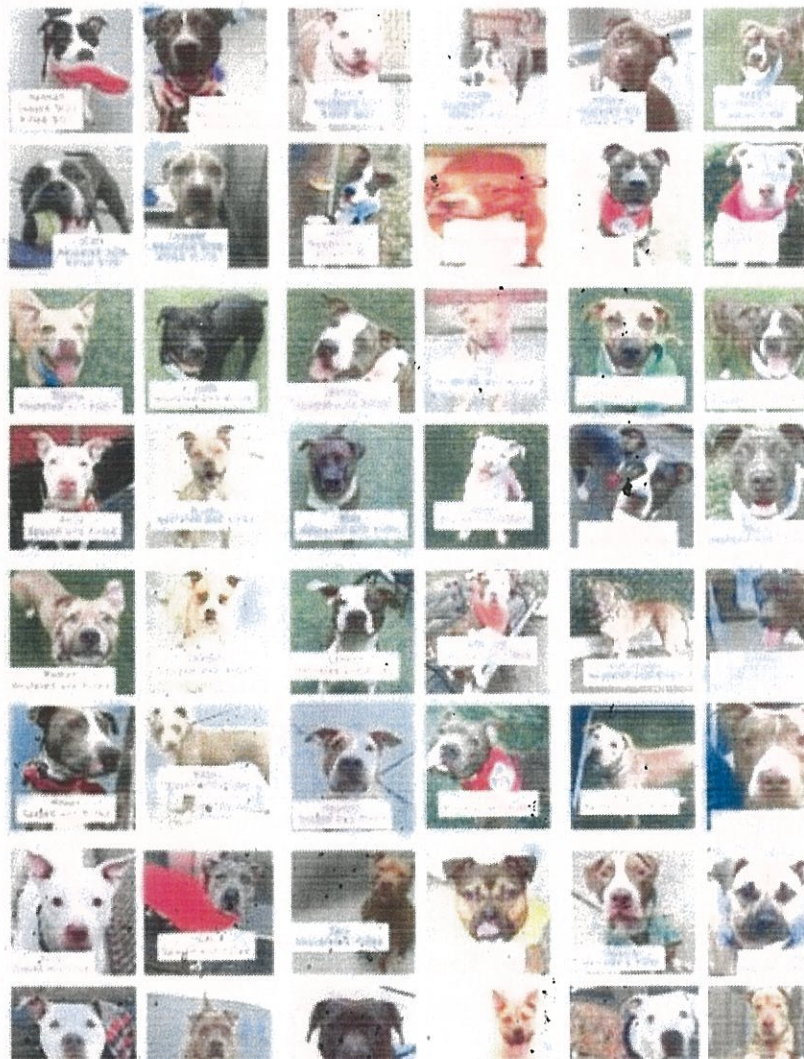
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| 1102522 | Lucy       | 10 Y F | Manhattan | 1/30/2017   | in between  | 2/5/2017      |
| 1102375 | Paris      | 4 Y F  | Manhattan | 1/27/2017   | in between  | 2/1/2017      |
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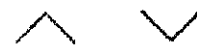
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ALL THESE DOGS WERE SPAYED OR NEUTERED BY ASPCA AND  
KILLED WITHIN DAYS BY NYCACC THEY ARE IN A PARTNERSHIP





**Email from Austin confirming that they do not ship  
their animals to other facilities  
where they are killed**

 All Inboxes

## FW: Question about AAC being No Kill

Yesterday at 12:10 PM

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Hello, Andrew.

Thank you for communicating directly with the Austin Animal Center about our policies and operations.

No. We do not transfer animals to other municipalities where they are killed. You might find it helpful to check out our Website and reports which provide information about our center: <http://www.austintexas.gov/department/aac>

In addition, I'm sharing your e-mail with our director, in case she also would like to respond.

Please feel free to contact me if you have additional questions or would like more information.

Belinda

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**MORAL COMPASS:**

**SELECTED QUOTES FROM OUR  
MOST BRILLIANT MINDS: ...  
ON MAN'S RELATIONSHIP  
WITH ANIMALS**



## SELECTED QUOTES FROM OUR MOST BRILLIANT: ON MAN'S RELATIONSHIP WITH ANIMALS

—**Abraham Lincoln**: "I am in favor of animal rights as well as human rights. That is the way of a whole human being."

—**Albert Einstein (1879-1955)**: "It has become appallingly obvious that our technology has exceeded our humanity." —

-- **Albert Einstein** "Our task must be to free ourselves... by widening our circle of compassion to embrace all living creatures and the whole of nature and its beauty."

— **Albert Einstein**: If a man aspires towards a righteous life, his first act of abstinence is from injury to animals."

—**Albert Einstein**: The world is a dangerous place, not because of those who do evil, but because of those who look on and do nothing.

~**Albert Schweitzer, *The Philosophy of Civilization***-- We must fight against the spirit of unconscious cruelty with which we treat the animals. Animals suffer as much as we do. True humanity does not allow us to impose such sufferings on them. It is our duty to make the whole world recognize it.

**Dr. Albert Schweitzer**: "Until he extends his circle of compassion to include all living things, man will not himself find peace."

**Dr. Albert Schweitzer (1875-1965)**: The thinking man must oppose all cruel customs no matter how deeply rooted in tradition or surrounded by a halo . . . We need a boundless ethic which will include the animals also. —

**Albert Schweitzer**: Think occasionally of the suffering of which you spare yourself the sight.

—**Arthur Schopenhauer, German philosopher (1788–1860)** All truth passes through three stages. First, it is ridiculed. Second, it is violently opposed. Third, it is accepted as being self-evident.

~**Paul Harvey**: Ever occur to you why some of us can be this much concerned with animals suffering? Because government is not. Why not? Animals don't vote.

—**Arthur Schopenhauer**: The assumption that animals are without rights, and the illusion that our treatment of them has no moral significance, is a positively outrageous example of Western crudity and barbarity. Universal compassion is the only guarantee of morality.



—**Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi (1869–1948)** In matters of conscience, the law of majority has no place.

-- **Mohandas Gandhi:** "The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated." Only humans have the arrogance and ability to deem another living thing "useless" and to condemn it to extinction simply because it's in the way of something we want more.

—**Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi (1869–1948)** To forgive and accept injustice is cowardice.

—**Mahatma Gandhi (1869–1948):** It ill becomes us to invoke in our daily prayers the blessings of God, the Compassionate, if we in turn will not practice elementary compassion towards our fellow creatures.

—**Buddha:** All beings tremble before violence. All fear death, all love life. See yourself in others. Then whom can you hurt? What harm can you do?

**Buddha (563? - 483? B.C.)** "When a man has pity on all living creatures then only is he noble." --

—**His Holiness The Dalai Lama:** Life is as dear to a mute creature as it is to man. Just as one wants happiness and fears pain, just as one wants to live and not die, so do other creatures.

—**Margaret Mead, American cultural anthropologist:** Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed, citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.

-- **Thomas Edison:** "Non-violence leads to the highest ethics, which is the goal of all evolution. Until we stop harming all other living beings, we are still savages."

- **Winston Churchill:** "Please put the ladybug outside without harming her. (to his butler)"

**Charles Darwin:** The love of all living creatures is the most noble attribute of man.

--**Charles Darwin:** "There is no fundamental difference between man and the higher animals in their mental faculties... The lower animals, like man, manifestly feel pleasure and pain, happiness, and misery."

—**William Penn:** I expect to pass through this world but once: Any good therefore that I can do, or any kindness or abilities that I can show to any fellow creature, let me do it now. Let me not defer it or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.

**Chief Seattle to U.S. President Franklin Quote:**

"If all the beasts were gone, men would die from a great loneliness of spirit, for whatever happens to the beasts also happens to the man. All things are connected.

**Nelson Mandela:** "Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world"

**—Ralph Waldo Emerson:** "You cannot do a kindness too soon, because you never know how soon it will be too late."

**—Michael Pollan:** A growing and increasingly influential movement of philosophers, ethicists, law professors and activists are convinced that the great moral struggle of our time will be for the rights of animals.

**~Bradley Millar:** Teaching a child not to step on a caterpillar is as valuable to the child as it is to the caterpillar.

**~Pierre Troubetzkoy:** Why should man expect his prayer for mercy to be heard by what is above him when he shows no mercy to what is under him?

**—William Ralph Inge:** Deliberate cruelty to our defenseless and beautiful little cousins is surely one of the meanest and most detestable vices of which a human being can be guilty.

**—Anatole France:** Until one has loved an animal, a part of one's soul remains unawakened.

**—Samuel Johnson, English author (1709–1784):** To cultivate kindness is a valuable part of the business of life.

**—Matthew Henry, English clergyman (1662–1714):** None so blind as those who will not see.

**—Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, German writer (1749–1832):** There is nothing more frightful than ignorance in action.

**—Elie Wiesel, writer and Nobel laureate (1928–):** There may be times when we are powerless to prevent injustice, but there must never be a time when we fail to protest.

**—Isaac Bashevis Singer, writer and Nobel laureate (1902–1991):** Even in the worm that crawls in the earth there glows a divine spark. When you slaughter a creature, you slaughter God.

**—Isaac Bashevis Singer, writer and Nobel laureate (1902–1991):** As long as people will shed the blood of innocent creatures there can be no peace, no liberty, no harmony between people. Slaughter and justice cannot dwell together.



—**Isaac Bashevis Singer, writer and Nobel laureate (1902–1991)**: When a human being kills an animal for food, he is neglecting his own hunger for justice. Man prays for mercy, but is unwilling to extend it to others. Why then should man expect mercy from God? It is unfair to expect something that you are not willing to give.

—**Brigid Brophy (1929–1995)**: I don't hold animals superior or even equal to humans. The whole case for behaving decently to animals rests on the fact that we are the superior species. We are the species uniquely capable of imagination, rationality, and moral choice – and that is precisely why we are under an obligation to recognize and respect the rights of animals.

- **Alexander Hamilton** : Man is a reasoning rather than a reasonable animal.

~**George Orwell, *Animal Farm***; Man is the only creature that consumes without producing. He does not give milk, he does not lay eggs, he is too weak to pull the plough, he cannot run fast enough to catch rabbits. Yet he is lord of all the animals.

-- **Emile Zola** "The fate of animals is of greater importance to me than the fear of appearing ridiculous; it is indissolubly connected with the fate of men."

-- **Samuel Johnson** "Men who have practiced tortures on animals without pity, relating them without shame. How can they still hold their heads high among human beings?"

-- **Jacques Cousteau** "Perhaps the time has come to formulate a moral code which would govern our relations with the great creatures of the sea as well as with those on dry land. That this will come to pass is [my] dear wish."

-- **Ernest Thompson Seton** "We and the 'beasts are kin."

~**Jimmy Stewart**: Animals give me more pleasure through the viewfinder of a camera than they ever did in the crosshairs of a gunsight. And after I've finished "shooting," my unharmed victims are still around for others to enjoy. I have developed a deep respect for animals. I consider them fellow living creatures with certain rights that should not be violated any more than those of humans.

-- **Richard Gere** "As custodians of the planet it is our responsibility to deal with all species with kindness, love, and compassion. That these animals suffer through human cruelty is beyond understanding. Please help to stop this madness."

-- **Mark Twain**: "In studying the traits and dispositions of the so-called lower animals, and contrasting them with man's, I find the result humiliating to me."

**George Bernard Shaw**: "Human beings are the only animals of which I am thoroughly and cravenly afraid."--



--**Leo Tolstoy, author:** "What I think about vivisection is that if people admit that they have the right to take or endanger the life of living beings for the benefit of many, there will be no limit to their cruelty."

--**Fred A. McGrand (1895- )** "Cruelty has cursed the human family for countless ages. It is almost impossible for one to be cruel to animals and kind to humans. If children are permitted to be cruel to their pets and other animals, they easily learn to get the same pleasure from the misery of fellow-humans. Such tendencies can easily lead to crime."

--**George Bernard Shaw (1856-1950)** "When a man wants to murder a tiger, it's called sport; when the tiger wants to murder him it's called ferocity."

**George Bernard Shaw,** "The reasonable man adapts himself to the world; the unreasonable one persists in trying to adapt the world to himself. Therefore, all progress depends on the unreasonable man."

**President Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865)** "I could not have slept tonight if I had left that helpless little creature to perish on the ground" (President Lincoln's reply to friends who chided him for delaying them by stopping to return a fledgling to its nest).

**William Wordsworth** - That best portion of a good man's life; his little, nameless, unremembered acts of kindness and love.

**Immanuel Kant (1724-1804)** "If [man] is not to stifle human feelings, he must practice kindness toward animals, for he who is cruel to animals becomes hard also in his dealings with men. We can judge the heart of man by his treatment of animals."--

--**Thomas Jefferson, 3rd U.S. President** "Until we stop harming all other living beings, we are still savages."

**Hippocrates (ca. 460-377 BCE).** "The soul is the same in all living creatures, although the body of each is different."--

--**Aristotle (384 BC - 322 BC), Parts of Animals** "In all things of nature there is something of the marvelous"

**Pythagoras (ca. 580-520 BCE).** "For as long as man continues to be the ruthless destroyer of lower living beings, he will never know health or peace. For as long as men massacre animals, they will kill each other. Indeed he who sows the seeds of murder and pain cannot reap joy and love... Primoque a caede ferarum incaluisse puto maculatum sanguine ferrum ('I think the blood of animals was the first to stain our weapons')."

—**T. Casey Brennan (1948–)**: Poor animals! How jealously they guard their pathetic bodies...that which to us is merely an evening's meal, but to them is life itself.

—**Charles Mayo, founder of the Mayo Clinic**: I abhor vivisection. It should at least be curbed. Better, it should be abolished. I know of no achievement through vivisection, no scientific discovery, that could not have been obtained without such barbarism and cruelty. The whole thing is evil.

—**Native American proverb**: Only when the last tree is cut, only when the last river is polluted, only when the last fish is caught, will they realize that you can't eat money.

**Leonardo da Vinci**: "The time will come when men such as I will look upon the murder of animals as they now look upon the murder of men."

**Jeremy Bentham, 19th century Philosopher, Oxford University** "The question is not, Can they reason? nor, Can they talk? But rather, Can they suffer?" –

**Victor Hugo (1802-1885)**: "First it was necessary to civilize man in relation to man. Now it is necessary to civilize man in relation to nature and the animals."

—**Henry David Thoreau (1817–1862)**: It takes two to speak the truth: one to speak, and another to hear.

– **Martin Luther King**: Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.

—**Martin Luther King, Jr. (1929–1968)** The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.

**Our animals are not disposable ... nor are they chattel.  
Animal Rights for 2018! ... Well overdue!  
Be their voice ... speak up for the voiceless!**



**Statement of Esther Koslow, President  
SHELTER REFORM ACTION COMMITTEE**

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April 24, 2018

Good morning Chairman Levine and members of the Health Committee. My name is Esther Koslow. I am president of Shelter Reform Action Committee, which for the past 24 years has advocated for the reform of our City's animal shelter system.

This Committee oversees the Health Department, which long resisted investing real money into animal welfare. That's why we appreciate how Mayor de Blasio, in one of his first actions as Mayor, insisted the Health Department promise to make needed renovations to the existing shelters as well as creating additional shelters. We also applaud Councilman Paul Vallone's bill to resurrect a law from the year 2000 requiring full service shelters in all 5 boroughs.

But we've learned that it takes more than laws or promises to ensure that the Health Department does right by our City's homeless animals. For example, the replacement Staten Island shelter has been plagued by 5 years' worth of delays, all of which can be laid squarely at the Health Department's door. The proposed site of a Bronx shelter has yet to ULURP'ed. The replacement Brooklyn shelter remains in the promise stage, leaving ACC to operate in a shabby building lacking a proper roof or HVAC system. Nor has there been any progress on the promised Queens shelter, just the recent announcement of a possible site for a replacement "admissions" center. And where's that promised Manhattan Adoptions Center?

What's clear is that without constant pressure, the Health Department will continue to slow-walk these capital projects until the end of Mr. de Blasio's term in office ... when they could very well evaporate.

Today the ACC reported that it's substantially reduced animal intake and its euthanasia rate. That's positive news. So why does the Health Department punish – rather than reward – the ACC? If left to its own devices, the Health Department will short ACC on needed funding. Did you know -- when it runs out of food for its animals – the ACC has turned to rescue groups to provide food on an emergency basis? Or will ask groups to pitch in to buy basic medical equipment? ACC has increased its fundraising activities. That's good. But monies for core shelter needs should still come from the Health Department. The Health Department contracts for ACC to provide a vital municipal service. The Health Department should adequately pay for that service.

Without proper funding and shelter buildings, the ACC will have to continue to place outsized reliance on rescue groups for its touted lifesaving numbers.

The City's homeless animals cannot rely on the kindness of the Health Department. This Committee can ensure that the Health Department does right by ACC and our City's homeless animals. In turn, the City's animal advocates will applaud and support you for your efforts.

Thank you.

## **NY City Council Health Committee re ACC: 4/24/18**

My name is Zelda Penzel, co-founder of SOS: Save Our Shelter Animals, and I'm here to express my support for Intro 0401, which would require animal shelters to be built in the Bronx and Queens.

After years of policies allowing thousands upon thousands of innocent healthy/treatable/adoptable cats and dogs to be killed for space, it's time for NY to be a leader and not still a laggard in achieving true No KILL in our shelter system; 95-99% No kill has now been achieved in many open-admission shelters around the country; and we have reached a point in our collective consciousness that rejects the killing of our beloved companion animals. Having shelters in the Bronx and Queens will greatly relieve the burden on the other 3 shelters and help us get there.

I receive and network daily the "At Risk", better known as the "Kill" lists for ACC. There can be no justification whatsoever for destroying a beautiful, adoptable animal for space...and yet we continue to do just that, sometimes allowing animals to get sick and then using that as the excuse for killing, when in fact it is a totally unacceptable if not specious argument.

The Bronx and Queens have populations the size of some of the largest cities in the US, and yet we provide no shelters for their stray and abandoned animals; no place for people to go who wish to adopt a pet...thus tacitly encouraging them to shop for an animal in local pet stores or from disreputable breeders online. The animals need people to ADOPT and not SHOP!

- It's time to pass this bill and move vigorously to complete the Manhattan adoption center and updating of the other shelters!
- It's time to join progressive cities across the nation that have stepped up to the plate, with modern, welcoming facilities for housing pets and activities that encourage and invite community members to come to their local shelter to adopt a family companion.
- It's long past time for a paradigm that reflects animal sheltering in the true sense of the word: a place that provides protection for animals that need assistance; a place to live and not a place that condemns the innocent to death, simply because they are homeless!

Thank you.



**Subject: April 24 City Council Health Committee public hearing on the status of NYC's animal shelter system**

I would like to voice my support of Intro 401, sponsored by Council Member Vallone, Council Member Brannan and Council Member Holden, requiring full-service shelters in all five boroughs, with facilities to receive lost, stray or homeless dogs, cats, and rabbits. It is essential that all boroughs of New York are equipped with receiving facilities for stray and surrendered pets and that all citizens are able to access shelters to adopt cats dogs rabbits and other pets. This will benefit all New Yorkers and help keep the city cleaner and safer for everyone.

Aron Shevis

**NYC Shelter Animals - City Hall Public Hearing - ALL BOROUGHES SHOULD HAVE  
FULL ANIMAL SHELTERS**

I AM TOTALLY IN AGREEMENT WITH THIS PROPOSAL BY NY  
CLASS TO START TAKING CARE OF THE ANIMALS THAT  
NEED HELP BECAUSE NEGLIGENT OWNERS HAVE  
ALLOWED THEM TO BE IN TROUBLE. WE NEED BETTER  
LAWS TO PENALIZE OWNERS WHO DO NOT TAKE CARE OF  
THEIR ANIMALS AND JAIL FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT TAKE  
CARE OF THEIR ANIMALS. WE OWE IT TO THEM TO MAKE  
DECENT OWNERS OUT OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE ANIMALS,  
NOT NEGLIGENT HUMAN SCUM. WE NEED THIS GOVT TO  
TAKE ACTION AS BELOW. JEAN POUBLIEE JEAN  
[PUBLIC1@YAHOO.COM](mailto:PUBLIC1@YAHOO.COM)

**Subject: City Council Health Committee Hearing 4/24 10AM- Testimony**

Hello City Council Members Levine, Powers, Eugene, Amprey-Samuel, and Barron-

I am a concerned citizen who wants to share a written testimony for the following hearing:

4/24 10AM

Subject of Hearing: Intro 401

Committee: Health Committee

I would like to share my support of Intro 401. It's unbelievable that as the largest city in America, we do not have the same animal shelter facilities as other major cities. Our unique set of challenges need to be faced to help resolve the logistical nightmare of our current shelter system. As an animal lover and activist here in NYC, I care about this issue greatly and hope that you can pass Intro 401. This will lift the burden of the existing shelters, bring additional resources to the Bronx and Queens, and help to reconnect animals with their loved ones.

There are so many beautiful animal stories from our great city, and I hope that Intro 401 can be the start to many more.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Jamie Brown

Hells Kitchen, Manhattan

[jamie.brown.email@gmail.com](mailto:jamie.brown.email@gmail.com)



Dear Committee Members:

I am writing today to you in support of Intro 401 for the following reasons:

- Intro 401, would mandate full-service animal shelters in all five boroughs of New York City—in which 30,000 animals come through every year.
- As a resident of Queens, currently, both Queens and the Bronx lack full-service animal shelters and the corresponding medical services, adoptions, and field services they provide. The combined population of residents of Queens and the Bronx is nearly 3.6 million. Yet, the residents in these boroughs only have access to animal receiving centers, meaning that they must travel to another community, which may not be feasible or financially possible, or otherwise wait for a mobile adoption truck. This means they also cannot easily reunite with lost pets.
- The lack of shelters in Queens and the Bronx leads the existing full-service shelters in Manhattan, Brooklyn, and Staten Island to be severely overburdened as a result. These shelters are operating at capacity and therefore cannot maximize their efficiency, meaning animals and community members both lose out.
- In January, the de Blasio Administration committed to investing 98 million dollars into the development and renovation of full-service shelters in each borough, announced the location of the new Bronx shelter to be built and committed to upgrades to the existing Brooklyn Shelter. However, the new Bronx shelter is not projected to be open until 2024 and there is no location for a Queens shelter yet. It should be a priority that these shelters get built and operational as quickly as possible.
- The Animal Care and Control Centers of New York City's staff had a record-high 93% placement of animals in 2017, thanks in large part to the partnership with the New Hope animal adoption partner program now in place with numerous animal rescue organizations.
- New full-service shelters mean better, more humane care for the cats, dogs, and rabbits in our shelters, and they will help connect more New Yorkers to loving companions. It's a win-win for animals and for New Yorkers.

Thank you for taking the time for considering my remarks.

Sincerely,

Marta Kowalska  
Jackson Heights, NY 11372

**Subject: animal shelteres**

Please provide the necessary funding now for the many homeless animals.

There are so many people that are willing to volunteer their time to take care of these animals. I cannot even get on a waiting list to donate my time!!

Animals suffer at the inhumanity of people, they give us so much joy and service.

Sincerely

Roberta Wein

**Subject:** NYC's animal care centers - Intro 401

Hi,

My name is Monica Lemkowitz and I'm affiliated with NYCLASS. I am not able to attend the hearing on April 24 so I am writing instead.

There is a dire need for a full-service animal shelter in each of the five boroughs. The Bronx and Queens do not have full-service shelters. This results in a lack of services for thousands of pet owners and adopters in these communities. Resident of these areas who loses a pet would have to search the ACC's in other boroughs to be reunited.

The lack of these services also severely overburdens the ACC's in Manhattan, Brooklyn, and Staten Island so this is not just a problem for animals, pet owners and other community members in the Bronx and Queens.

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New full-service shelters mean better, more humane care for the cats, dogs, and rabbits in our shelters, and they will help connect more New Yorkers to loving companions. It's a win-win for animals and for New Yorkers.

Please pass Intro 401 which would mandate full-service animal shelters in all of the five boroughs, needed for the 30,000+ animals which are serviced each year. It is the humane and ethical thing to do.

Thanks,

Monica Lemkowitz  
New York, NY 10028



April 20, 2018

Dear Council Members,

I have long worked to alleviate animal suffering – and that includes the needless suffering of shelter animals. So I am submitting my testimony for the Hearing on NYC Animal Care Centers, being held April 24, 2018. I will not be able to attend, but I need for my voice to be heard,

You have before you Intro 401 -- sponsored by Council Members Paul Vallone, Justin Brannan, and Robert Holden -- a law that would immeasurably help alleviate the suffering caused by substandard conditions and a lack of adoption opportunities for NYC's homeless pets.

I was director of publications for the ASPCA in Manhattan in the 1980s-90s, and experienced, firsthand, the lack of importance given to the problem of animal homelessness and suffering in the city (not unlike most of the country, actually). But over the years, I have seen the increasing awareness about homelessness, the sophistication of those running (and funding) shelters, not to mention the amazing growth and success of the No More Homeless Pets/No-Kill Shelters movement.

Intro 401 would require full-service animal shelters in all five boroughs, a mandate that would help in so many ways. First, the current lack of such shelters in Bronx and Queens translates into more animals in facilities in the other three boroughs. Second, residents in the two boroughs do not have easy access to the shelters and the ability to adopt animals from them. And some of those residents don't have the wherewithal to travel to the other boroughs. So both humans and homeless animals miss out on the possibility of a better life through the human-animal bond.

The de Blasio admin. did announce a \$98 million commitment to the renovation and development of full-service shelters in all five boroughs. The announcement came in January, and at this point, there is no location for the Queens shelter, while the Bronx shelter won't open until six years from now. That may be understandable from NYC's track record and attitude about homeless pets, but it's unacceptable.

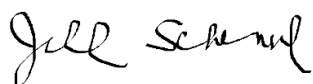
Especially in these times when the American public has become so much more enlightened about dog and cat overpopulation, and the no-kill shelter movement. The new shelters should be a front-burner priority for the city.

And so we are turning to you, who can make it so, and help thousands of New Yorkers, and thousands of animals each year, have a better life.

Please do all in your power to get Intro 401 enacted. And stay vigilant for the animals.

It's up to us to do right and speak up for those who cannot speak.

Yours in kindness,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jill Schenkel". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid, with a large, stylized 'J' and 'S'.

Jill Schensul.

Dear Council,

Please provide for animal shelters in Queens and in the Bronx to save more animals.

Also Risa Weinstock and Summer Dalder do not love animals. They kill healthy beautiful pit bulls after only 18 hours in the shelter. They also use ASPCA vet techs to spay and neuter animals and then kill the animals 2 days later. This is vivisection and must be stopped.

NYC should be an example to the USA and work to become a no kill shelter. Arriving in a NYC animal shelter is a death sentence for animals.

Please show compassion and integrity and work to change these horrible conditions.

Thank you.

Natalie Helms

A member of NY Class



**Subject:** ANIMAL SHELTER SYSTEM

**HEARING: APRIL 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2018**

**CITY COUNCIL HEALTH COMMITTEE FOR ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL / A/K/A ANIMAL CARE CENTERS**

**NYC ACC ANIMAL SHELTER REFORM:**

This looks very long; though, there are many charts & links. Please read through.

**CAPA BILL – CRITICAL to PASS** (also SEE bulleted INFORMATION at the end)

<https://www.nokilladvocacycenter.org/uploads/4/8/6/2/48624081/capa2017.pdf>

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This is a business like every other business ... and it needs to be handled responsibly ... yet for decades, it's had blind eyes/ deaf ears turned to it administration after administration. **Scott Stringer does a SCATHING audit** in 2015 ... and nothing came of it ... just fell by the wayside? It was irresponsible not to have done a follow up after such a horrific audit. Did "someone" tell him to "drop it" (SEE his LINKS)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8zw8s07yrzM>

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ACC report full

[www.youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com)

On January 6, 2013 Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer unveiled his damning report on NYC's broken animal shelter system. His report lays out not only the ...

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This is the link to Comptroller Stringer's ACC audit of April 19, 2015:◆◆

<http://comptroller.nyc.gov/newsroom/comptroller-stringer-audit-improper-handling-of-drugs-and-poor-shelter-conditions-at-animal-care-----control>

## Comptroller Stringer Audit: Improper Handling Of Drugs And Poor Shelter Conditions At Animal Care & Control

comptroller.nyc.gov

New York, NY - Animal Care & Control (AC&C) of New York City does not ensure the safety of drugs and vaccines it administers, fails to track them efficiently, operates an overcrowded shelter in Manhattan, and potentially unsafe facilities, according to an audit released today by New York City Comptroller...

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### **The "UNTRUTHS" ACC tells:**

1. They discredit the advocates: ... saying we pass on misinformation. Remember, there's always 2 sides to every story. They do a wonderful horse and pony show touting their praises ... all the sugar and spice ... discussing what they choose. Advocates, on the other hand, discuss the other side... the dark side that we live and breathe every night into day. And if we're all perfectly honest ... If not for the advocates, their Live release rate, which is skewed (we can get you that info) ... would be, in the toilet. They don't want you to know THAT reality.
2. Their New at risk FB page says "this page is not monitored" ... when in fact it's monitored VERY CLOSELY (as well as their regular FACEBOOK PAGE) ... for comments made that they don't want the public to see. They delete them and block the person from further comments. ACC receives funding to provide a govt function under the DOH ... under section 1983 it's illegal to delete and block someone ... infringing upon the 1<sup>st</sup>

amendment rights. I'm sorry ... it doesn't matter who you are ... you CANNOT supercede the law. Why are

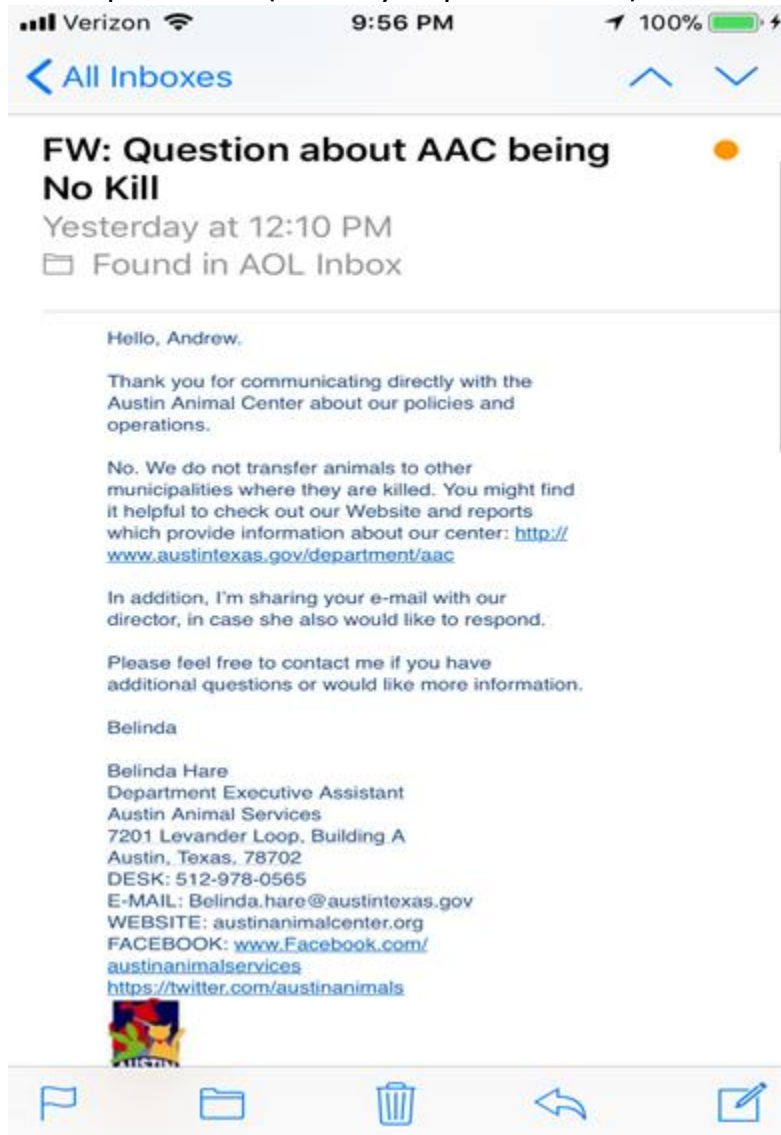
they getting away w/ this?

3. In Oct/ Nov Risa Weinstock and Matt Bershadker **lied in writing to Senator Avella** about spay/ neuter/ kill ... and **they signed their names to this correspondence.** Avella asked about a specific animal that was fixed ... only to be killed the next day. And they said it was didn't make moral, logistical and financial sense and it was an anomaly. So We showed him a list of s/n/k ... now close to 80 ... and suddenly not quite an anomaly ... Who puts an animal thru an unnecessary medical surgery ... only to kill them. This wouldn't HAPPEN in Austin. They'd be alive today.

**Then they lied about Austin shelter @ a meeting with various politicians on Jan16 ... saying Austin's not NO KILL ... that they ship animals to outside facilities where they can be and are killed.** Austin was livid about this. Risa started calling every day for a while ... backpedaling ... trying to undo the damage [the set of untruths] and cover [her] tracks. If I worked on a project for 5 yrs ... and made it into THE finest shelter in the country... and someone came along and denounced it, quite honestly ... I'm sorry, I'd slap a lawsuit on them so fast it would make their head spin. After 2 letters from Rachel Achtenson saying she'd "love to hop



on the phone” to explain the hurtful things said ... and another email she wrote, again, she’d “love to hop on the phone” ... (horribly unprofessional) ... Risa called them.



please scroll down

### New study: Austin's 'No Kill' policy has \$157 million economic impact

[http://www.kxan.com/news/local/austin/new-study-austins-no-kill-policy-has-157-million-economic-impact\\_20180312074646799/1031420997](http://www.kxan.com/news/local/austin/new-study-austins-no-kill-policy-has-157-million-economic-impact_20180312074646799/1031420997)

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### New study: Austin's 'No Kill' policy has \$157 million ...

[www.kxan.com](http://www.kxan.com)

AUSTIN (KXAN) -- A newly released study from the University of Denver claims, between 2010-2016, Austin's "No Kill" policy has helped drive Austin's economy to the tune of \$157 million. WaterShed Animal Fund, based in New York, paid for the study that's said to represent the most comprehensive ...

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4. ACC says they “humanly euthanize”. That’s another untruth. Humane euthanization means killing an animal **ONLY** if they’re terminally ill with no quality of life or **TRULY** a vicious dangerous animal.

ACC kills for Kennel Cough (which is equivalent to killing a child for a cold) ... or leash biting ... or being scared and lunging in the shelter which happens here every day (except Sunday). **THIS IS NOT HUMANE EUTHANASIA!** These animals would be alive today if they had been lucky enough to end up in the Austin

shelter. [You'd be scared too if you were brought into a strange place that smelled awful, put in a cage, barking/ crying animals, people prodding and poking you, the smell of death (they've a great sense of smell)]. But **ACC** does what they want ... and **aren't accountable to anyone**. And if questioned ... they're rude & bullylike.

5. **ACC's not even close to being the #1 in the country of municipal shelters**. On a list of 30 of the finest no kill shelters ... both prvt and public ... NYC didn't even make the list.

<https://topdogtips.com/best-animal-shelters/>

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## 30 Best Animal Shelters That Make America Proud

topdogtips.com

Shelters are the unsung heroes of the pet industry, and there are some unbelievable organizations that make our list of the best animal shelters in America.

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ACC's horse and pony show ... that holds no substance.

### **BULLET LIST OF ATROCITIES:**

- Riddled with Disease
- Daily AT RISK LIST = Daily KILL LIST



- NO direct phone contact for Daily KILL LIST
- HANDS OFF PROTOCOL for Daily KILL LIST
- Improper Behavior Evaluations/ improper medical evaluations/ Paper work with wrong information ... calling a dog and cat, putting down misinformation: See Examples

**Improper behavior assessments:** here's a video and there are SO MANY other examples of the complete opposite ... that say they have behavior issues ... yet they **don't at all** once out of the shelter environment.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5o2HwZlcDc8&list=PLcnAUwJb3Rs9ve6Z6sBmbsauKFUBV9TSg&index=11>

**Improper medical evaluations:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2W63dvxyoZ8&list=PLcnAUwJb3Rs9ve6Z6sBmbsauKFUBV9TSg&index=12>



Sad story of a misdiagnosed dog at NYC ACC -  
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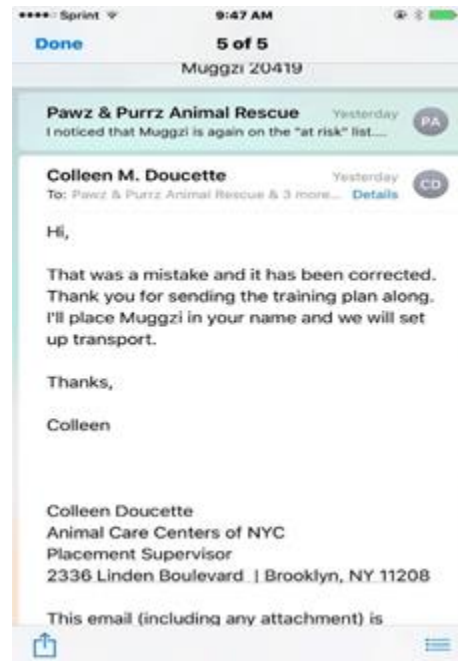
[www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)

Sad story of a misdiagnosed dog at NYC ACC Vet at NYC Animal Care and Control misdiagnoses a dog's health from tumor to diabetes. Labeled healthy but aggress...

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**Improper paper work:** (SMALL EXAMPLE)

He wasn't. They have notes all jumbled up on his profile. We know it's impossible, but remember just last month they sent a cat to aspca for spay, she was already spayed before being dumped. Therefore she had major surgery for no reason. A simple xray would have saved her a lot of pain and suffering



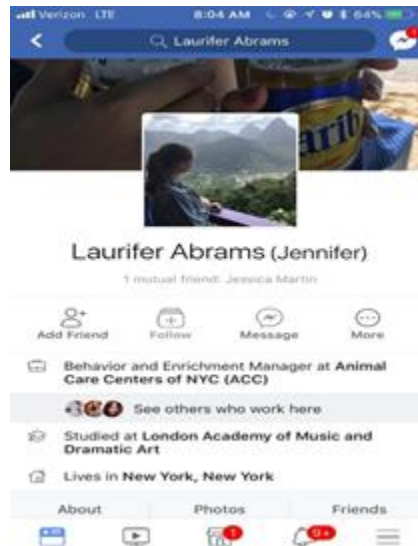
- Lack of Transparency: IE: In Austin ... everything is fully TRANSPARENT ... which is what to successful no kill shelter does. Yet here there's no accountability. DOH/ ACC do/ say whatever they want ... No kill's MOTO: if no one knows there's a problem ... no one can help.
- Lack of outreach: New website ... in English only ... a city gov't agency in the melting pot of the world. All other city gov't agencies are in every language.
- Killed despite rescue efforts
- Killed despite approved adopter or rescue
- Died shortly after leaving facility of virulent disease
- Required life saving measures once pulled
- Died inside the facility or during transport
- Languished and suffered in pain for days without proper treatment
- Botched surgeries

- Don't inform the protocol and the possibility of the animal being euthanized when Surrendering Animals



- Incompetent staff Unqualified/ unprofessional (here's just an example):  
Carla Graham/Studied bakery and pastry, history, geography, economics  
Laurifer Adams/ Studied at London Academy of Music and Arts:





- **Distance perimeters** ... for what? ... they're only relevant if they do home checks ... but they don't. It makes no sense if these poor animals could be placed in a wonderful home outside ACC's limiting perimeters to save their life ... why should it ever be otherwise. Miami, for example, allows their animals to go wherever they can get a good home. Our homeless animals here in NY are treated as a disposable commodity ... as though their lives are worthless. They're just NOT!
- And NOW ... since January 2017 spay/ neutered ... only to be kill listed ... sometimes even the following day. (there are more now). **Remember:** RISA WEINSTOCK AND MATT BERSHADKER LIED IN WRITING TO Senator Avella (THERE ARE NOW MORE THAN THESE)

| ID #    | Name    | Age   | Shelter   | intake Date | Spay/Nueter | Date Of Death | TBD | Notes |
|---------|---------|-------|-----------|-------------|-------------|---------------|-----|-------|
| 1102006 | Cayenne | 4 Y M | Manhattan | 1/23/2017   | in between  | 1/31/2017     |     |       |
| 1101367 | Hot     | 2 Y F | Manhattan | 1/10/2017   | in between  | 1/22/2017     |     |       |

|         |            |        |           |            |            |           |  |   |
|---------|------------|--------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|--|---|
|         | Cocoa      |        |           |            |            |           |  |   |
| 1100437 | Malibu     | 3 Y M  | Manhattan | 12/24/2016 | in between | 1/4/217   |  |   |
| 1103910 | Ellies     | 7 Y M  | Brooklyn  | 2/16/2017  | in between | 2/22/2017 |  |   |
| 1103426 | Twix       | 1 Y M  | Brooklyn  | 2/10/2017  | in between | 2/16/2017 |  |   |
| 1102784 | Twiggy     | 1 Y F  | Manhattan | 2/2/2017   | in between | 2/7/2017  |  |   |
| 1102859 | Gladys     | 4 Y F  | Manhattan | 2/3/2017   | in between | 2/8/2017  |  |   |
| 1102522 | Lucy       | 10 Y F | Manhattan | 1/30/2017  | in between | 2/5/2017  |  |   |
| 1102375 | Paris      | 4 Y F  | Manhattan | 1/27/2017  | in between | 2/1/2017  |  |   |
| 1106598 | Masala     | 2 Y F  | Manhattan | 3/20/2017  | in between | 3/25/2017 |  |   |
| 1104899 | Bae        | 3 Y F  | Manhattan | 2/28/2017  | in between | 3/21/2017 |  |   |
| 1105114 | Gulsa      | 4 Y M  | Brooklyn  | 3/2/2017   | in between | 3/10/2017 |  |   |
| 1104577 | Jim Thorpe | 5 Y M  | Manhattan | 2/24/2017  | in between | 3/9/2017  |  |   |
| 1105080 | Rutabaga   | 4 Y M  | Brooklyn  | 3/1/2017   | in between | 3/8/2017  |  | Significant bruising around scrotum and prepuce |
| 1105091 | August     | 1 Y F  | Manhattan | 4/25/2017  | in between | 4/28/2017 |  |   |
| 1107313 | Champ      | 1 Y M  | Manhattan | 3/28/2017  | in between | 4/14/2017 |  |   |
| 1104195 | Brittany   | 1 Y F  | Manhattan | 3/30/2017  | in between | 4/8/2017  |  |   |
| 1106968 | Houston    | 4 Y F  | Brooklyn  | 3/24/2017  | in between | 4/1/2017  |  |   |
| 1112675 | Royalty    | 5 Y M  | Manhattan | 5/20/2017  | in between | 5/31/2017 |  |   |
| 1112071 | Romeo      | 1Y M   | Manhattan | 5/15/2017  | in between | 5/22/2017 |  |   |
| 1109917 | Chappy     | 2 Y F  | Brooklyn  | 4/24/2017  | in between | 5/4/2017  |  |   |
| 1109963 | Hoppy      | 1 Y F  | Brooklyn  | 4/24/2017  | in between | 5/3/2017  |  |   |
| 1109564 | Hazel      | 2 Y F  | Brooklyn  | 4/24/2017  | in between | 5/3/2017  |  |   |
| 1109130 | Isaiah     | 2 Y M  | Manhattan | 4/17/2017  | in between | 5/2/2017  |  |   |
| 1107317 | Fern       | 2 Y F  | Manhattan | 3/29/2017  | in between | 5/1/2017  |  |   |
| 1116275 | Lil Debbie | 3 Y F  | Manhattan | 6/23/2017  | in between | 6/28/2017 |  |   |
| 1115709 | Monk       | 1 Y M  | Manhattan | 6/18/2017  | in between | 6/28/2017 |  |   |
| 1113305 | Taylor     | 6 Y F  | Manhattan | 5/26/2017  | in between | 6/9/2017  |  |   |
| 1113720 | Pablo      | 1 Y M  | Manhattan | 5/30/2017  | in between | 6/7/2017  |  |   |

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| 1112865 | Dutch    | 1 Y M      | Manhattan | 5/22/2017       | in between | 6/7/2017   |  |   |
| 1112900 | Rhino    | 1 Y M      | Manhattan | 5/23/2017       | in between | 6/2/2017   |  |   |
| 1112453 | Sungazer | 3 Y M      | Brooklyn  | 5/19/2017       | in between | 6/2/2017   |  |   |
| 1113516 | Tea      | 5 Y F      | Manhattan | 5/29/2017       | in between | 6/2/2017   |  |   |
| 1112761 | Patch    | 4 Y M      | Manhattan | 5/21/2017       | in between | 6/1/2017   |  |   |
| 1112854 | Rover    | 4 Y M      | Manhattan | 5/23/2017       | in between | 6/1/2017   |  |   |
| 1118480 | Cannoli  | 7 Y F      | Manhattan | 7/14/2017       | in between | 7/26/2017  |  |   |
| 1117720 | Zeus     | 5 Y M      | Brooklyn  | 7/6/2017        | in between | 7/20/2017  |  |   |
| 1118134 | Blue     | 4 Y M      | Manhattan | 7/10/2017       | in between | 7/19/2017  |  |   |
| 1117051 | Hazel    | 3 Y F      | Manhattan | 6/30/2017       | in between | 7/7/2017   |  |   |
| 1120524 | Bigsby   | 5 Y M      | Manhattan | 8/23/2017       | in between | 9/13/2017  |  |   |
| 1123937 | Lando    | 3 Y M      | Manhattan | 8/31/2017       | in between | 9/11/2017  |  |   |
| 15642   | Bella    | 8<br>Mth F | Manhattan | 12/13/2017<br>* | in between | 12/20/2017 |  | Adopted 12/10/2017 ... Returned<br>12/13/2017 * |
| 9035    | Bricks   | 4 Y M      | Brooklyn  | 12/10/2017<br>* | in between | 12/14/2017 |  | Intake 12/10/2017 *                             |
| 1107774 | Mellow   | 2 Y M      | Brooklyn  | 4/3/2017        | 4/8/2017   | 4/18/2017  |  |   |
| 1108108 | Reggie   |            |           |                 | 4/10/2017  | 4/18/2017  |  |   |
| 1108699 | Jacks    | 1.5 Y<br>M | Manhattan | 4/12/2017       | 4/19/2017  | 4/24/2017  |  |   |
| 1110815 | Emmylou  | 2 Y F      | Manhattan | 5/2/2017        | 5/6/2017   | 5/11/2017  |  |   |
| 1110400 | Pirata   | 6 Y M      | Brooklyn  | 5/5/2017        | 5/11/2017  | 5/22/2017  |  |   |
| 1117522 | Hunter   | 5 Y M      | Brooklyn  | 7/5/2017        | 7/12/2017  | 7/15/2017  |  |   |
| 1123724 | Jasper   | 3 Y M      | Manhattan | 8/29/2017       | 9/2/2017   | 9/5/2017   |  |   |
| 1125952 | Judge    | 2 Y M      | Manhattan | 9/18/2017       | 9/22/2017  | 9/23/2017  |  |   |
| 1125871 | Hannah   | 4 Y F      | Manhattan | 9/18/2017       | 9/23/2017  | 9/25/2017  |  |   |
| 1126183 | Dante    | 1 Y M      | Brooklyn  | 9/21/2017       | 9/23/2017  | 9/26/2017  |  |   |
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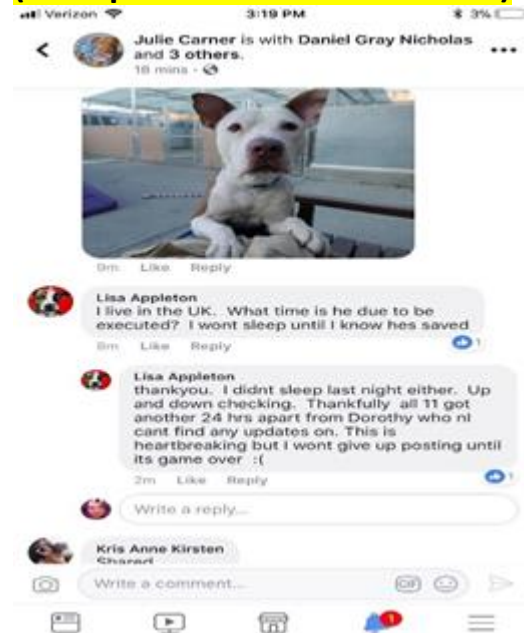
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| 20751       | Serenade   | 5 Y F  | Manhattan | 2/15/2018  | 2/16/2018  | 2/21/2018  |  |  |

### (ALL NOT IN PHOTO)



A responsible organization would be monitoring their sites for adoptors. ... and helping to coordinate the adoptors with the “New Hope” rescues ... taking them thru the adoption process. This is their job for God sakes ... It’s what the shelters are paid to do ... paid by our tax \$\$\$ ... but everyone’s doing their job for them. Instead ... the scenario goes like this: Every night but Saturday panic ensues starting at 6pm when the at risk / kill list comes out every night... where, in less than a day ... mostly overnight hrs ... these animals need to be situated ... otherwise, at 12 noon ...the killing starts. The advocates network these animals ... coordinating the adoptors with rescues ... trying to save these animals ... ACC is Totally hands off. It’s a nightmare come live for the animals as well as the advocates. And the world is involved vying for these animals .... and they’re watching this. people in Australia, demark, Holland, the UK, Italy:

**(Example of someone in the UK)**

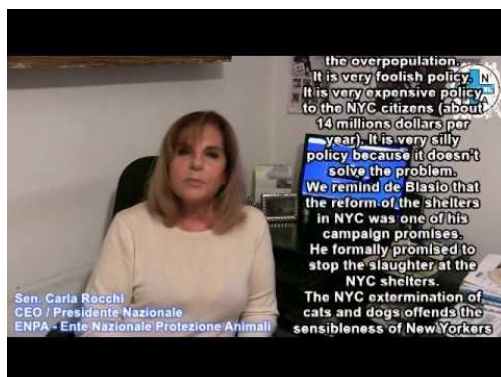


... even the Italian Senator Carla Rocchi sent De Blasio a video plea saying you’re supposed to be the greatest city in the world ... but your shelters are disgusting! We have a vile reputation....

Link to **SENATOR CARLA ROCCHI'S video plea** to De Blasio

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ko8oozT5kuU&feature=youtu.be>

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## APPEAL FROM THE ITALIAN SEN. CARLA ROCCHI TO THE MAYOR DE ...

[www.youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com)

Behind the glamor pics of NYC, the shadow of a immense tragedy: Animal Care & Control — a nonprofit organization under contract with the city — kills about 8...

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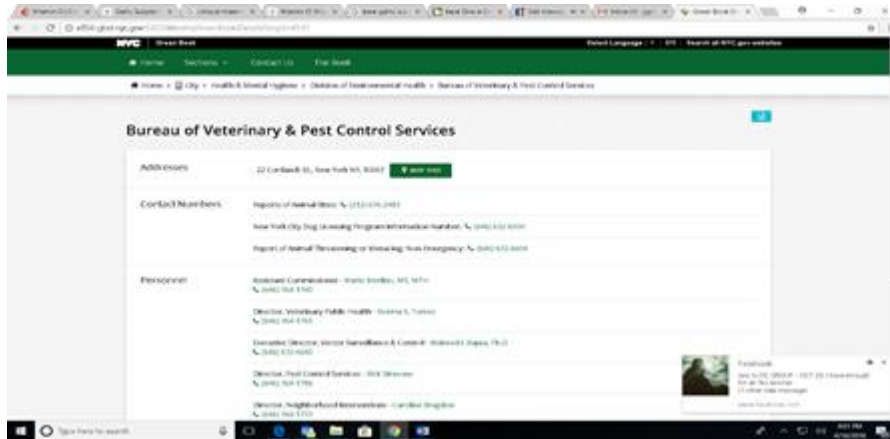
### **There are 3 contracts:**

1. **DOH / ACC: 45 page contract** silences everyone ...it's worse than organized crime. A GAG contract. No one can ever able to publicly criticize and provide documented evidence. They're not allowed to use certain words ...they're all walking around with the same verbiage like the Stepford wives ... It's horribly eerie. They have this false self-righteous attitude. Bullylike the moment they're questioned about something. It's like the twilight zone.
2. **ACC/ ASPCA agreement:** ASPCA has the right to say whether ACC recuperative environment is acceptable. Apparently they find it acceptable despite the current health risks.



3. **NH Mayor's alliance eligibility** – 300 rescues listed/ only a SMALL handful pull ... so the list is futile for people trying to get an animal off the at risk list ... wasting precious time reaching out to NH rescues that don't pull. Again ACC should be coordinating all these interested adopters with the NH rescues. it's their job for God's sakes! If the general public knew what their taxes dollars where paying for in these shelters ... the roar would be deafening.

Look up Mario Merlino/ dept of health Assistant commissioner/ director to Veterinary public health .... Veterinary and Pest Control ... how can those 2 words be in the same title?! Says volumes ... and it's frightening:



**ACTUAL ADOPTION VIDEOS:** .... they'll make your toes curl

Main Video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cUIP46NmVcs>

Stories 1 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SNntmMH43rA>

stories 2 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SV5lzd8N3GI>

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Stories 4 [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c10g3D\\_fzXY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c10g3D_fzXY)

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Stories 6 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mZH8NizBUww>

**Marketing ... website** ... all city govt agencies have their information in every language. They **just recently** redid their website which they boast about and ... in the melting pot of the world ... **it's only in English only**

**As in every successful business ... you put the Proper PEOPLE, in the Proper POSITION, with the Proper PLAN ... AND JUST AS IMPORTANTLY ... THE PROPER MOTIVATION AND choice.** ACC has attorneys, publishers, writers, their “friends” (lots of nepotism) and union workers. (Gym trainers as shelter managers, there was a vet who wanted to be, excuse me ...omg, a porn star! Yes, you read correctly)

**This business requires ... QUALIFIED business, admin, marketing, and animal PROFESSIONALS ... QUALIFIED AND PROFESSIONAL being the operative words ... and union workers are fine ... though not in the position of admins.** A lawyer or two (2) ... perhaps even three (3) {one per shelter} ... but NOT running the organization where the main focus is liability. **This business needs to be spun out from under the Dept of Health ... and an animal welfare dept needs to be created.** New shelters won't change anything ... if the motivation and mind set doesn't change. **The doh has no business being a part of the animal shelters. This is a moral and ethical issue ... as well as a financial issue.** There's so much money to be made in this arena that they've never even tapped into. Why? ... because it isn't being run by the right/ proper group of people.

**If it can be better ... as it's being proven pone by one across our country ... then IT MUST! There's no other correct choice.**

It's about the Moral compass .... Professionalism ... being fair and reasonable.

Time for a NEW REGIME ... OF Wisdom, moral and ethical integrity and responsibility, humanity, compassion, and justice for every animal who is unfortunate enough to have to walk thru those diseased riddled shelter doors.

I have no doubt that **animal rights and welfare will be one of the greatest social movements of our times.** It's in your hands to remedy.

Please, respected councilmen & woman ... get into the right side of this equation ... now.

#### QUOTES FROM OUR MOST BRILLANT PEOPLE ON MAN'S RELATIONSHIP WITH ANIMALS

**—Arthur Schopenhauer, German philosopher (1788–1860)** All truth passes through three stages. First, it is ridiculed. Second, it is violently opposed. Third, it is accepted as being self-evident.

**Leonardo da Vinci:** "The time will come when men such as I will look upon the murder of animals as they now look upon the murder of men."

**Jeremy Bentham, 19th century Philosopher, Oxford University** "The question is not, Can they reason? nor, Can they talk? But rather, Can they suffer?"

**Victor Hugo (1802-1885):** "First it was necessary to civilize man in relation to man. Now it is necessary to civilize man in relation to nature and the animals."

—**Henry David Thoreau (1817–1862:)** It takes two to speak the truth: one to speak, and another to hear.

– **Martin Luther King:** Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.

—**Martin Luther King, Jr. (1929–1968)** The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.

–**Albert Einstein:** The world is a dangerous place, not because of those who do evil, but because of those who look on and do nothing.

- **CAPA BILL \*\*\*\*\* :COMPANION ANIMAL PROTECTION ACT ... being passed one by one across our country.:**

Before an animal is killed, all of the following conditions must be met:

- 1) There are no empty cages, kennels, or other living environments in the shelter;
- 2) The animal cannot share a cage or kennel with another animal;
- 3) The shelter has made a plea to foster homes and a foster home is not available;
- 4) Rescue groups, the former “owner,” or the finder has been notified and are not willing to accept the animal;
- 5) The animal cannot be transferred to another shelter with room to house the animal;
- 6) The animal is not a healthy community cat (healthy community cats shall be sterilized and returned to their habitats in lieu of killing);
- 7) The animal has been determined to be medically untreatable by a veterinarian or a dog is determined to be vicious to people and the prognosis for rehabilitation is determined to be poor to grave by a trainer or behaviorist.



Best Regards,



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New York City Council Member  
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Dear New York City Council Member:

I am a resident of the State of Maryland and therefore I am unable to attend the Committee Public Meeting on Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am, where the meeting agenda will discuss the status of Animal Care Centers (ACC) of NYC. I am writing to urge the committee to **make ACC a no-kill shelter system**. The countless animals that are euthanized every single day at ACC do not deserve to die.

While I am not a resident in New York City, I do follow a social media community comprised of volunteers at the ACC shelter system and local animal rescue groups. These amazing people dedicate their time, their effort, their wallets and their hearts to finding homes for the numerous dogs that are placed on the 18-hour "Kill List" every week. And I speak from personal experience, as I recently adopted a dog from ACC who was scheduled to be euthanized within hours.

Cherry Berry is my ACC rescue and there is absolutely no reason that she should have been placed on a euthanasia list. She is a five year old pit bull, in good health, with stellar behavior notes from the shelter and an exemplary description from her former family. In the month that my family has had her in our home, with our young son and four other rescue pets, she has been an absolute delight! Cherry has befriended all of our neighbors (and their dogs) and she is enrolled in a training program to visit school children for humane education (teaching compassion and safety around animals). I simply cannot understand why she would have been sentenced to death by ACC?

I absolutely understand that there is an overwhelming number of homeless pets and the funding, space and other resources are often limited. Believe me, I do foster/adopt from my home and I know this challenge first-hand. But New York City is the financial epicenter of the United States of America and I believe NYC shelter animals deserve better. The ACC shelter systems needs reform now! The healthy and

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April 23, 2018

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behaviorally sound animals dying every week at ACC deserve to be the terrific family pets that they truly are! Please vote in support of making ACC a no-kill shelter. If I can be of any assistance in making this possible, or if you would like further details on my specific experience with ACC, please contact me directly. I do a lot of work in Maryland for animal welfare and we have made incredible progress in the past several years with our local shelters – so, it can be done. I whole-heartedly believe in this initiative in NYC; my Cherry is living proof! Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

*Kerry E. Nelka*



## **Animal shelter system**

**From:** Maria

**Date:** April 23, 2018 at 6:51:11 PM EDT

**Subject:** Animal shelter system

My experience With this place was outrageous. They took possession of my dog that was sent to this place, when I lost him. It was not enough that I and my family testified that he was our family dog. They made me do paper work to adopt him, they neutered my dog, I asked them to let me do it with my veterinarian, the only option they gave me was to pay 10,000 in order to stop the neuter for my dog and to go to court. I still don't know how this can be legal, apart from trying to adopt another puppy that stole my heart and they didn't make it possible. They put the dogs to sleep and don't make possible the adoption of animals. They used excuses not to allow me to adopt another dog.

Mi experiencia con este lugar es indignante, tomaron posesion de mi perro, que fue mandado a este lugar cuando lo perdí, no le bastaron mis pruebas, toda mi familia testificando que era de nuestra familia, me hicieron hacer transcribe de adopción, castraron a mi perro, pidiéndole yo a ellos que me dejaran hacerlo con mi veterinario, la única opción que me daban era pagar 10,000, dólares para parar la castracion, y poder ir a corte, todavía no sé cómo esto puede ser legal, aparte que trate de adoptar un perrito que se robo mi corazón y no lo hicieron posible, como pueden matar y no hacer posible la adopción de un animal, usaron excusa que yo no puedo ver.



animal shelter system

My experience with Animal Care Center was absolutely outrageous. I want my voice heard ... because this should never happen to anyone .... ever!

A family member stopped at my home while I was out. When they left and locked up ... they didn't realize that my little dog, TUPAC, slipped out of the house unnoticed. He ran into the street and was hit by a car. My neighbor who saw what happened, though was unaware that it was my dog, phoned 911 and 311, and was told that they do nothing for a dog ... and told my neighbor to call the police. The police told my neighbor that all that they could do was to take it to the animal shelter where they would put the dog to sleep. My neighbor decided to take the dog to a vet ... and it turned out that the vet sent the dog to the shelter in Manhattan. I was sick, crying hysterically, looking for my dog. I never knew that there was a public animal shelter in NYC. I went online to the LOST AND FOUND pages ... and it was there that I saw a picture of my dog and the area which it was hit by the car ... and I immediately wrote that person. At 2am in the morning, my phone rang and it was the woman, my neighbor, telling me the story ... and told me where the dog was taken. As soon as I heard, I ran out of the house with some family members and went to the ACC at 4am in the morning. Unfortunately my dog wasn't chipped ... and also wasn't neutered. He's a little dog and he's usually always with me. When I arrived at the shelter, they informed me that they now had ownership of my little boy ... and that I had to fill out papers to adopt him out of the shelter. My poor little baby was so scared. He was trembling uncontrollably. We all told them this was our family dog ... we showed them so many pictures and videos ... I wanted to take him home ...but they wouldn't let me have him. They wouldn't let me have him for several days. Then they told me I couldn't take him back without them neutering him. I said that I wanted to take him to my vet ... but they told me I could not. The only option they gave me was that I **WOULD HAVE TO PUT UP A \$20,000 BOND AND HAVE A LAWYER TAKE IT TO COURT! \$20,000 BOND?** OMG ... I couldn't believe what I was hearing. I couldn't believe how utterly unfair and unreasonable this was. I tried to convince them to allow me to take my baby boy to my vet and have him do the procedure. They just said that it was impossible. I felt that my rights had been violated. How it is possible that the law will allow people to kill animals and not allow an owner to decide where/ when/ if to neuter my dog. Yet they don't respond and use funds for neutering 6 cats living in my backyard ... and how many times have I called them to come ... only to be told they have no space and that they cannot come. I think that each case must be reviewed and treated with more humanity. These animals are part of our family, laws have to be changed, we need emergency services for them, dogs that have proven owners are to be delivered without being touched. They do not belong to them! They abuse their position ... and are allowed to get away with it. I want my voice heard! They should NEVER be allowed to kill shelter dogs, no matter the circumstance, unless they are deathly ill ... or truly a dangerous and vicious animal. Not an animal with "behavior issues. I hope that no one suffers what my family and I suffered ... nights without sleep, nothing could calm my anguish.

The entire experience was a nightmare ... and their attitude made a bad situation/ experience that much worse! They were horribly rude and bullylike. While I was there, someone came in and surrendered

their dog. I wanted to adopt this poor little animal right then and there. This poor little puppy stole my heart. They told me, "NO" ... because my little boy had to heal. Can you imagine they'd rather choose not adopt out a puppy to a good home? I think they make things up as they go. They deny adoptions. I live in a home with plenty of rooms where I could have easily kept the animals separate and done the proper introductions. But no, they wouldn't have it. They overstep their boundaries ... and abuse their authority. They make excuses not to allow adoptions. Interestingly enough, ever since my experience at this city pound ... I've been hearing one horrific story after another about them ... other stories of this place not allowing adoptions. Something has to be done. Something isn't right here. They're far too controlling. These things don't happen at good shelters. They are reasonable ... and they work with people. This place works against people. This place is frightening ... and my little boy wasn't himself for quite a while after I got him home. And he came back to me looking SO BAD! They put dogs to sleep and make adoptions very difficult. I've never in all of my life had such a bad experience with an animal shelter ...EVER! This was an absolutely horrendous experience. And again, no one should EVER have to go through anything like what my family went through at this shelter. It's a disgusting place ... with nasty people that show they have no desire to be helpful and kind. And from my new understanding ... this has been allowed to go on for far too long.

Maria

**From:** <peaceonearth446@aol.com>

**Date:** April 24, 2018 at 12:21:10 AM EDT

**Subject: from Lucia Fabbo, Justine Faeth, Hyman Schaffer, Donna King, Toni Toscano, Bruce Adams, Anthony Santoro, Lucy Burke, Jenny Bosch, Helen Hueppi, Maureen Poly, Linda Mann and many many more!**

To -Council Member Mark Levine, Chair

Council Member Keith Powers

Council Member. Mathieu Eugene

Council Member Alicka Amprey-Samuel

Council Member Inez Barro

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New full-service shelters mean better, more humane care for the cats, dogs, and rabbits in our shelters, and they will help connect more New Yorkers to loving companions. It's a win-win for animals and

**Subject: Testimony**

Hello my name is Greg Scarpa proud Pitbull owner for many years and I always speak highly of rescue shelters that do the right thing and give my favorite breed a fighting chance for life, love, family and a home. All dogs need lots of love and we need more personal and bigger shelters to care for these animals without the fear of euthanization because all pets deserve a home not a needle and with the proper care and resources we can all make this possible.

Sincerely,

Gregory Scarpa



## Intro 401 and NYC Shelter Dogs

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Thank you.

Faith G

## Subject: Animal Shelter System

Attachments not in previous email:

- Correspondence between Senator Tony Avella .... and Risa Weinstock/ Matt Bershadker ... saying spay/ neuter/ killing this animal, Hanna, was **an anomaly** ... and didn't make sense morally, logistically, and financially. Then we showed Senator Avella a **LIST OF ANIMALS it was done to ... now close to 80.**
- **ACC: At Risk Page on FACEBOOK that says that the page isn't monitored** when, **in fact it's closely monitored** for comments they don't want the public to see .. then delete the comments & block the person from commenting again (we have SO MUCH PROOF in screen prints. Yet not monitored to reach out to interested adopters. TOTALLY HANDS OFF THE ADOPTION PROCESS!
- Example of **animals being neglected**: 3 before and after pictures .. just within a weeks time. One pic is 2 weeks. **Only way that occurs, that the they get so bad in such a short time, is sheer utter neglect.**
- Sign for surrendering protocol **that should be posted** ... but they don't tell people any of that. (We have proof ... a story from a man who experienced it).
- Rachel Atcheson's letters ... "hop on the phone ..." to discuss hurtful things that were said by the constituents (referring to Risa Weinstock not saying Austin is not NO KILL ... and we have written proof from Glomani Bravo-Lopez and Michael Sheldon that she said exactly that at the January 16th meeting)

We have an enormous amount of proof of SO MANY OF THE ATROCITIES that are allowed to continue in these (diseased riddled) shelters ... from neglect ... to difficulty adopting animals. They constantly have reasons to say "NO" to people who want to adopt ... whether it's a certain animal ... or certain situation. AND THEY ARE HORRIBLY UNREASONABLE REASONS!

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November 7, 2017

Tony Avella  
State Senator  
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Dear Senator Avella:

Thank you for reaching out again on behalf of Ms. ~~Chloe~~ regarding ACC's practices and policies. Most recently, Ms. ~~K~~ inquired about the dog named Hannah (A1125871), relevant to her belief that ACC has implemented a new policy of spaying/neutering/euthanizing animals. As explained in our previous letter to you, ACC has no such policy.

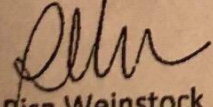
Where Hannah is concerned, she displayed behavioral concerns when she came into the shelter. We anticipated that despite this challenging behavior, she would be selected by a specialist rescue partner, and therefore she was spayed. Unfortunately, she was not selected by a rescue partner, and with her behavioral challenges escalating, our team felt it was best to proceed with euthanasia. This unfortunate case was an anomaly and not the norm.

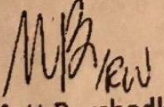
We never make these decisions lightly or without pursuing every option for each animal.

In 2017, month over month, ACC has placed over 90% of all animals that have come to us. In the month of September alone, we spayed/neutered and placed 6,664 animals.

We hope this information provides clarification you were seeking. We appreciate the opportunity to answer your questions and speak about our lifesaving work.

Very truly yours,

  
Risa Weinstock  
President & CEO

  
Matt Bershadker  
President & CEO  
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October 10, 2017

*Via mail and email*

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Dear Senator Avella,

Thank you for reaching out to ACC and the ASPCA to seek the facts concerning our spay/neuter practices. We welcome these kinds of conversations as they are opportunities to dispel untruths. This response is sent on behalf of both organizations.

Ms. [REDACTED] allegation is unequivocally untrue. There is no practice - new, old, or otherwise, of ACC or the ASPCA spaying or neutering animals and then euthanizing them directly after. We strive to alter all of our animals before they are adopted so that when they are selected for adoption or rescue placement, they are ready to leave our care centers that day. By altering animals that are available for adoption, we increase the likelihood of that animal being adopted. The ASPCA provides tens of thousands of subsidized spay/neuter surgeries to shelters, rescues, and individuals around NYC, and ACC is one of the groups that receives these services.

Laws require that all animals adopted from our shelter to be spayed or neutered with limited exception before leaving our care. Unaltered animals in ACC's care that have not been adopted and, due to behavior and/or medical issues, are at risk for euthanasia, would never be spayed or neutered. It does not make moral, financial, or logistical sense to spay/neuter an animal and then have them euthanized.

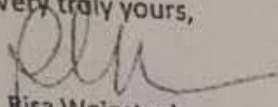
As you will see in our stats, ACC is currently saving over 90% of the animals we take in: <http://www.nycacc.org/Statistics.htm>. Every year, the placement numbers increase and we are proud of the progress that we've made, with the support of the ASPCA, making NYC a leader in animal sheltering nationwide. If you are interested, I invite you to visit one of our care centers to see the work that our compassionate staff is doing to help NYC's animals every day.

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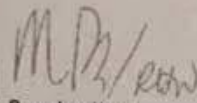


We hope we can count on you to spread awareness to your constituents about the life-saving work we are doing to protect the city's most vulnerable animals and help correct misinformation like this. Please do not hesitate to contact us (ACC or ASPCA) with any questions.

Very truly yours,



Risa Weinstock  
President & CEO



Matt Bershadker  
President & CEO  
ASPCA



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November 30, 2017

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Mr. Matthew Bershadker  
CEO  
ASPCA  
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New York, NY 10128

Dear Ms. Weinstock and Mr. Bershadker:

I am writing to you to follow up on our previous correspondence concerning possible instances of animals being euthanized shortly after being spayed and neutered.

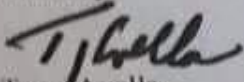
As you may recall, ~~my name + ADDRESS~~ <sup>my name + ADDRESS</sup> ~~Ms. Carol F...~~ <sup>my name + ADDRESS</sup> ~~11638, had previously reported these concerning allegations. In our previous correspondence, your organizations specifically denied the allegations.~~

Since our last correspondence, a number of other individuals have contacted my office with similar, and further, allegations. Specifically, they have alleged that a dog named Munch (ID# 12590), contracted CIRDC, which progressed to pneumonia due to the conditions of the shelter and was euthanized as a result. Further, that sickness within the shelters are putting animals at risk, and as a result of a lack of treatment it leads to euthanasia as the dogs are placed on 18 hour kill lists once they are diagnosed with a disease. Additionally, these individuals have alleged that the statistics provided by your organizations regarding the save rate are not supported by hard data. Finally, it has been alleged that the dogs' behavioral assessments are overly harsh related to simple misbehaviors, which could be fixed via training, and thus many dogs have been improperly euthanized for behavioral issues.

In addition, to Ms. [REDACTED], several other concerned citizens have recently contacted my office and similar allegations. Among these allegations are that your organizations have euthanized animals and giving them as little as eighteen hours for adoption, overstated animals aggressiveness during evaluation, not properly treated dogs for minor medical conditions like kennel cough and using such diseases as a basis for euthanasia, and misrepresented the statistics on your save rate.

Given these concerns, I would ask that you advise me of any relevant rules or procedures governing the shelters and these areas of concern. Please include information on how your organizations calculates the save rate and how, in detail, your shelters determine when it is appropriate to euthanize an animal.

Sincerely,



Tony Avella  
State Senator  
11<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District

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**MEOW MEOW intake pic 3/25/18**



**HEALTHY OWNER SURRENDER**

**MACC 23674**



**3/31/18 (6 days later)**



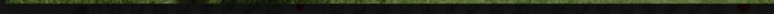
Ginger intake pic 12/28/17



# **Tiger intake 3/7/18**







Lisa Schaw, Alyn Kuster and 63 others   Oldest

**IN DANGER**



...and the fact that the system is not yet fully operational.



**NOTICE TO SHELTER VISITORS!**  
**MANY ANIMALS ARE KILLED WITHIN DAYS OF SURRENDER!**

**IF YOU ARE HERE TODAY TO SURRENDER YOUR PET  
PLEASE UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU ARE DOING.**

As much as you may think your pet is sure to get  
a new home, the truth is, firstly, your pet sees you as family,  
he/she will be stressed out and upset for  
being here at the shelter without you.

There is 100% infection rate, your pet will develop  
Kennel Cough an Upper Respiratory Infection or worse  
if he/she lives long enough.

Regardless of what the shelter may tell you  
there are over **30,000** surrendered and **5K+ are** killed each year  
at the NYC ACC Shelters (including adoptable puppies & kittens),  
your pet is just one more!

**MOST LIKELY YOUR PET WILL BE KILLED!**

**Regardless of what they say!**

Are you sure you can't do better for your pet than this?

**Your pet would do better for you!**

Please see the back for other options\*



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**Sent:** Thursday, January 25, 2018 9:36 AM

**To:** [Belinda.Hare@austintexas.gov](mailto:Belinda.Hare@austintexas.gov);

[LeeAnn.Shenefiel@austintexas.gov](mailto:LeeAnn.Shenefiel@austintexas.gov)

**Subject:** RE: Austin's model + NYC Animal Care Centers


I was thinking more about your constituent's inquiry last night and realized I should be more direct: it was myself who brought up Austin during the Q&A session of the briefing last week - I constantly hear questions about Austin and I decided to clarify that Austin indeed is a City who also has an adoption partner program, just as ACC does (through the New Hope program), and that some of those adoption partners are outside the City (just like ours). There should have been NO inference that euthanasia was part of that process. Apologies for what this might have come off as. I'm also reaching out to the elected's staff who made this very hurtful accusation.

I'd very much like to hop on a phone call with you to discuss further, as I do not want this to damage any relationship between any partner. Do you have availability today (Thursday) or tomorrow (Friday)?

Rachel Atcheson  
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**From:** Atcheson, Rachel**Sent:** Wednesday, January 24, 2018 4:53 PM**To:** [Belinda.Hare@austintexas.gov](mailto:Belinda.Hare@austintexas.gov);[LeeAnn.Shenefiel@austintexas.gov](mailto:LeeAnn.Shenefiel@austintexas.gov)**Subject:** Austin's model + NYC Animal Care Centers

Belinda and Lee Ann,

I received word from NYC's Animal Care Centers that you heard inaccurately from a constituent about statements made by CEO, Risa Weinstock. I'm NYC Mayor de Blasio's Animal Welfare Liaison, the liaison between City Hall and animal groups in the City. I was at the meeting you heard about, and want to assure you that Risa made no such statements.

I'm happy to hop on a phone call with you to discuss further.

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Rachel Atcheson

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New York City Council  
Committee on Health  
**Oversight - Animal Care Centers:**  
**Update on the Status of NYC's Animal Shelter System**  
4/24/2018

Summary Of Proposed Testimony  
**ACC Volunteer Neil Schaier**

**Needed: More Transparency, Better Oversight, And More Funding To Ensure That ACC Fulfills Its Statutory, Contractual, and Moral Obligations To The People And Animals of NYC.**

**1. An “Open Admissions” Shelter with Multiple Barriers to Intake Is A “Limited Intake” Shelter.**

- Barriers: A Misleading Website; Unnecessary Waiting Periods; Advent Of The “Community Cat”; The Emotional “Hard Sell”.
- Critical Statistics Are Not Tracked: How Many People: 1) Don’t Complete the Required Online Questionnaire, 2) Can’t Wait Three Business Days For A Response From ACC; 3) Are Told/Convinced That Stray And Homeless (i.e. Non-Feral) Cats Should Be Left On The Street Rather Than Surrendered. Also Needed Are And Updates To The “Marshall’s Handbook” And Statistic Identifying How Many Animals Are Being “Abandoned In Place.”
- Where Do Animals That Aren’t Intaked Go? Over **1500** People Never Showed Up For Their Surrender Appointment. Other “Well-Meaning” People Bring Stray/Abandoned Cats To ACC But Are Turned Away.
  - Dogs: Some Owners Abandon Their Dogs; The Percentage Of Stray Dogs Being Admitted To ACC Is Back UP To 2014 Level; Are ACC Staff Redefining What Constitutes A “Stray” Dog To Mask The Increase?
  - Cats: ACC Counsels “Well-Meaning” People At The Shelter To Return Stray and/or Homeless (i.e. Non-Feral) Cats To The Street, ***Even When The Cat Is Not Sterilized!***
  - Rabbits: Why Doesn’t ACC Post Rabbit Statistics Online? Sadly, Some Rabbits Are Surely Being Abandoned Outside. Others Are Being Given Away Or Sold On Craig’s List. Hopefully Meaningful Statistics Are Forthcoming.

**2. The New Hope Program: Finding homes For New York City's Unwanted Pet Population. New Hope partners Take Ownership Of ACC Animals And Care For Them In Shelters, Foster Homes, Boarding Facilities And/Or Their Own Private Facilities Prior To Placing Them In Permanent Homes Through Their Own Adoption Process.** (See ACC Website.)

- The Majority Of ACC Animals Leave Through New Hope. Where Can They Wind Up?
  - “Rabbit Diaspora:” Off To The Crazy Goat Feed Store And Dog/Cat Rescues.
  - Back to the Streets: “Community Cats”/The Stray (Non-Feral) Cat Pathway Back Under The Dumpster.
    - The Law For Stray/Abandoned Cats Is Different Than For Feral Cats.
    - The issue is not whether ACC believes a cat’s death by car accident, poison, hypothermia or starvation is better than humane euthanasia. Instead of condemning thousands of abandoned cats to life on the streets, ACC should be receiving the necessary funding to better promote low cost spay/neuter services and to otherwise perform such services whenever a stray cats is brought to

the Shelter. The numbers are staggering. The Asilomar statistics (summarized below) published by ACC show a reduction of over 1500 owner surrendered cats over the past two years. How many cat owners, faced with the barriers of ACCs surrender by appointment system, make the terrible choice of releasing their house cat onto the street with *zero chance* of every being reunited or provided a new loving home that the New Hope Program and ACC are obligated to seek out.

### 3. ACC Fails To Maintain Adequate Documentation of the Nature and Level of [Dog] Care Required By The Terms Of Its Contract With The City (Section 2.9.2).

- ACC Creates No Permanent Records To Document How Often/How Long A Dog Is Walked While At ACC.
  - ACC Maintains No Means Of Tracking Dog Time Outside In Fresh Air.
  - ACC Has Missed Opportunities For Possible Grant Money To Pay For Paperless Automatic Walking System (P.A.W.S.) And To Provide A Better Standard Of Care For The Dogs, And Accountability To DOH And The City Council.
  - ACC Should Receive Funding To Ensure Staff Levels Sufficient To Ensure Every Caged Dog Is Walked Four Times A day For 20 minutes While In ACC's Care.

### 4. ACC Staffing and the ACC Volunteer Department

- More Funding Is Needed For Volunteer Training And Retention Initiatives.
- In The Absence Of Any Formal Adoption Criteria/Guidelines, Experienced Staff Means Increased Abilities To Make Better/More Informed Adoption Decisions.

Asilomar Intake Statistics-Cats (2015-2017)

| Intake    |         |          |       |       |      | CATS |      |        |           |         |          |          |  |       |
|-----------|---------|----------|-------|-------|------|------|------|--------|-----------|---------|----------|----------|--|-------|
| Stray     | January | February | March | April | May  | June | July | August | September | October | Novemebr | December |  | Total |
| 2015      | 712     | 649      | 889   | 1186  | 1266 | 1648 | 1521 | 1555   | 1401      | 1237    | 897      | 713      |  | 13674 |
| 2016      | 609     | 620      | 878   | 1120  | 1589 | 1516 | 1594 | 1670   | 1530      | 1425    | 936      | 528      |  | 14015 |
| 2017      | 328     | 467      | 528   | 822   | 1042 | 1066 | 1010 | 1176   | 886       | 866     | 784      | 589      |  | 9564  |
| Surrender | January | February | March | April | May  | June | July | August | September | October | Novemebr | December |  |       |
| 2015      | 339     | 345      | 462   | 392   | 550  | 691  | 571  | 545    | 565       | 429     | 453      | 369      |  | 5711  |
| 2016      | 282     | 381      | 398   | 395   | 356  | 506  | 578  | 500    | 438       | 443     | 367      | 241      |  | 4885  |
| 2017      | 176     | 287      | 343   | 378   | 363  | 419  | 391  | 453    | 373       | 336     | 323      | 298      |  | 4140  |

Asilomar Intake Statistics-Dogs (2014-2017)

| % stray of total | January | February | March | April | May | June | July | August | September | October | November | December | Year total |
|------------------|---------|----------|-------|-------|-----|------|------|--------|-----------|---------|----------|----------|------------|
| 2014             |         |          |       |       |     |      |      |        |           |         |          |          | 61%        |
| 2015             | 63%     | 58%      | 56%   | 59%   | 54% | 60%  | 60%  | 58%    | 53%       | 57%     | 50%      | 55%      | 57%        |
| 2016             | 56%     | 50%      | 51%   | 57%   | 52% | 51%  | 57%  | 55%    | 53%       | 50%     | 57%      | 61%      | 54%        |
| 2017             | 59%     | 64%      | 65%   | 55%   | 59% | 62%  | 66%  | 63%    | 58%       | 65%     | 55%      | 61%      | 61%        |

Neil Schaier

ACC Volunteer # 208025

Cell: 646-926-3451

800 Volunteer Hours (not including time fostering)

#### My Volunteer Assignments at ACC:

Adoption Events Facilitator  
Adoption Facilitator - Rabbit  
Auxiliary Dog Training  
Community Dogs Facilitator  
Corporate Volunteer Facilitator  
Dog Comp Level 1

Dog Comp Level 2  
Dog Volunteer Mentor  
Fosterer - Dog  
Outreach Advocate  
Rabbit Companion  
Rabbit Volunteer Trainer



## **CITY COUNCIL ACTION POINTS**

- 1. Require ACC to update its website to remove barriers to intake, follow the law and be more transparent with the public about ACC practices and policies.**
- 2. Authorize more funding to allow ACC to properly and comprehensively carry out its mission and statutory duties.**
- 3. Require a complete review of the New Hope Program, its eligibility requirements and partners. Demand more detailed accountability of New Hope audits.**
- 4. Pass legislation and regulations requiring the tracking and reporting of animals “abandoned in place” and requiring that dead animals be disposed of in a manner where their numbers can be tracked.**
- 5. Update the Marshall’s Handbook and ACC contractual requirements to ensure that animals abandoned in place qualify for ACC emergency field services and immediate transport to the shelter.**
- 6. Pass legislation and regulations requiring ACC to provide basic rabbit care instructions to all adopters.**
- 7. Specifically require ACC to maintain adequate documentation of the number of length of dog walks required in its contract with the city (Section 2.9.2).**
- 8. Increase funding available to ACC to properly care for the increasing numbers of guinea pigs that are replacing rabbits as the pet store impulse purchase that winds up at ACC.**

**Subject:** April 24th, 2018 / Intro 401 Animal Care Centers / Health Committee

Hello City Council Health Committee:

Council Member Mark Levine, Chair

Council Member Keith Powers

Council Member Mathieu Eugene

Council Member Alicka Amprey-Samuel

Council Member Inez Barron

This email is in regards to the Public Hearing for Intro 401 for Animal Care Centers in NYC. I am an avid animal lover located in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn. My dog is rescued, I collect donations for local rescue organizations and promote rescue adoption to everyone. I know I am not the only one, there are so many dedicated people in NYC committed to saving as many animals as possible and finding forever homes. There are also many people opening their homes for a pet. That's why I find this newly proposed law, Intro 401, to be a top priority. Thank you Council Member Vallone, Council Member Brannan and Council Member Holden for sponsoring this law.

Council Member Brannan has been newly elected and has done so much for our community. He actually helped save a one pound kitten from a 40 foot tree hanging above the on-ramp to the highway in October of 2017. With his community connections he was able to get NYPD ESU to climb the tree to save the little kitten who could have easily fallen off and got hit by a car. I took the cat to a vet and found him a loving home in the Bronx, he is doing very well all thanks to Council Member Brannan. This family had wanted to adopt a kitten for quite a while but didn't have access to do so since there isn't a full-service animal shelter in the Bronx.

There are so many animals that are homeless, abandoned, abused, and neglected and some that go missing; that's why it is so important for Intro 401 to be passed so that the Animal Care Centers have the space to care for the approximate 30,000 animals that come through the shelters every year. The lack of shelters in Queens & the Bronx puts pressure on the shelters in Brooklyn, Manhattan, and Staten Island; all of which are over capacity and therefore cannot maximize their success at caring for all the animals and getting them adopted. Its a lose lose situation for the animals and our communities. New full-service shelters mean better, more humane care for the cats,

dogs, and rabbits in our shelters, and they will help connect more New Yorkers to loving companions. That will be a win-win for animals and for New Yorkers!

The Animal Care and Control Centers of New York City's staff had a record-high 93% placement of animals in 2017, thanks in large part to the partnership with the New Hope animal adoption partner program now in place with numerous animal rescue organizations. Let's get that to 100% where all animals find a good home and aren't euthanized just because there is lack of space for them.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Clarenda Wilson

Brooklyn New York 11209

Health Communittee Hearings April 24 ,2018.

We are writing not only in support of " intro 401" . We need full service shelters in all the boroughs. The current system is a disgrace and a murder mill. I would also like to submit to you and your committee a suggestion . State Senator Michael Gianaris recently introduced a bill " S7711A which even if the state wouldn't take it up a city version of something like it would save lots of shelter pets and severely cut down on the horrible puppy mill trade . Cities like San Francisco did it, believe the whole state of California is doing it too. Both these proposals would improve the well being of innocent pets . It would save pets lives, cut the puppy mill trade maybe even shut it down and curtail the predatory loans provided to people who buy from pet stores like the one on 181 between ft Washington Ave and Broadway. I'm not even sure I'm writing this right or even if it'll get read . But as a NYC resident, a Washington Heights resident,the proud owner of a ACC survivor ( Manhattan 2013)who is now our service dog . I,We this family submits this letter to your committee . Thank You Ernestina Pedraza ,Liette Pedraza ,Brenda Pedraza and Dino( ACC survivor now our service dog) .

Liette I Pedraza



Monday, April 30, 2018

Dear Honorable:

City Council Member Vallone,

City Council Member Brannan,

Council Brannan Holden:

I am writing you on the newly introduced proposed law: Intro. 401, which would: require full-service shelters in all five boroughs, with facilities to receive lost, stray or homeless dogs, cats, and rabbits. I am beseeching you to make Intro. 401 a reality; it is severely needed for our adoptable pets that find themselves homeless. Imagine losing your beloved family or being finally freed from an abusive one. Winding up in a place that is full of misery, and despair; a place that is over crowded and disease riddled. A place without the proper means to provide you with the services you so desperately need. This is what our homeless pets see when they become a part of our city shelter systems today.

Full service shelters are necessary in all five boroughs if we are going to properly provide our homeless animal population with the essential care they need; consequently giving them best chance for adoption. We not only require shelters in all boroughs that lack them; the ones we have are in need of upgrades. They are overcrowded and spread diseases, which cripple the reason they were created in the first place. You have the power to help. Our voiceless are counting on you and I know in my heart of hearts you will not let them down.

Very Respectfully,

Joan L. Sample

## Written Testimony

New York City Council Committee on Health

April 24, 2018 Hearing

Oversight--Animal Care Centers: Update on the Status of NYC's Animal Shelter System, and Intro 401, Animal Shelters (to amend Administrative Code 17-803)

To Chairman Levine, Members of the Committee on Health, and City Council Members:

Regarding Intro 401 and the reform of New York City Animal Care and Control, it is imperative that full-service animal shelters be mandated for all five boroughs of New York City. If the boroughs were independent cities, the Bronx and Queens would be among the nation's largest cities. It is inexcusable that they not be equipped with full-service shelters. The responsibility for all five boroughs falling on the three existing shelters puts too much pressure on these shelters, contributing to their inefficiency and resulting in needless animal deaths.

The currently projected Bronx shelter is not scheduled to open until 2024; and as yet there is no designated location for a Queens shelter. This is too long to wait. For many years now, Pedro Rosario's NYC's Top Dog Inc./New Beginning Animal Rescue has been operating in the Bronx as a no-kill animal shelter, doing the work the City has left undone, and is in the process of moving to a larger facility. (Mr. Rosario served as Shelter Manager of the NYC ACC Manhattan Care Center, and under his administration, adoptions rose dramatically and fewer animals were destroyed. Currently, in addition to doing the work of a no-kill shelter for dogs and cats, Mr. Rosario does community education and outreach.) I would like to suggest that the City explore working with Mr. Rosario while the Bronx shelter is being built. I also recommend that the City explore engaging Mr. Rosario to direct the new NYC ACC Bronx Care Center.

In addition to providing full-service shelters in all five boroughs, it is essential to the meaningful success of this project that there be thorough NYC ACC reform. Working with New Hope partner rescues, I worked intensively as a rescuer of animals from NYC ACC, from 2011 to 2015, and the experience was traumatic and disturbing. While the relentless daily destruction of healthy, well-behaved dogs and cats on ACC's death row was grinding on, specific dogs and cats would be destroyed while New Hope rescues were desperately at work to save them. The anguish of putting together everything necessary--a foster, funding--only to learn that the animal has been killed cannot be described. Inadequate records keeping by ACC also meant that rescuers might not be able to see that a specific cat or dog being rescued had been brought into the shelter with a mate, sibling, bonded friend, or kitten/puppy, until after the related animal had already been destroyed. A lost animal was sometimes killed by the shelter after ACC had already been notified that the dog's family was coming to retrieve her. Healthy animals brought into the shelter would routinely contract kennel cough which quickly turned into pneumonia, so many died; or, if the animal was rescued, the rescue would also have to pay medical expenses to try to save that animal's life. It would happen that after ACC consigned a dog to a rescue, ACC would arbitrarily compel the rescue to wait before picking up a dog dangerously ill with pneumonia and rushing him to a veterinarian--so that the dog died in his cage at ACC without receiving any medical attention, though rescue was at hand. The public was not made aware of the daily death toll of healthy adoptable animals; and it was extremely difficult for the public (a lost dog's family or individuals wishing to adopt) to communicate with ACC in an urgent case (no telephone number available to the public, and e-mails not answered promptly). Even New Hope partner rescues could not count on timely communication with ACC in an emergency. And every death row case was an emergency. It should also be noted that as dangerous as the Care Centers were for dogs, they were far more so for cats, who were far more likely to be destroyed and less likely to receive successful rescue.

NYC ACC should NOT be under the Department of Health, which is unequipped to give adequate oversight of animal care, and causes far more harm than good. A dedicated body representing a broad spectrum of animal professionals, including veterinarians and rescuers, should instead be established.

New York City should work toward establishing city shelters as no-kill, and should study the work being done in San Francisco, Calgary, etc. Indeed, New York City should be taking a leadership role in this area.

And New York City should be addressing causes why so many animals are brought to the shelter at risk of their lives. To this end, the City should remove weight restrictions on dogs in public housing; crack down on backyard breeders and puppy mills; conduct exhaustive and culturally-specific public education about the need for spay/neuter and should provide low-cost and free spay/neuter programs, as well as increasing the licensing fee discrepancy for altered and unaltered pets; promote extensive and enlightened TNR (Trap-Neuter-Release) and managed colony programs for feral cats; prohibit the sale of dogs and cats, including puppy mill animals, in pet stores; and improve and extend adoption programs for shelter animals. These techniques are successful wherever practiced, reducing dog and cat overpopulation and increasing the health and well-being of the city's animals.

Weight restriction on dogs in public housing is a cruel injustice that does nothing to protect the public. It leads to well-behaved, innocent family pets being destroyed at ACC for the crime of growing over the size limit, or indeed, of growing up. It often happens that a family with children in public housing must choose between eviction or surrendering a beloved family pet (who can be destroyed at the shelter), due to weight restriction alone. The people and animals of this city deserve better.

Only when these steps are taken will New York City's Animal Care program realize the standards that New York, its people, and its animals deserve. In memory of all the cats and dogs for whom it is too late, and for those now facing destruction, I call on you to repair New York City's damaged Animal Care system.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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To whom it may concern:

Sorry, it is a bit late as my computer system crashed today and is now repaired.

I'm reaching out to the NYC Council Health Committee regarding the appalling policies and procedures utilized by the NYC Animal Care Center. This is in response to the many issues which need to be investigated in the unrelenting destruction of healthy and treatable New York City animals which enter the animal care center. Among these unfair issues is the expedited behavior evaluations of traumatized animals, spay/neuter procedures on immunity compromised animals, prevention of respiratory diseases with known sanitation protocols, and a short span of time artificially used within 18 hours to secure a rescue and/or adoptive home.

First, I'll address the behavior evaluations: Expert animal behaviorists with published papers and research testing state, " These tests are artificial, contrived and unreliable as to the true nature of animals especially in a shelter environment."- Dr. G. Patronick- Adjunct Professor-Tufts Veterinary School; Dr. Sara Bennett-DVM-Maddie's Fund- "Behavioral Assessments in Animal Shelters"; And Dr. Emily Weiss-ASPCA- VP and developer of the Safer Assessment (currently in use at ACC).

ACC NYC conducts behavior assessments within a couple of days on traumatized animals without the benefit of these animals acclimating to the circumstances of trauma being in an animal shelter.

The mathematical improbability of behavior evaluations done in a shelter to provide reliable behavior in a future home are insufficient and no better than a coin toss.

ACC NYC cites public safety concerns and "dangerous animals" as their rationale. Yet no animal research testing supports this theory. Dr. Weiss stated, "If they fail a food resource guarding testing, they've found it is a false indication of aggression in animals" paraphrasing but she said let them go to an adoptive home. Many studies have shown statistics that belie ACC's stance.

Many large and compassionate animal shelters are recognizing the inaccuracy of these tests. They have proactively instituted fair and compassionate re-directions of analyzing animal behavior for adoptive homes and successful placement. With few returns and animals are not being returned with behavior issues.

But when a few days are allotted as is the case with ACC NYC, there is little chance unless a New Hope Partner shoulders the responsibility of saving these animals. They oftentimes have stated the test conducted incorrectly labeled animals. 2nd issue- Spay/neuter programs and respiratory diseases are interconnected.

ACC NYC often cites the New York City Administrative Code-Animal Shelters and Sterilization Code-Chapter 8 §§17-804 as the authority, all animals shall be sterilized prior to being released.

Yet as with all laws there are exceptions to the code which ACC ignores. One pertinent exception is if an animal has been certified with a medical condition or if sterilization will endanger their life the exception is invoked. I'm not advocating animals not be sterilized, however, as is the case with a vast majority of animals who enter ACC NYC. They are immunity compromised due to the rampant respiratory disease within the facilities. The proof is the "At Risk" list published nightly which demonstrates most if not all animals who are to be at risk of being destroyed is due to CIRDC (Canine Infectious Respiratory Disease Complex)- Kennel Cough or URI's for felines.

CIRDC has an incubation period of 2-5 days. The bottom line is animals who are scheduled for sterilization surgeries with most likely a compromised immunity are at risk for pneumonia and more severe respiratory issues. The animals need to be scheduled for sterilization after placement and to ensure they have an opportunity to not be ill with respiratory issues.

In regards to CIRDC, this is a preventable disease by utilizing the recommended sanitation protocol published by the AVMA and the UC Davis Shelter Medicine Program. These protocols show how to eliminate and kill the pathogens associated with this disease. They also recommend the animals be vaccinated for CIRDC which will lessen the severity of the issue.

Most pathogens associated with CIRDC are eliminated and inactivated by commonly used disinfectants. Included within the preventative protocol is the need for all outside play areas need to be disinfected, which are not currently disinfected as many animals utilize the areas. Plus the elimination of mops and buckets which



generally result in increased risk for disease transmission as they become contaminated and act as fomites. Many video's show these mops and buckets present in the hall ways at ACC.

CIRDC is treatable and not a reason to be destroyed. By not pre-spaying and neutering animals but scheduling as a follow up will exacerbate the occurrence. Stress and overcrowding is the excuse cited by ACC NYC. The numbers of population is historically very low with their policies of instituting large nightly at risk list which eliminates many adoptable animals. Overcrowding is a non-issue, sanitation is the issue plus a shared HVAC system throughout the animal facilities. ISO is not on a separate air filtration system and does little to keep air borne pathogens from infecting animals.

Preventable sanitation for disease control, scheduling Spay/neutering after adoptions/fostered are secured (therefore also not returning surgical patents back to diseased laden facility), and a comprehensive list of all animals in the ACC population without artificial deadlines would vastly benefit animals. All 501c(3) rescues should be allowed. These are all solutions used industry wide. With community outreach and awareness.

Thank you very much. If I can be of any service or if you have questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Deborah Lancaster

As a concerned American citizen with the decency which we treat all living beings, I'm particularly concerned with, and appalled by the practices in the New York City Animal Shelters. I am referring to the NYCACC. I am not affiliated with any specific organization. I have however shared my entire life, living side by side with wonderful, loving companion animals. This has caused me to want to see reform in our nation's most deplorable high-kill shelters. The New York ACC, and "all it pretends to be," is one of the worst! I'd like to appeal to you that you re-structure the practices I will outline below, on the grounds that they are not in keeping with an ethical, humane and fiscally responsible 21<sup>st</sup> century animal shelter. In fact, the NYCACC is very unethical, inhumane, and fiscally irresponsible and I can demonstrate, just that.

First, there is often a reason given for "humane euthanasia," within the NYACC that they describe as "medically necessary," or otherwise fitting into their "disease model," which at any of the other successful 'No-Kill' Shelters, in municipalities throughout the United States, these so-called medical justifications for killing would be unacceptable. Also, any licensed veterinarian in private practice would find ear infections, treatable respiratory infection, mild to moderate skin rash, untreated arthritis, lab work without further diagnostic determinant causal significance, shyness, and on, and on, cause for immediate euthanasia, as is routinely practiced on these exact types of dogs on a daily basis in the NYACC! I believe it is obvious wherein lies the fallacy that the "humane euthanasias," in these instances are anything but **MEDICALLY UNNECESSARY!**

Second, the NYACC makes a list available of "companion animals," that are going to be so-called humanely euthanized on a posted given date, and they post that date **ONLY 18 HOURS PRIOR TO THE SPECIFIC ANIMAL'S SCHEDULED EUTHANASIA!** Clearly, the intent of the NYACC, is not to allow for adoption, foster, or appropriate "Rescue Partners," to come forward for these animals, or sufficient time would be allowed for these processes to occur! Nobody of sound and intelligent mind, could argue that 18 hours is sufficient time for any of the animals posted in the NYACC for a 18 hour subsequent "humane euthanasia," **TO BE SAVED, BY ANY MEANS!** It has been reported, I may add through a survey done by The No Kill Advocacy Center, wherein hundreds of non-profits serving animal shelters in New York were asked about their experiences on a number of issues in their state. (71% of THE RESCUE PARTNERS, responded stated "they had experienced animals **BEING KILLED WHOM THEY WERE ACTIVELY TRYING TO SAVE!**") This says nothing about the **INADEQUATE TIME ALLOWED FOR THE RESCUE PARTNER TO SECURE THE RESCUE, ONLY TO THE HORRIFIC BREACH OF TRUST, WHEN AN ORGANIZATION HAS COMMITTED TO HELP, ONLY TO FIND AN ANIMAL HAS BEEN KILLED!** Is This A Humane Euthanasia? 95% of Americans across all political and social classes would likely answer, "NO!" They were also surveyed, and that same number, want to see our companion animals helped. They don't realize what goes on in our **HIGH-KILL SHELTERS**, like the NYACC, and that there is a moral humane, and fiscally responsible solution!

The NYACC cannot place animals on the "at risk" list without any advance warning. They label animals that have been friendly, wag their tails, lick the assessors, and walk well on a leash, as having a "behavior problem," requiring euthanasia, because they are fearful in the medical exam! This is **OUTRAGEOUS!** It can vary in degrees, from nibbling on a leash to being overly excited by another dog, or growling about an exam, with a perfect prior owner history! They clearly have the "set intent on euthanizing healthy adoptable dogs!"

I implore you to consider changing the supervisors at the NYACC, and the New York ASPCA! They are not concerned with the well being of these animals.

Also, converting the NYACC to a No-Kill facility like that of Austin where there has been a savings of over one hundred fifty million in revenue, and a projection of 97% lives will be saved this year, is a worthwhile aspiration! There are countless other successful No-kill municipalities across America! New York is progressive, and should join the ranks!

Thank you,

Julie Carson Siegel  
[julie.siegel@yahoo.com](mailto:julie.siegel@yahoo.com)

Good Afternoon,

I am writing to address the situation at NYCACC. I have been following New York Animal Control for several years now, as I assumed a large shelter in a city such as New York would be the leader in innovations and ideas on how to save animals. This has turned out to be NOT true.

Most of the animals saved are pulled by New Hope Partners, of which a fraction listed are actually pulling animals. Animals are not allowed to be adopted outside the New England area, and it is a long and convoluted process to become a New Hope partner. How many have been added to make up for the ones that don't actually actively take animals from NYCACC?

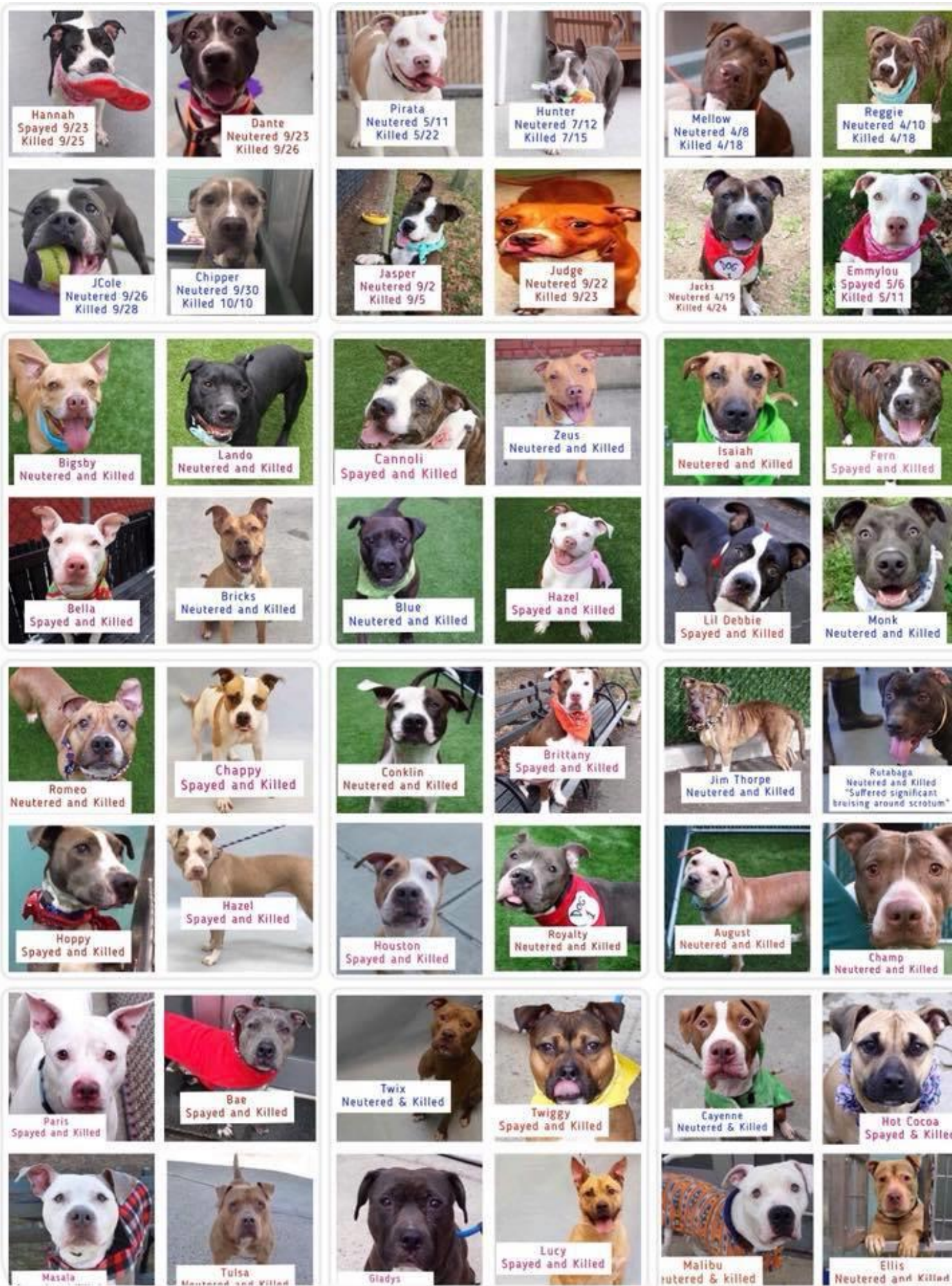
Attached is a collage of 70 dogs that have been spay/neutered and then killed within 2 days, not 1. Several have also been killed since this was made. ACC and the ASPCA both know very well what type of dogs are being put on the kill list. This is torturing the animals, plain and simple. They love to kill strays, animals that belong to people evicted, gone to jail or the hospital, animals abused. You name it. There are 16 SIXTEEN dogs listed in foster care. In a city of 8 million and a state of 30 million?? That is laziness on the part of the leadership there.

Maddie's Fund has come out and said that the evaluations done under the conditions the animals are put under (stress, fear, abandonment) are not good for a true evaluation. The killing of dogs who are dog reactive or "leash biters" is outrageous. My sister's dog is dog reactive, should we kill her?

The 93% save rate is just wrong. New Hope saves most of the animals, not ACC. Some have died in the cages, are hidden away, and some have gone without medical treatment. Animal Control has mobile vans, how often do they go out? What does Ken Foster do? He was supposed to be a "pit bull" person, but I have seen no decrease in pit bulls killed.

Please help the all the homeless animals of New York! They are not trash. The taxpayers want to know what is going on in the New York shelters. New York can and should be the premier shelter in the USA that other shelters look to for best practices. It is all about the leadership.

Thank you, Mary Ann Skinnion





Dear Council Members,

I am not a New York City resident, but I feel I should be able to add my testimony as someone who rescued a dog from your shelter system (Brooklyn) in 2014 and as someone who was active in trying to promote and pledge for dogs who were at risk or on the kill list.

I began to listen to the proceedings of your council meeting held April 24, but need to spend my time writing this to you. I believe you are being hoodwinked by testimony from the ACC and I cannot believe they have a live release rate of 90 percent or so. The conditions there are so abominable, New York City should be ashamed to have such a terrible and poorly run shelter system. I am sure you have heard testimony to this effect and I hope for once, officials in New York will believe. I call New York City "The City that Never Stops Killing." I have endured reading of mother dogs killed on Mother's Day, dogs killed on Easter, Christmas Eve, and other holidays when potential adopters are otherwise occupied. My case is all too typical, so please read it.

In 2014 I happened upon the Facebook group that tries to help the at risk and death row dogs in the NYCACC. In February I noticed a dog who was adorable, only 8-9 months old, and was listed to be euthanized. He was called Morus then and was much loved by the volunteers who put up videos of him and took him out to walk and play. The pledges were mounting for him and I had never seen so much money pledged—those pledges are used to try to attract New Hope Rescues. He was rescue only, as most dogs who are pits or pit mixes are, due to the methods used for vetting the scared creatures who end up there. Also, as soon as they get kennel cough (and most of them do at these shelters), that gets them on the death list fast. Morus was said to have kennel cough (and when I adopted him, he was judged perfectly healthy by my vet).

Time was running out for this puppy. The dogs are placed on the euth list at 6 p.m. and the killing begins the next day at noon. There is almost no way a rescue can be found and do the work on their end in the time given. I saw that nobody was stepping up to foster or adopt this dog and I could not stand the thought of his being euthanized. The problem was that the rescues had taken so many dogs from the ACC that they could not accept fostering—their fosters all had dogs and they can't just accept someone who offers to foster without vetting that person. It had to be an adoption for a rescue to pull Morus. You may have heard that although there are many rescues listed as New Hope, they just aren't all really active and it is difficult to find one to respond and help. I reached out to the wonderful, dedicated souls on Facebook who are there at all hours begging for the lives of these dogs. I was told to submit applications to at least three rescues. I did this and I heard nothing, but by then it was 2 a.m. I was out of state, which is a drawback, but I learned the city will deliver animals as far as a rest stop in Maryland, so I was within that distance. Everyone on Facebook was helping me, but I was getting nowhere. Somehow, this dog's life was spared the next day, as I agonized all day long, but he was still high risk and then put back on death row once again. I called people, I begged. I only had a glimmer of hope from one rescue, and although someone there was trying to help, there was so much to do and that person was not in charge. How on earth would a group check me out, contact my vet, and do a house check in the short time frame given?? Impossible. As it turned out, someone on Facebook knew the owner of the rescue and called her. She agreed to talk with me on the phone. They got in touch with my vet. As noon once again drew near, a hold was put on him. You simply cannot believe the amount of stress I underwent.

I had seen that many dogs who have a hold placed on them by a rescue or a publicly adoptable dog have still been killed. I was so afraid that would happen to my dog, as he was not leaving the shelter. He was to be transported by the city and there was a snowstorm. Somehow after three days it all worked out, I picked him up in Aberdeen, MD, and he has a wonderful family member for four years. I often look at him and cannot believe he would have been killed for absolutely no reason.

I continued to be involved with sharing and pledging for dogs on the list, but it was so heartbreaking. Daily, young, healthy, dogs—even many of what the ACC calls helper dogs, the ones they use to temperament test the intake dogs, and the ones whose families give them up but report what good dogs they are, dogs that are given up because a landlord says they are too big, dogs whose owners are jailed, dogs whose owners have become homeless or die, sweet dogs who are dumped because they are old, dogs who are dumped because they have a medical problem—these dogs are given no real chance. They are killed, even when there are many empty kennels in the shelters, and we who try to help are devastated.

I started to document these dogs back in 2014, and I prepared packages with their stories and their photographs. I sent a package to Governor Cuomo and to Attorney General Schneiderman. I received no acknowledgement. After a couple of years, I just could not take it anymore. I had to stop looking. The friends I made are still my friends and still devote so much of their time and lives to these efforts. They are relentless and I do not know how they can manage. I have signed petitions, I have done what I can do from afar, but when I heard that your council was meeting on this, I had to add my voice. It is time to do something for the lost animals of New York.

There is so much wrong at these facilities. The volunteers are angels. The rescues who are active are overwhelmed. When sick and injured dogs come in, they are not given the care they need. The burden is placed on the rescues, who often cannot turn away from these pitiful creatures. They use their funds and beg their donors for more to cover the medical costs. And what of the STAR fund that the shelters have for veterinary care? It seemingly goes untouched, except perhaps for the "railroad dog" that could be used for promotional purposes.

Now I am begging you to really investigate this shelter system. Risa Weinstock is not the type of person who should be in control. You need someone with a big heart. You need reform even more than you need additional shelters. You need to see that people across the world who are watching can be shown that you can really become no kill (as was promised by the mayor who has done nothing to achieve that goal).

Thank you,  
Stephanie M. Marcus  
Great Falls, VA 22066

I watched the stream of your Oversight Committee of the NYACXC on April 24<sup>th</sup>. I was unable to be there..but I am now writing to you.

THE NYACC IS A KILLING FIELD..PLAIN AND SIMPLE...HEALTHY..GENTLE SWEET SOULS ARE BEING MURDERED EACH AND EVERY DAY...

1. FYI...THE TO BE DESTROYED LIST IS ISSUED EACH DAY AT 6:00 PM. SUPPOSEDLY THESE DOGGIES HAVE 18 HOURS TO BE RESCUED..HOWEVER..AT 6 O'CLOCK PEOPLE ARE GETTING HOME FROM WORK.... HAVING DINNER...SPENDING TIME WITH THEIR FAMILIES..AND THEN ...GO TO S.L.E.E.P. THEY THEN AWAKEN AND GO TO WORK THE FOLLOWING MORNING. HOWEVER.....THE ACC STARTS PREPARING AND MURDERING THESE BEAUTIES AT 12 NOON. THE 18 HOUR TIME FRAME IS A SHAM...NO TIME IS REALLY THERE TO HAVE FOLKS SEE THE NOTICE..FOSTER OR ADOPT OR RESCUE. THE 18 HOURS ARE A SHAM..INNOCENT SOULS ARE DESTROYED FOREVER....MUCH MORE TIME IS NEEDED AND MUST BE ENACTED.

2..RISA WEINSTOCK COULD NOT EVEN ANSWER QUESTIONS AT THE HEARING...DID NOT KNOW THE AVERAGE TIME AN INMATE HAD AT THE ACC. INCREDIBLE.....

3.SHE HAD TO KEEP ASKING FOR HELP FROM ANOTHER ONE OF HER PEOPLE IN THE AUDIENCE. SHE MUST BE REPLACED WITH A COMPASSIONATE KNOWLEDGEABLE PERSON.

4. CAN YOU BELIEVE THAT THE BRONX AND QUEENS ITES ARE S.R.T.I.LL NOT BUILT?? WEINSTOCK HAS NO TIMETABLE..NOR EVEN THE DESIGN FOR THESE SO CALLED SHELTERS. THIS FACT ALONE IS REASON TO REPLACE HER AND HER PEOPLE.....THE PUBLIC MUST KNOW.

5.THERE HAVE BEEN HUNDREDS OF INNOCENT BEINGS NEUTERED AND SPAYED..AND THEN..MURDERED SHORTLY AFTER. WHY MUST THIS PROCEDURE BE DONE??? SPAY..NEUTER AND THE SLAUGHTER. SOME OF THESE SENTIENT BEINGS BECOME SICK AFTER THIS IS DONE..ARE IN PAIN AND THEN REACT DUE TO THE PROCESS..THEN IT IS USED AS AN EXCUSE TO KILL.

6. DOGGIE ARE ABANDONED AND LEFT ON THE STREETS..IN APARTMENTS..IN BASEMENTS ..TIED TO BENCHES,,,TIED TO POLES...FREEZING IN THE SNOW AND RAIN...SUBJECTED TO HEAT...DARTED WHEN BROUGHT IN BC THEY ARE SCARED OUT OF THEIR WITS. SOME LIVED IN HOMES WITH CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FOR YEARS OR THEIR WHOLE LIFE,,THEN BROUGHT TO ACC,. A BEHAVIOR ASSESSMENT IS THEN GIVEN TO THEM WHEN THEY ARE MOST VULNERABLE.....SCARED..CONFUSED..LONELY..WHY IS THIS DONE AT THAT TIME. THE DOGGIES ARE N.E.V.E.R GIVEN ANOTHER ASSESSMENT..BUT THAT ONE IS USED AN EXCUSE FOR MURDER..IF THEY BARK...HAND ONTO THE LEASH...CRY..WHIMPER.....HOW WOULD A HUMAN FEEL BEING PUT INTO A CONCENTRATION CAGE AND LEFT THERE..WITHOUT A.N.Y.T.H.I.N.G FOR 23 HOURS..ONLY WALKED ONCE OR TWICE A DAY. THIS MUST S.T.O.P!!!! THEY USE A RIDICULOUS FALSE HAND TO TEST THEM..SOME DOGGIES ARE GIVEN N.O ASSESSMENT AT ALL. THEY SAY IT'S TOO RISKY FOR THEM..LAUGHABLE..SOME OF THESE BEINGS ARE BUT 5 10 POUNDS..THE SO CALLED ASSESSMENT MUST BE DELAYED AND TRUE REAL PROCEDURES BE CARRIED OUT.

6. THE ACC SAYS THEY DO NOT SLAUGHTER HEALTHY DOGS. LIES AND DECEIT. MOST CONTRACT KENNEL COUGH THERE..WHICH IS LIKE US HAVING A COLD AND CAN BE TREATED QUICKLY AND INEXPENSIVELY WITH MEDS. YET..THIS KENNEL COUGH IS USED AS THE MAIN EXCUSE TO KILL..THEY NOW HAVE AN "UNHEALTHY DOGIE" ....ALL DOGS MUST BE GIVEN THE KC VACCINE UPON INTAKE TO PREVENT THIS KC TO BE USED AS AN EXCUSE AND PREVENTING THE DOGGIES FROM DEVELOPING PNEUMONIA. GIVE THE VACCINE B.E.F.O.R.E!!!!

7.CHECK THE FIGURES....BLACK DOGGIES..BRINDLES..STRONG HEFTY ONES...TIMID SHY ONES ARE MURDERED MORE THAN OTHERS. BABY PUPPIES ONLY 3 MONTHS OLD....HEALTHY SENIORS....DOGGIES WHO PASSED THEIR BEHAVIOR TESTS WITH FLYING COLORS ARE MURDERED. I CAN NEVER UNDERSTAND HOW SWEET AND GENTLE THEY ARE AFTER BEING BROUGHT TO THIS KILLING FIELD AND GIVEN THOSE TESTS RUN AWAY. NO HUMAN WOULD PASS.

8. YOU MUST ALLOW A.L.L APPROVED 501C3 TO PULL THE CATS AND DOGGIES. THERE ARE 300 SO CALLED NEW HOPE RESCUES..BUT ONLY A HANDFUL ACTUALLY RESCUE. AMSTERDOG IS THE ONLY ONE HO CONSISTENTLY DOES DO IT . THE OTHERS ARE MIA.....WE NEED TO HAVE MORE RESCUE OPTIONS.

9. SO MANY ARE UNFAIRLY AND UNJUSTLY DESIGNATED AS NEW HOPE RESCUE ONLY..WHICH LESSENS THEIR CHANCE TO BE FOSTERED OR ADOPTED. THESE DOGGIES ARE N.O.T BEHAVIOR PROBLEMS. ASK THE THOUSANDS WHO SAVED THEM..AND TESTIFY THAT ONCE IN A HOME ENVIRONMENT THEY ARE SWEET MUCH. THIS DESIGNATION MUST STOP.

10..MOST SADLY ARE THE ONES WHO ARE KILLED WHEN THEY DID HAVE FOSTERS ADOPTER AND RESCUES WAITING FOR THEM. THEY ARE KILLED ANYWAY..GIVEN NO TIME FOR THE PAPERWORK TO BE HANDLED. WHY IS THIS..W.H.Y?? A WOMAN WHO WANTED TO ADOPT EVE..WHO WAS MENTIONED AT YOUR HEARING WAS DENIED..SHE WENT TO THE KENNEL BOTH ON THE FRIDAY AND SATURDAY BEFORE EVE WAS KILLED TO BE WITH HER..LOVE HER..SPEND TIME WITH HER..BUT MURDERED ANYWAY. ONE MAN DROVE 10 HOURS TO PICK UP HIS DOG, ONLY TO FIND HE WAS ALREADY MURDERED..WHY..WHY..W.H.Y GIVE THIS INNOCENTS A CHANCE AT A LIFE..TOO QUICK TO END IT....DRAGGED IN TO A MURDER ROOM..MUZZLED AND PLACED IN A BLACK PLASTIC BAG TO THEN BECOME LAND FILL.

11. I CAN GIVE YOU DOCUMENTATION OF A.L.L OF THESE POINTS I HAVE MENTIONED. PLEASE CONTACT ME AT 781-449-3646..JOAN BERLINER GRANOVSKY. I WAS BORN BRED AND LIVED IN NEW YORK FOR FORTY YEARS. WENT TO NYU....

12..I HAVE SO MUCH MORE TO SAY..BUT.....PLEASE NOTE AND KNOW THAT THESE DOGGIES..ALL OF THEM ARE SENTIENT BEING WITH THE FEELINGS..AFFECTION..LOVE..NEED TO GIVE AND RECEIVE IT...THEY KNOW EXACTLY WHAT THE ACC IS..THEY FEEL IT AND KNOW IT THE MOMENT THEY GET THERE.

I RESPECTFULLY PLEAD..BEG..ASK THAT YOU CHANGE THIS SYSTEM..THIS SYSTEM WHICH RAILROADS INNOCENTS WITH JUST ONE PHOTO. WHEN THEY HAD VOLUNTEER INTERACTION COMMENTS..VIDEOS..ALL WERE ABLE TO SEE THE REAL TEMPERAMENT OF THIS LIVING SOULS.

COUNCIL MEMBERS...PLEASE..P.L.E.A.S.E DRAFT UP COMPANION ANIMAL PROTECTION ACT TO SAVE THESE INNOCENT SOULS AND GIVE THEM ALL A CHANCE AT A LOVING AFFECTION FILLED LIFE. THE PROCEDURES NOW IN PLACE ARE IN HUMAN..IN HUMAN..THESE DOGGIES AND CATS ARE BEING SLAUGHTERED AT A KILLING FIELD WITH NO CHANCE IN HELL.....WE ARE THEIR ONLY VOICE...WE ADVOCATES GIVE VOICE TO THE VOICELESS....PLEASE RAISE YOUR VOICES AND ACTIONS TO BAN MURDER LIKE AUSTIN AND SO MANY OTHER PLACES. MAKE THIS VILE NYACC AND NEW YORK A .....NO...K.I.L.L...NO KILL..NO...K.I.L.L

HELP TO SAVE THEM...SAVE THEM ALL..S.A.V.E THEM A.L.L

THANK YOU

REGARDS-

JOAN BERLINER GRANOVSKY



Hello,

I am a tax paying citizen of Manhattan and I am deeply sickened and heart broken not to mention ashamed and embarrassed to say I reside in this city.

The animals at the nycacc are NEVER taken to adoption events, never advertised, never exposed to potential adopters.

The people that share these animals online are sick and disheartened and the nycacc blatantly posts that the site that they list these animals on is unmonitored . Please see screenshot below.  
So who is supposed to attend to potential adopters that comment on these posts????

Anyone I see that comments always attempts to complete applications for the rescues to pull the dogs but it's always too late and the dogs die with potential adopters.

Did you see the articles in this weeks Post?

<https://nypost.com/2018/04/24/nycs-animal-shelter-leaders-grilled-over-doggy-death-row/>

<https://nypost.com/2018/04/23/red-tape-is-killing-pets-sent-to-the-citys-adoption-hub-advocates/>

This happens every single day!!!!

Why isn't ACC monitoring their own posts!!!!

This is not our job!!!!

This place is disgusting!!!

They make everyone do their work for them and they do Nothing!!!!  
People are sick of this!!!!

The media will continue to expose these issues.

Please remove the current staff at ACC if this is the best they can do!!

The website and their at risk site gives no help or direction how to get in touch with rescues.  
Please help these animals!



## ACC of NYC: At-Risk Animals's Post

Recommendations:: No children (under 13), Recommend no dog parks

Recommendations comments:: No children: Due to Torta reportedly barking and growling at children when she was found, we recommend an adult only home.

No dog parks: Due to Torta's discomfort interacting with other dogs, it is recommended she only meet them one on one at this time.

Potential challenges: : Fearful/potential for defensive aggression

Potential challenges comments:: Fearful/potential for defensive aggression: Torta was reported to have been barking and growling at children when she was found. Although she has warmed up greatly at the care center, she was very fearful at intake and has growled at handlers. It is important to always go slow and give Torta the option to walk away from any social interaction. Torta should never be forced to approach anything that she is uncomfortable with or to submit to petting or handling. It should always be Torta's choice to approach a new person or thing. Torta would do best in an initially calm and quiet home environment and should be given time to acclimate to her new surroundings.

This account is not monitored. If you would like to reserve an animal that is available for public adoption, please follow the instructions on <https://newhope.shelterbuddy.com/Animal/List>. If an animal is listed as New Hope only, please contact an ACC New Hope partner that is accepting foster/adoption applications: <http://www.nycacc.org/get-involved/new-hope/nhpartners>



Sharron Doyle and 74 others

124 Comments

Council Members,

Thank you for reviewing my argument for reformation of NYC's Animal Care Centers. I have attached my written testimony as well as a link to review the suggested Companion Animal Protection Act.

I am excited to continue to work with you further to make New York City a more hopeful place for its animals, and to work toward a No-Kill New York.

Best regards,

Ashley L. Achenbach

<https://www.nokilladvocacycenter.org/companion-animal-protection-act.html>

New York City Council  
Committee on Health

#### ANIMAL SHELTER SYSTEM – POLICIES AND REFORMATION

Members of the Health Committee of NYC Council,

I was in attendance of and permitted to speak at the oversight hearing of New York City's Animal Care Centers on Tuesday, April 24. I am choosing to submit written testimony in addition - for your record and for a more concrete reiteration of my argument.

For nine years, I have been a volunteer at a no-kill shelter. I am responsible for animal care/cleaning, marketing and outreach, and placing animals we cannot keep in our building due to sickness or other reasons. I also volunteer to network animals on NYC ACC's At Risk list – which I can say, although done from my computer, is far more taxing. I work with one of many small volunteer groups (not affiliated with ACC) to try and find fosters and/or adopters for these animals. I have been involved with shelter work for many years, and must admit that I am infuriated with a lot of what I am seeing from NYC ACC. I have outlined my points below:

- **DAILY KILLING OF HEALTHY/ADOPTABLE/TREATABLE CATS AND DOGS** – most of the animals euthanized DAILY at ACC are animals who are former pets; listed “at-risk” for treatable medical conditions, mainly Canine Infectious Respiratory Disease Complex or Feline Upper Respiratory Infections (similar to a child's common cold). These illnesses are often contracted IN the care center and should be their responsibility to TREAT, not to kill the animal for something that is the fault of ACC. Sickness is not 100% preventable in shelters, but ACC is listing animals daily that are sick because they have not been isolated or given proper preventative care and/or treatment.
  - Many animals listed are former pets – dogs/cats who have existed harmoniously with children, adults, and other pets, but are now dumped in a less than comforting shelter environment for reasons such as owner death or owner relocation. These animals NATURALLY display shy, anxious, or fearful behaviors – and are kill-listed for these reasons which ACC marks as “behavioral.” Killing an animal for being fearful and distrusting in this environment is a waste of resources, a waste of taxpayer dollars, and a needless end to a life of an animal that has been abandoned by their previous family and simply hopes for rescue. Most recently, dog Jace, who was tied to a pole and abandoned, who cried constantly for his previous owner, was killed April 20 due to fearful/anxious behavior.
- **CONTRADICTORY BEHAVIOR ASSESSMENTS AND REPORTS** – often the assessments of the at-risk animals are contradictory within themselves. Dog Elizabeth, was killed April 10 for behavioral reasons. In her behavior notes

it is stated that “Elizabeth was highly social during her assessment, remaining soft and attention seeking throughout; she displayed no concerns.” In a different summary, Elizabeth is noted as “vocalizing and lunging” toward a male dog off her leash. Volunteers noted Elizabeth as “jumping up for kisses and rolling over for belly rubs,” loving treats, and an ideal match for a “playful, active family.” Yet, she was euthanized for behavior. Often previous owners will use behavior as a scapegoat to surrender their pet without being questioned. The behavior assessments often feel like ACC grasping at straws, looking for an excuse as to why an animal is being euthanized.

- **LIMITED TIME FRAME** – the at-risk list is publicized at 6 PM, and is available only until 12 PM the next day. After 12 PM, only approved rescues can pull animals off the list, and only until around 3 PM, when euthanasia begins. This window of time is simply too small. Ms. Weinstock would like to believe that these hours are generously “additional” time, but many potential adopters are not even aware of these animals until they receive attention for being kill-listed. Many of these are also overnight hours, and with the rigmarole that many face to even contact ACC or apply to adopt, it is not enough time to give the animals a fair chance. I have seen instances where a member of the community is eager to save an animal from euthanasia, only to find out they are a few hours or even minutes too late.
- **SPAY/NEUTER/KILL** – In a letter to Senator Tony Avella (signed and dated October 10, 2017), Ms. Weinstock stated, “Unaltered animals in ACC’s care that have not been adopted and, due to behavior and/or medical issues, are at risk for euthanasia, would never be spayed or neutered. It does not make moral, financial, or logistical sense to spay/neuter an animal and then have them euthanized.” Since this date, at least fourteen dogs have been spayed/neutered and then euthanized at ACC – the most recent being in the early weeks of April 2018.
- **VOLUNTEER WORKLOAD** – During the hearing, Ms. Weinstock and Ms. Hoffman were quick to reiterate their 93% save rate (their live release rate for dogs is only 70%), but much of this is because of volunteer groups not affiliated with ACC, who work frantically everyday to find placement for these animals. Only a small handful of shelters under ACC’s New Hope umbrella actually pull, and their in-house foster program numbers are overwhelmingly low. ACC is quick to note their outreach improvements, like their At-Risk Facebook page (constructed by paid media employees, but is not monitored), yet this page has only 3,000 likes – while the volunteer run pages have up to 79,000. I am confident that without these volunteer run pages, who are often treated disrespectfully by ACC members, ACC’s save rate would be cut in half.
- **CAPA** – I am asking council members to draft and propose the Companion Animal Protection Act, which has proven success in other states. This is a model legislation consisting of various requirements regarding euthanasia criteria, shelter environment, and transparency of statistics. Implemented in Delaware in 2010, it has reduced killing by over 80%. New York should be leading the movement toward no-kill shelters, and is instead drawing the attention of citizens across the country for staggering behind.

I am demanding more urgency and transparency from NYC ACC, and a better life for New York’s abandoned animals.

Ashley L. Achenbach



Hi. We are Voices for Shelter Animals. We want to address some of the critical issues with the shelter and offer a solution

Disease is out of control

In 2016 according to the Animal Care Center Asilomar records 93% of transfers were not healthy  
40% of public adoptable were not healthy.

In 2017 these records were not included

In 3 months alone Dec 2017 Feb 2018.  
185 dogs were at risk for CIRDC 21 dogs were killed

On today's list there is 12 cats and dogs. At 3pm today ACC staff will decide who lives and who dies /  
At the end of the day some of these animals can be killed for a simple respiratory disease contracted  
in the shelter which is easily treatable with antibiotics and is even stated on the ACC website.

Some animals can be killed for simple behavior issues. In our opinion we do not think the killing of  
these animals is humane euthanasia.

ACC are using behavior assessments as part of the overall evaluation. These assessments were not  
meant to be used for live and death decisions.

Sometimes there is a big gap between what the volunteer videos show where you see an dog licking  
their face, eating treats right out of their hand but the assessment says behavior issue and pigeon  
holes these animals into getting NH only ratings for such things as mouthing on their leash, hard  
barking or not thriving.

If a volunteer disagrees with this assessment and expresses this to a shelter personnel they are  
written up and in some cases dismissed .

We have seen loving family animals traumatized when entering the shelter and exhibiting fear based  
behavior resulting in NH only status

Once labeled New Hope This limits animals chances for a positive outcome.  
If a NH rescue doesn't pull this animal, this animal will be killed.

Once the at risk list is published 18 hrs is not enough time to save these animals.

The list is published at 6pm and is removed the next day at noon. Interested adopters may not be able  
to fill out applications while at work.  
After work is too late as animals have already been killed.

With rescue volunteers working full time they cannot process applications and to do home checks -  
that is not possible in 18hrs,

Some animals have been killed while an app is still being processed.

The lack of promotion especially of at risk animals is leading to less animals being saved. ACC is  
not telling these interested potential adopters about the at risk animals whether they are visiting the  
shelter or at offsite events.

Animals have been left in cages suffering for days with such things as Pyometra & congestive heart failure. These can be severely painful.  
This is not humane.

We ask council members that these issues be made a priority.

The solution to these issues CAPA Companion Animal Protection Act. We have spoken to most of you already about it and are in process of being scheduled with the rest of you .

NYC can join the progressive and modern age of NO KILL where no adoptable treatable animal is killed unless irremediably suffering or has dangerous behavior issues.

We hope the council makes this a reality where each of you can be the hero for these animals.

Marilyn Galfin  
Craig Seeman  
Voices for Shelter Animals

Good morning,

I am writing this email on behalf of the animals that end up at NYCACC...So many animals do not stand a chance at this shelter. They are euthanized frequently and with little cause. The animals are only given 18 hours if they are scared or timid or overly energetic..puppies, gentle dogs, all dogs are being euthanized frequently. They have a kill list daily. I thought we are supposed to protect these animals. Often they have sponsors but are not given enough time to get there and when they do the dogs have already been put down. This is America, we are supposed to set a higher standard for other countries to follow. Dogs are often fixed and 2 days later Euthanized. Why did they bother fixing them then. How can we let this go and and turn the other cheek. Please Please Please help make a difference. Please help be a voice for these animals. I want to be a voice and that's why I am sending you this email. The more we work together the greater things we can accomplish. Please Please Please help make the necessary changes.

Thank you so very much for listening.

Sincerely

Jasminka Brayton

This will go around the world!! Whgen will you finally STOP the HOLOCAUST which take place in shit hole New York City!!!

Are you really christians?

Amerca is the shame of the world!!

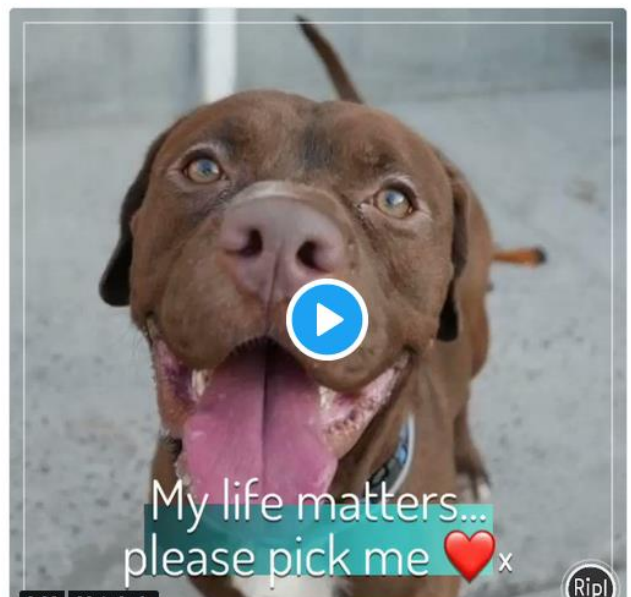
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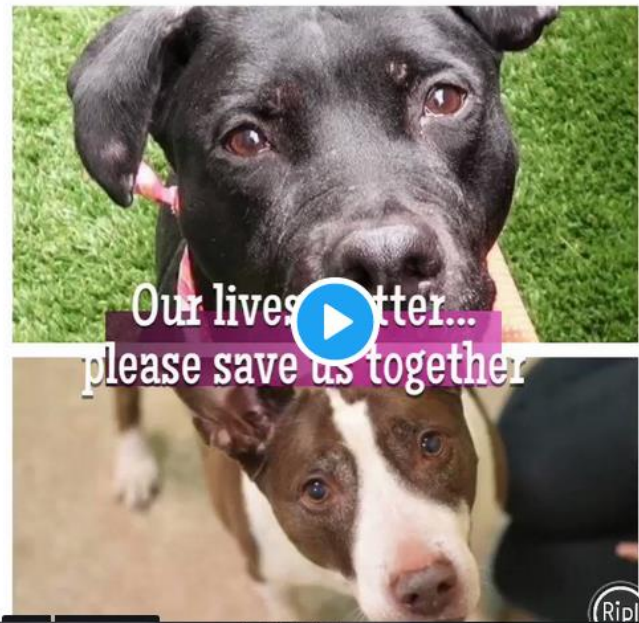
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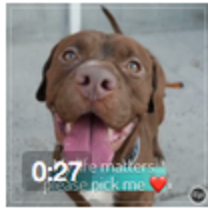
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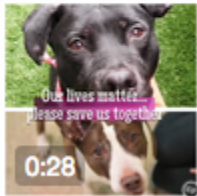
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Anita @chortletown

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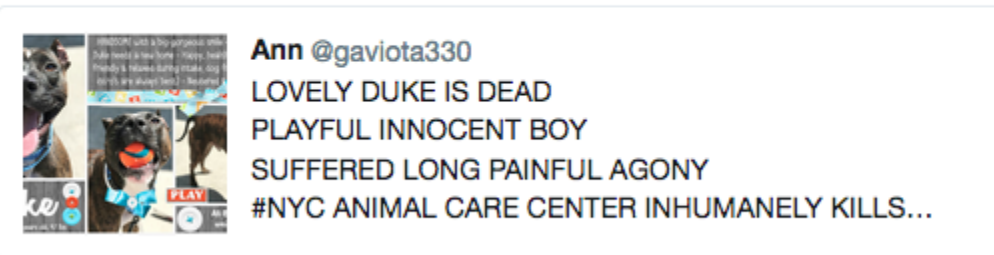
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This need international ATTENTION!! MASS KILLING continues in #NYC !! Every day killer #BilldeBlasio .@NYCMayor & .@NYGovCuomo .@nycgov execute hundreds of innocents with killer crew -> .@NYCACC #RisaWeinstock



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Animal Shelter System

Good Evening.

I watched Tuesday's 10 a.m. Health Council meeting.

According to Ms Risa Weinstein, ACC is better than no-kill. How is ACC better than no-kill? ACC showcase their much touted statistics. Coming from a computer science and math background, I can with confidence declare 'statistics can lie'. But POLICY does not.

What are the delta policies that prevent ACC from being no-kill? They must be many and onerous for NYC-DOH and NYC-ACC to fight so fervently against becoming no-kill.

Please adopt CAPA, the Companion Animal Protection Act. It is not perfect but it is a strong start. Protect the companion animals of New York City. They desperately need your support and your vote for CAPA

Respectfully,  
Lavenia Sylvia

1. Dogs & cats that are labeled new hope rescue only MUST be released to rescue no matter what the shelter thinks. Rescues shouldn't have to fight with acc to pull a dog. One rescue fought all day for a dog (dog was clearly lost came in with coat & torn lead ) acc was determined to murder this dog & did And owner called half hour later.

2. Stray hold should be more than 3 days many people don't know that NYC has shelters.

3. No animal should be evaluated by shelter employees they don't have any animal behavior training. Working in a shelter doesn't qualify them. I do rescue I am with animals for many years even with that said I am not experienced cause I have no degree in animal behavior. They should also be tested off shelter premises. I have a dog that was labeled as highly aggressive they didn't want to transport to me they said they would have to double crate her. I went there with one crate. I have her 9 months Not one sign of aggression towards people or other animals. Also a rescue pulled dog I had to pick up if I didn't get there by 2 pm they were going to kill her why she was already pulled by rescue I'm her foster.

They lie just to kill and that truly sickens me.

4 why when a dog or cat first comes in they all get dumped in same room. How do they know if animals already sick with leptospirosis, distemper parvo all highly contagious diseases. What do you do to prevent the spread of diseases not knowing if sick or not.

5. These shelters are disease infested that get these animals sick within a day or two. You must provide medical care you have the medicine administer it. Is the word CARE in your name to fool the public whose tax dollars pay for these so called shelters. Shelters are a safe haven where love and care is provided NOT INHUMANE DEATH!

6. Animals that are returned must be given a 2nd chance people adopt & feel they made a mistake so they lie. They also say that landlord won't let you have dog acc contacts landlord. So when they say landlord it's Another lie. It's not always the animals fault.

7. Owner surrender & stray should be charged a fee. Because there are many animal 's that are owner surrender and are marked stray meanwhile they get a full history of the surrendered animal. People lie to save the fee & they let them get away with it. Also thereally should be a fee for both stray & owner surrender.

8. We want NO KILL if laws are put in place and enforced we could have no kill. You want to breed must obtain a license 5000.00 fee for licence for each litter. Puppy stores should sell shelter pets. Breeders control the amount of litters each year.

9. Website is never updated. Last year they had a dog that was dead on there for 70 days it's not like they didn't know I e mailed at least once a week. In fact I emailed them about a dog on the lost & found list they told me dog was adopted that was last week dog is still on list in fact I e-mailed them this morning again & they sent me an email back informing me that it's NOT ACCURATE regarding many of their animals. It's important to keep this website updated constantly.

10. Ms. Weinstock is a lawyer not a doctor or a scientist. She stated that



Sedation before execution add's stress this is total bull. When we execute humans why are they sedated if it adds stress!

When I had to put my cat down due to illness I was told by vet animal has to be sedated first its NYS law state. Now if this is true why is ACC allowed to execute without sedation are they above the law.

11. Also this new spay/neuter by students at the ASPCA is totally disgusting. Many have died at their hands they want students to practice then they should keep the animals and not give back to ACC they have a big enough facility to house them and they most certainly have the funds.

12. Supposedly there are over 300 new hope rescues yet you see like approx 20 pulling off the list where are the other 280 so called new hope rescues.

13. New York Animal Control has one of the most deplorable and disease-infested environments, so much so that animals that are perfectly healthy one day are dying of respiratory bacteria and choking to death in their kennels only two days later. Thats when they are put on the dreaded list or for behavior which is always wrong. It's hard to believe the DOH oversees this agency.

14. I would like to know why animals are killed with adopters or rescues.  
Isn't it about saving lives not taking them.

Thank you  
Ms. Deman

Killed today at NYCACC. It's time to fire the existing staff. One is a 6 month old puppy!!





6 month old Teddy  
Killed today

[http://www.kxan.com/news/local/austin/new-study-austins-no-kill-policy-has-157-million-economic-impact\\_20180312074646799/1031420997](http://www.kxan.com/news/local/austin/new-study-austins-no-kill-policy-has-157-million-economic-impact_20180312074646799/1031420997)

I have a nationwide animal advocacy group with many New Yorkers in the group who care very deeply for the animals housed at the NYCACC. Many are your constituents who asked me to reach out to you.

I watched the broadcast of the oversight hearing yesterday and I wanted to please encourage you to do some much needed research.

The NYCACC adopted out only 6700 cats and dogs total in a city of 8.5 million people in 2017.

Of that 6700, only 2622 dogs were adopted down 60 dogs from 2016

This is not acceptable and I can assure you that if there was an entity overseeing these figures that actually cared, the current staff would be removed and replaced with people who had the drive and passion to do the job and to do it right.

People work tirelessly every evening FREE to do the job of the NYCACC. So I would suggest giving this some careful consideration, before allotting more money for people to perform at such a low capacity.

All successful businesses look at the shelf-life of their products and how to move their products ( ie in this case animals) out the door -ALIVE.

The thing that's lacking is drive, passion and marketing expertise. I am in advertising and promotions and this is one aspect that needs to be addressed.. New York City unfortunately doesn't know ACC is on the map because of the little advertising and promotions that is done.

Nycacc is complacent and relies on the general public and the rescues to do the job while threatening death. This is clearly evident by researching the number of animals adopted out by ACC alone.

It's pretty dysfunctional and sick to rely on terrorizing the general public because you do not have the skills necessary to market the animals appropriately.

Austin, a very prominent no kill, open admissions shelter works very hard and doesn't need kill lists and terrorism to encourage adoptions.

What kind of foster and adopter is located when you put a gun to someone's head and tell them take this dog or it's dead?!?!

It's actually so pitiful to see how New York operates. The greatest, wealthiest city in the world and this is really the best it can do?

I would encourage you to take the funds allotted for the new shelters and invest in an over-site committee to keep account of what is actually occurring.



How many animals are placed by the rescue community, how much money is used to get the animals healthy, where are these animals winding up. Please look at the waste of money spent spaying, neutering and killing animals that were NEVER promoted.

Many animals labeled new hope only never see the light of day- let alone attend adoption events. People off the street can't go into ACC to see rescue only animals. The only time these animals are acknowledged is on 18 hour kill lists so I'm really not sure what Risa Weinstock was referring to when she remarked that "the list" was the last attempt to get these animals placed.

It's the ONLY attempt for many unfortunately.

The rescues wait for death lists and pledges to pull animals because they are strapped with the financial burden of pulling often times sick animals. They don't have money to advertise in advance for fosters.

Where are the CONSTANT pleas for fosters that the ACC so desperately needs to get these animals out of the building BEFORE they get ill and get them to the adoption events. Where are they advertising for more volunteers to take them to these events???

There are no proactive efforts -more untruths told by Risa Weinstock who has made this a pattern now lying to elected officials about everything from wonderful no kill shelters like Austin ( saying at a briefing meeting that Austin is not no kill and ships it's animals to be euthanized) ,lying about spaying neutering and killing animals and boasting a 93% LRR that ACC is barely contributing too.

Please do your research. Knowledge is Power.

Investing in buildings does very little when the passion, compassion and drive to save animals is lacking.

Please review the Companion Animal Protection Act <https://www.nokilladvocacycenter.org/companion-animal-protection-act.html>

and invest the allotted money into marketing and hiring shelter staff and management that actually care about placing animals and communicating with the public and the rescues and volunteers and connecting with the community. This cannot be obtained when the shelter is killing healthy, treatable animals on a daily basis and making everyone they do business with sign gag orders and silencing anyone who may have a suggestion on social media. Sorry I don't see much changing with the same mentality and practices no matter how many new and improved shelters are constructed.

NY can and should do better. This should not be about a building that will take another 100 years to build. We rely on elected officials to make the appropriate changes. Please do your part as well and please look into effective legislation: removing NYCHA Ban, breeding legislation, placing dumpers on nationwide DO NOT ADOPT lists, keeping homeless with their pets, educating the public how socially unacceptable it is to dump- we don't dump our kids, why is it ok to dump our pets???

We rely on you. Please do not disappoint us.

Thank you

Carol Hartsock

Dear NYC Council Members,

Regarding the Health Committee's Oversight Hearing on the NYC animal pound...

In review, there are two serious problems:

1) ARBITRARY, RANDOM KILLING . . .

The NYC pound continues to kill Cats & Dogs by the thousands each year, due to minor behavioral issues or supposedly to prevent the spread of common infections that carry no significant health risk to these or any other animals in the pound. Colds & simple training issues are being used as pretexts to conveniently dispose of healthy, adoptable and friendly pets. For instance, a harmless 7-month-old puppy, named ROCKO, was recently killed, according to the Manhattan pound, because he “exhibited a low threshold for arousal in the care center such as jumping up and biting at leash”<sup>\*</sup> — an insidious mischaracterization that makes the innocent behavior of an energetic and playful puppy seem violent and dangerous. ROCKO was a perfectly normal and affectionate puppy.

[\*source:<https://www.facebook.com/ACC.OfficialAtRiskAnimals/photos/a.255934294948109.1073741897.228723884335817/255934841614721/?type=3>]

2) ASPCA & NYC ACC, COLLABORATING IN CRUELTY . . .

In addition to supporting the status-quo of ‘convenience killing’ and stubbornly obstructing all No Kill shelter reforms (reforms that have been working so well in other major cities, such as Austin, TX, Reno, NV, Portland, OR, and Kansas City, MO), the ASPCA has been spay-neutering animals for the NYC pound prior to their adoption, and then sending them back to ACC, where many are being killed within days of their return, supposedly for behavioral issues or newly acquired colds, which are likely caused by the rushed surgeries themselves. Spay-neuter operations are considered major surgeries, which decrease immune system function, cause pain which can affect behavior, and take precious time away from animals on the adoption floor.

Of course, we fully support spay-neuter, which is a service offered at low or no cost by model No Kill animal shelters in hundreds of American cities; but it is NOT necessary to spay-neuter animals BEFORE they have adoption or foster commitments, especially when these surgeries are resulting in symptoms that are being used as pretexts to dispose of such animals. Our shelters and animal charities should be saving the lives of Cats & Dogs, not collaborating in their cruel mistreatment before killing them!

As the Executive Director of NYC ACC, Risa Weinstock, and her principal enabler - the President of the ASPCA, Matthew Bershadker, admitted in their October 2017 cosigned letter to NY State Senator Tony Avella, “It does not make moral, financial, or logistical sense to spay/neuter an animal and then have them euthanized”. [Please see letter, below.] As it turns out, this statement was actually an astonishing admission of guilt by the heads of these agencies, because in fact, NYC ACC and the ASPCA have been doing exactly that, on a routine daily basis. Scarcely a day goes by when we don't see a Cat or a Dog on the nightly ‘Kill List’ of ACC who hasn't been spayed or neutered by the ASPCA days earlier.



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Billing Entity

This agreement (this "Agreement") is entered into effective as of January 1, 2018 between Animal Care Centers of NYC, Inc. ("ACC" or "you") and The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, a New York not-for-profit corporation with offices at 424 East 92<sup>nd</sup> Street, New York, NY 10128 (the "ASPCA") pursuant to which you will assist the ASPCA in providing spay/neuter surgeries and certain other veterinary medical procedures ("Veterinary Services") to dogs and/or cats ("animals") at one or more of its stationary clinics, currently located at 70-25 83<sup>rd</sup> Street, Ridgewood, Queens 11385 and 424 East 92<sup>nd</sup> Street, New York, New York 10128 (together, the "ASPCA Spay/Neuter Clinics," and each the "ASPCA Spay/Neuter Clinic") (location subject to change at the ASPCA's election at any time). This Agreement supersedes and replaces any prior agreement that you have signed regarding the ASPCA Spay/Neuter Clinics. We thank you for assisting us in providing this valuable service!

1. Requirements to use the ASPCA Spay/Neuter Clinics

a. You must sign and return this Agreement to:

- i. Mailing Address: 1717 S. Philo Rd, Suite 36, Urbana IL, 61802.
- ii. E-mail: [snc@aspca.org](mailto:snc@aspca.org)
- iii. Fax: (217) 337-9810

b. Only a person authorized to bind ACC may sign this Agreement; and

c. Representatives from ACC may bring animals and/or pick up animals to or from the ASPCA Spay/Neuter Clinics only if they have been identified as ACC representatives on the list attached as Exhibit A ("Authorized Representatives"), which may be updated from time to time by mutual agreement of you and the ASPCA.

2. Scheduling appointments, cancelling appointments, or changing appointments

ACC has standing appointments. ACC shall use its best efforts to provide the ASPCA with the number and species of animals that you or your Authorized Representative will bring to the ASPCA Spay/Neuter Clinics or the transport pick up location in advance of each appointment. The ASPCA will accommodate animals based on availability.

3. Animal suitability

- a. You agree that the ASPCA may deny Veterinary Services to any animal. When screening animals for any condition that would cause the decline of Veterinary Services, you will comply with the ASPCA's "General Guidelines for Spay Neuter Services" which is attached to this Agreement as Exhibit B.
- b. You may provide the ASPCA with animals that are owned by ACC adopters, but in each such case, ACC represents and warrants to the ASPCA that it has received and has documented the owner's consent to seek veterinary care and treatment (specifically spay/neuter surgery and the



attendant services inherent therein, as further described in the ASPCA's consent form) for each such animal.

- c. You may provide the ASPCA with animals that are owned by another person who is NOT an ACC adopter, but only if the owner has signed the ASPCA admission form supplied to you by the ASPCA and you bring that form with you when presenting the animal to the ASPCA. Under no circumstance may any animal owned by another person be brought to the ASPCA for any service without the owner having signed such admission form and such admission form being presented to the ASPCA.
- d. You may provide the ASPCA with feral animals that you have secured in a trap.
- e. Cats that are not feral may be brought in a plastic carrier or in a trap.
- f. Dogs may be brought in carriers or walked in with a leash and collar.
- g. If you request that the ASPCA performs, or does not perform, any procedure or takes, or does not take, any action that is against veterinary medical advice, you will be required to sign an "High Risk Waiver for Spay/Neuter Surgery" form. In the event that it is not feasible for you to reach the ASPCA Spay/Neuter Clinic in a time that would be considered reasonable, the ASPCA may, in its sole discretion, choose to accept your oral consent to take steps against veterinary medical advice.

4. Responsibilities of Both Parties.

- a. You must, at all times, act in the best interests of the welfare of the animals in your care and in your community. If you are deemed by the ASPCA to be jeopardizing the welfare of animals, you will be immediately disqualified from receiving Veterinary Services, at the sole discretion of the ASPCA. Likewise, you must operate within all applicable federal, state and local laws in order to continue to receive Veterinary Services.
- b. The ASPCA represents and warrants that all spay and neuter surgeries shall be performed by a veterinarian who is licensed to practice veterinary medicine in the State of New York.

5. Veterinary Services.

- a. Unless any such procedure is deemed unsuitable by an ASPCA veterinarian, all animals brought to the ASPCA pursuant to this Agreement will be spayed or neutered, tattooed, and vaccinated against rabies (if no proof of a current rabies vaccine is provided and such vaccination is deemed medically appropriate).
- b. All animals will be tattooed at the time of surgery. All cats in traps will be ear-tipped at the time of surgery according to ASPCA protocol.
- c. Friendly animals will receive a complimentary nail trim.
- d. If an animal experiences post-operative complications requiring follow-up care as a direct result of Veterinary Services, either ACC (if the animal has not yet been released back to its ACC adopter) or the owner (if the animal has been released to the care of an ACC adopter) must contact the ASPCA's Client Services Call Center (the "Call Center") at 844-MY-ASPCA (844-692-7722). The Call Center will determine whether the ASPCA will cover post-operative expenses. If such authorization for coverage is given, the ASPCA will cover costs directly. For approved post-operative care, the ASPCA shall pay a maximum of \$1,500 in post-operative care per animal brought to an ASPCA Spay/Neuter Clinic under this Agreement unless otherwise agreed by the ASPCA in its sole discretion. The ASPCA will include instructions for obtaining advance authorization for coverage of post-operative care in the aftercare protocols provided (as reflected in Exhibit C) for each animal receiving Veterinary Services.
  - i. Post-operative care will **not** be covered by the ASPCA unless the Call Center at 844-MY-ASPCA (844-692-7722) had provided advance authorization to you or the owner that the

- ASPCA will cover the post-operative expenses. The Call Center must provide advance authorization even if the animal will be brought to the ASPCA Animal Hospital.
- ii. Transportation costs to and from any follow-up care facility, are always your responsibility and will not be covered by the ASPCA.
  - iii. Should you fail to follow the aftercare protocol provided to you by the ASPCA when you retrieve your animal(s) from the ASPCA, the ASPCA will not ordinarily provide coverage of any post-operative care.
- e. Medication will only be dispensed to you by the ASPCA with the explicit authorization of an ASPCA veterinarian and will be provided solely to animals that have been or are currently being treated by the ASPCA. The dispensation of medication will be in the sole discretion of the ASPCA.
  - f. Any dog or cat determined to be already spayed or neutered prior to sedation will not receive any services.
  - g. If a dog or cat is sedated, and it is discovered that he or she has been already spayed or neutered, services requested (including ear tip for feral cats) will be provided, but the animal will not receive a tattoo.
  - h. If you request that the ASPCA performs, or does not perform, any procedure or takes, or does not take, any action that is against veterinary medical advice, you will be required to sign an "High Risk Waiver for Spay/Neuter Surgery" form. In the event that it is not feasible for you to reach the ASPCA Spay/Neuter Clinic in a time that would be considered reasonable, the ASPCA may, in its sole discretion, chose to accept your oral consent to take steps against veterinary medical advice.
  - i. In the unfortunate event of an animal's death, the ASPCA will pay the cost of group cremation for each animal brought to an ASPCA Spay/Neuter Clinic under this Agreement. The ASPCA is not required to provide, or pay for, a necropsy of an animal brought to an ASPCA Spay/Neuter Clinic under this Agreement; provided, however, if the ASPCA, in its sole discretion, deems it appropriate to conduct a necropsy of an animal brought to an ASPCA Spay/Neuter Clinic under this Agreement in order to determine the cause of death, you consent to the necropsy being performed, at no charge to you.

6. Aftercare Protocol.

- a. ACC agrees to follow the aftercare protocols provided (as reflected in Exhibit C) for each animal receiving Veterinary Services. For owned animals, ACC shall provide to each owner a copy of the appropriate (cat or dog) aftercare protocols as well as the animal's medical record number, upon sending the animal home. ACC understands that it is ACC's or the owner's responsibility to ensure a safe, clean, and appropriate environment for animals to recover from the spay/neuter surgery.
- b. ACC acknowledges that the ASPCA reserves the right, at any mutually agreed time, to inspect any area that ACC has designated for animal recovery purposes and to advise of any changes that ACC must make to ensure the health and safety of recovering animals.
- c. ACC understands that the ASPCA may suspend its use of the ASPCA Spay/Neuter Clinics in the event that ACC, (i) fails to make reasonable efforts to permit the ASPCA to inspect recovery premises or (ii) does not timely remedy any problems that the ASPCA identifies after conducting such a visit in a timely manner.

7. Bringing Animals Directly to the ASPCA Spay/Neuter Clinics

a. Admissions and Discharge Process

- i. You must follow the intake and discharge schedules provided to you when you schedule an appointment.

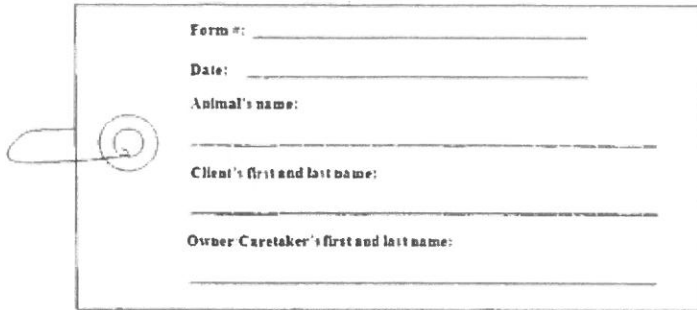
- ii. If you are bringing animals owned by third parties, you are responsible for bringing the animal to, and picking up the animal from, the ASPCA Spay/Neuter Clinic. The owner may accompany you when you bring the animal to or pick up the animal from the ASPCA Spay/Neuter Clinic, but the ASPCA will work only with you throughout the intake and discharge process and not with the owner. Only an Authorized Representative may enter the ASPCA Spay/Neuter Clinic; the owner must wait outside.
- iii. The ASPCA must receive the completed ASPCA admission form signed by an Authorized Representative for each animal before it can provide Veterinary Services to the animal. Notwithstanding the foregoing, and as mentioned above, if an animal is owned by someone other than ACC, the owner must sign the ASPCA admission form and you must bring a copy of that signed form when you present the animal.
- iv. The admission form for each animal brought to the ASPCA Spay/Neuter Clinic must be completed prior to arrival at the ASPCA Spay/Neuter Clinic. Forms are available at the ASPCA Spay/Neuter Clinic. An ASPCA staff member can provide you with a supply of blank forms for your future use.
- v. If the animal is up-to-date on his or her rabies vaccination, you must inform the ASPCA of this prior at intake. If you do not inform the ASPCA that an animal is up-to-date, the ASPCA may provide the animal with a rabies vaccine in its sole discretion.
- vi. For animals that are owned by another person, you must verify that the ASPCA admission form is completed and signed prior to taking possession of the animal.
- vii. Unless there is a medical reason not to release an animal, animals must be picked up the same day that they receive Veterinary Services. If an animal cannot be released for medical reasons, the ASPCA may send the animal to the ASPCA Animal Hospital or to another suitable veterinary clinic or veterinarian for further evaluation and/or treatment.
- viii. Once intake is completed, the ASPCA Spay/Neuter Clinic will be closed for surgery and recovery until discharge time, and you will not have access to the ASPCA Spay/Neuter Clinic.

**b. Presentation of Animals**

- i. All cats must arrive secured in a trap, transfer cage or plastic carrier.
  - 1. All feral cats must arrive covered, in traps or transfer cages.
  - 2. All cats in traps or transfer cages WILL be ear tipped according to ASPCA protocol. No exceptions!
  - 3. Friendly/ adoptable cats may be secured in a carrier. The carrier must be of an appropriate size and in functional conditional.
  - 4. Cats in carriers WILL NOT be ear tipped. No exceptions!
  - 5. Any cat in a pet carrier that is determined to be too fractious for safe handling will not receive services for the safety of the animal and the ASPCA representatives.
- ii. You must ensure that all contents are removed from carriers and/or traps, with the exception of one clean layer of paper or a blanket/towel, prior to transferring the animal to the ASPCA.
- iii. Dogs may be brought in carriers or walked in with a leash and collar.
- iv. You may not present more than one animal in any one carrier or trap.
- v. You must ensure that all animals presented are identified properly.
  - 1. ID bands will be provided by the ASPCA.
  - 2. ID bands may be placed around the neck of all non-feral animals or attached to the crate's handle/door, or to the admission's form.
  - 3. ID bands for all feral cats may be attached to the trap's handle or the admission's form.
  - 4. ID bands must contain the following information:



vi. You must ensure that all carriers and/or traps are labeled with the following information:



Form #: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Animal's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Client's first and last name: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner/Caretaker's first and last name: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Liability and Indemnification.

- a. Neither ACC nor the ASPCA shall be liable to the other for any damages in connection with this Agreement.
- b. To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, ACC shall indemnify, defend, save and hold harmless the ASPCA, its officers, directors, employees, agents, successors and assigns from and against any and all losses of any nature whatsoever that arise out of the performance of this Agreement by ACC.
- c. To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, ASPCA shall indemnify, defend, save and hold harmless ACC, its officers, directors, employees, agents, successors and assigns from and against any and all losses of any nature whatsoever that arise out of the performance of this agreement by ASPCA.

9. Relationship Between the Parties.

- a. You and the ASPCA agree that neither entity is an employee, agent or representative of the other, and both entities understand that neither entity is entitled to any of the benefits available to either entity's employees (including, but not limited to, health care, retirement or leave).
- b. Neither party shall represent nor imply that either party is working on behalf of the other, nor that either party has any special responsibility or authority that has been given to it by the other party.
- c. Except pursuant to a separate agreement signed by both parties, neither party may represent that it is collecting money on behalf of the other party and neither party may collect any money on behalf of the other party (donations must be delivered directly to a staff member of the appropriate entity, who will accept donations on that entity's behalf).
- d. Badmouthing, sabotaging, profanity, verbal abuse, ad hominem attacks and other forms of incivility will not be tolerated, including, but not limited to, disparagement of the ASPCA or ACC, or either party's officers, employees, agents or volunteers.

10. Term; Termination.

- a. This Agreement will be effective through December 31, 2018.
- b. Either you or the ASPCA may terminate this Agreement for any reason upon ten (10) days advance written notice to the other party, provided, however, that any payments owed by you prior to termination shall still be payable to the ASPCA.

11. Confidentiality.



- a. Both parties acknowledge and agree that information about medical or behavioral conditions, or other records, including, but not limited to, information about euthanasia decisions for animals brought to the ASPCA Spay/Neuter Clinics; photographs or videos of any animal that is owned by the ASPCA or ACC; information about the compensation, qualifications, abilities, or personal information of any ASPCA or ACC employee; and information about, or that may be relevant to, any potential or confirmed criminal cases shall be considered confidential and proprietary information (the "Confidential Information") belonging to the disclosing party, and shall not be disclosed to any third party without the prior written consent of the disclosing party.
  - b. ASPCA and ACC both expressly agree that neither party shall post any Confidential Information/photos/video on any social media or other website (including, but not limited to, sites such as Facebook, YouTube, Twitter, MySpace or Instagram). Notwithstanding the foregoing, information about a specific animal's medical conditions or other medical records may be disclosed to adopters of that animal or to the current owner of that animal on an as-needed basis.
12. Electronic Signature. Both parties agree that a signature by facsimile, electronic mail, portable document format (.pdf), electronic submission or by any other electronic means, shall be deemed an original signature and shall constitute effective execution and delivery of this Agreement.

If the foregoing accurately reflects your understanding of the agreement between ACC and the ASPCA, please sign this Agreement where indicated below and return a signed copy to my attention as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



Aimee Christian  
Vice President  
Community Medicine

ACC HEREBY WARRANTS THAT (A) IT HAS READ THIS AGREEMENT CAREFULLY PRIOR TO ITS EXECUTION, (B) IT FULLY UNDERSTAND THE CONTENTS OF THIS AGREEMENT, (C) IT REALIZES THIS AGREEMENT IS AN ENFORCEABLE LEGAL DOCUMENT BETWEEN ACC AND THE ASPCA, (D) IT VOLUNTARILY SIGNS THIS AGREEMENT OF ITS OWN FREE WILL, (E) IT WAS GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW THIS AGREEMENT WITH ITS OWN ATTORNEY AT ITS OWN EXPENSE OR VOLUNTARILY WAIVED THE RIGHT TO DO SO, AND (F) THE PERSON SIGNING THIS AGREEMENT ON ITS BEHALF IS AUTHORIZED TO ACT ON BEHALF OF ACC AND IS OVER EIGHTEEN (18) YEARS OF AGE.

ACKNOWLEDGED AND AGREED TO:

Name of Organization: Animal Care Centers of NYC, Inc.

Name of Authorized Representative: Risa H. Weinstock

Title of Authorized Representative: President & CEO

Signature of Authorized Representative: \_\_\_\_\_



Tax ID Number: 13-3788986

Date: 12/28/2017

Primary Business Address: 11 Park Place, Ste. 805, NY, NY 10007

Email: RWeinstock2@nycacc.org

Phone: (212) 442-2061

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**EXHIBIT A**  
**REPRESENTATIVE LIST**

The following individuals are representatives of ACC (the "Organization"), and may utilize the ASPCA Spay/Neuter Clinics on behalf of the Organization. The Organization represents and warrants that all individuals listed below will have read the agreement (the "Agreement") between the Organization and the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (the "ASPCA"), and that each individual named below shall abide by all ASPCA policies and procedures described in the Agreement to the extent that they apply to his or her utilization of the ASPCA Spay/Neuter Clinics on behalf of the Organization. Terms not defined herein shall have the meaning assigned to such term in the Agreement.

Names of individual representatives:

By signing below, the Organization (named above) hereby acknowledges and agrees that the individuals named on this representative list (the "Representatives") are authorized to utilize the ASPCA Spay/Neuter Clinics on behalf of the Organization. Organization acknowledges and agrees that any amounts the Representatives incurs on behalf of the Organization in acquiring services at the ASPCA Spay/Neuter Clinics and/or in any subsequent services provided at the ASPCA's Animal Hospital or otherwise provided for aftercare services, including, but not limited to, medication and subsequent treatments, will be payable to the ASPCA by the Organization.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of authorized person on behalf  
of the Organization (please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of authorized person on behalf  
of the Organization



## **EXHIBIT B**



### **General Guidelines for Spay/Neuter Services**

**What animals will the Spay/Neuter Clinic accept for surgery?**

- healthy dogs and cats.
- puppies and kittens who are at least eight weeks old and weigh at least two pounds.
- female cats and dogs in heat.
- pregnant cats and dogs, depending on the health of the animal.
- male animals with only one testicle in the scrotal sac and unneutered male animals with no testicles in the scrotal sac who are at least 4 months of age.
- large dogs. (Certain giant breeds may not be accepted.)

**What animals will the Spay/Neuter Clinic NOT accept for surgery?**

- Doberman Pinschers that do not have blood work proof of a normal von Willebrand Factor test.
- ferrets, rabbits, and all other animals.
- unhealthy animals or those with contagious illnesses. Animals should not be coughing or sneezing, and should not have watery eyes, runny noses, Sarcoptic mange, and/or ringworm.

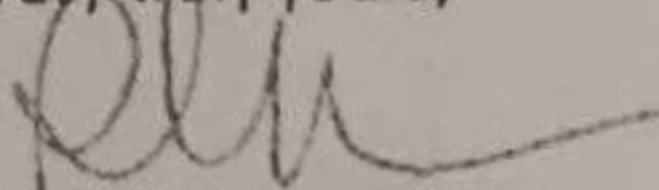
**The following patients will be accepted for spay/neuter surgery at the veterinarian's discretion following physical examination?**

- animals over five years of age.
- brachycephalic breeds.
- dogs or puppies with Demodex.
- animals that have tremors or other signs of a neurological condition.
- female dogs and cats who are nursing puppies or kittens. (It is ideal to wait one month after weaning litter before spaying.)
- male animals with no descended testicles or only one descended testicle and under 4 months of age. (It may be advised to wait until the animal is at least 4 months of age prior to neuter.)

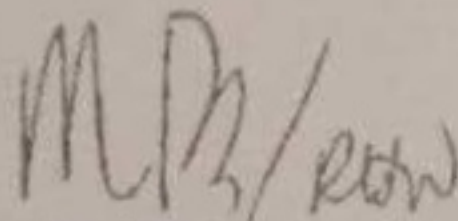
**EXHIBIT C**  
**DISCHARGE INSTRUCTIONS**

We hope we can count on you to spread awareness to your constituents about the life-saving work we are doing to protect the city's most vulnerable animals and help correct misinformation like this. Please do not hesitate to contact us (ACC or ASPCA) with any questions.

Very truly yours,



Risa Weinstock  
President & CEO



Matt Bershadker  
President & CEO  
ASPCA



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October 10, 2017

*Via mail and email*

Tony Avella  
State Senator  
11<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District  
3850 Bell Blvd., Suite C  
Queens, NY 11361-2028

Dear Senator Avella,

Thank you for reaching out to ACC and the ASPCA to seek the facts concerning our spay/neuter practices. We welcome these kinds of conversations as they are opportunities to dispel untruths. This response is sent on behalf of both organizations.

Ms. [REDACTED] allegation is unequivocally untrue. There is no practice - new, old, or otherwise, of ACC or the ASPCA spaying or neutering animals and then euthanizing them directly after. We strive to alter all of our animals before they are adopted so that when they are selected for adoption or rescue placement, they are ready to leave our care centers that day. By altering animals that are available for adoption, we increase the likelihood of that animal being adopted. The ASPCA provides tens of thousands of subsidized spay/neuter surgeries to shelters, rescues, and individuals around NYC, and ACC is one of the groups that receives these services.

Laws require that all animals adopted from our shelter to be spayed or neutered with limited exception before leaving our care. Unaltered animals in ACC's care that have not been adopted and, due to behavior and/or medical issues, are at risk for euthanasia, would never be spayed or neutered. It does not make moral, financial, or logistical sense to spay/neuter an animal and then have them euthanized.

As you will see in our stats, ACC is currently saving over 90% of the animals we take in: <http://www.nycacc.org/Statistics.htm>. Every year, the placement numbers increase and we are proud of the progress that we've made, with the support of the ASPCA, making NYC a leader in animal sheltering nationwide. If you are interested, I invite you to visit one of our care centers to see the work that our compassionate staff is doing to help NYC's animals every day.

Adopt • Volunteer • Donate





# A SIDE-BY-SIDE COMPARISON

## Muncie's Sheltering Requirements Versus Those of the Average American City



### SHELTERING PROTOCOL

### MOST CITIES

### MUNCIE, INDIANA

|  |          |          |
|--|----------|----------|
| Minimum holding period for strays  | 3-5 days | 7 days   |
| Minimum holding period for animals who are surrendered   | 0 days   | 7 days   |
| Allows animals to be killed immediately after holding period expires without making available for adoption or rescue                   | YES      | NO       |
| Allows animals to be killed even with empty cages/kennels  | YES      | NO       |
| Allows an animal to be killed even if rescue groups or other shelters offer to take that animal  | YES      | NO       |
| Requires shelter to notify "owner"/finder that animal will be killed in order to give that person an opportunity to reclaim the animal | NO       | YES      |
| Requires shelter to notify rescue groups and give them the opportunity to save an animal scheduled to be killed                        | NO       | YES      |
| Prohibits killing healthy and treatable animals  | NO       | YES      |
| Mandated live release rate   | NO       | YES: 98% |
| Requires exercise and socialization of shelter animals   | NO       | YES      |
| Requires prompt and necessary veterinary care, including vaccinations  | NO       | YES      |
| Bans breed specific legislation  | YES      | YES      |
| Bans discrimination based on appearance, age, or color   | NO       | YES      |
| Requires microchip scanning and other efforts to match found animals with lost reports   | NO       | YES      |
| Mandates transparency of sheltering statistics   | NO       | YES      |
| Bans selling animals for research  | NO       | YES      |
| Incentivizes adoption and transfer over killing  | NO       | YES      |
| Reduces length of stay without killing   | NO       | YES      |

# Led Astray:

Reforming New York City's  
Animal Care and Control

January 2013



Office of the Manhattan  
Borough President

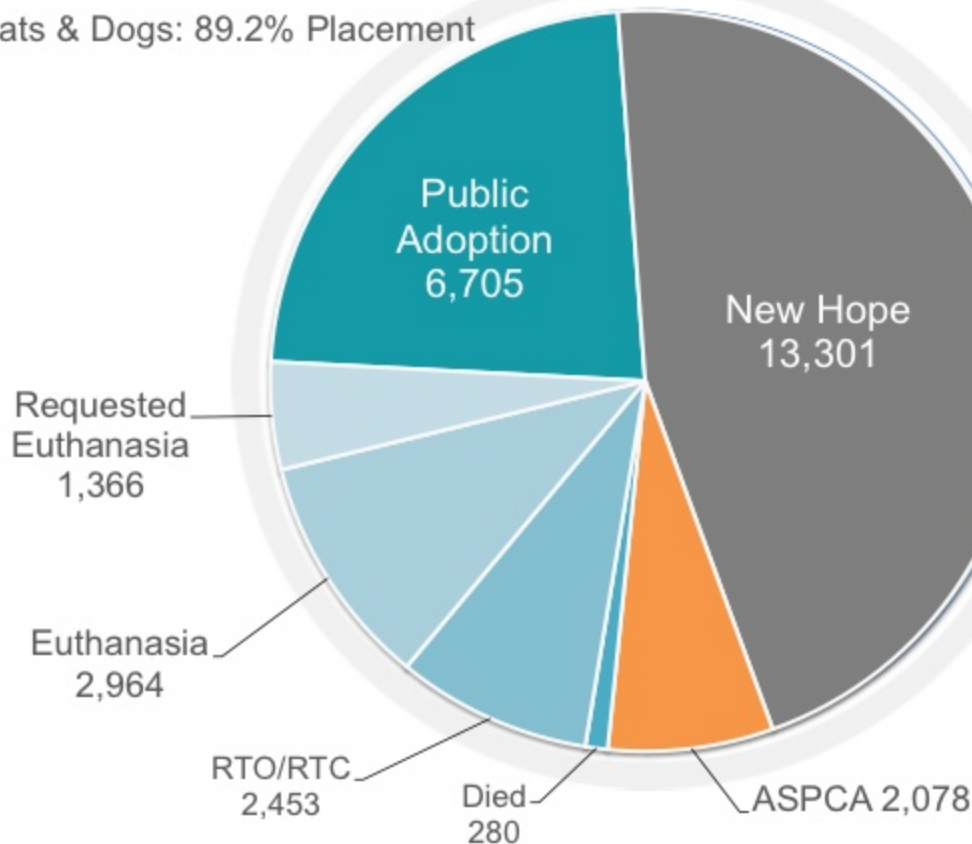
**Scott M. Stringer**  
Manhattan Borough President

ABOUT MANHATTAN BOROUGH PRESIDENT SCOTT M. STRINGER



# Outcomes

Cats & Dogs: 89.2% Placement



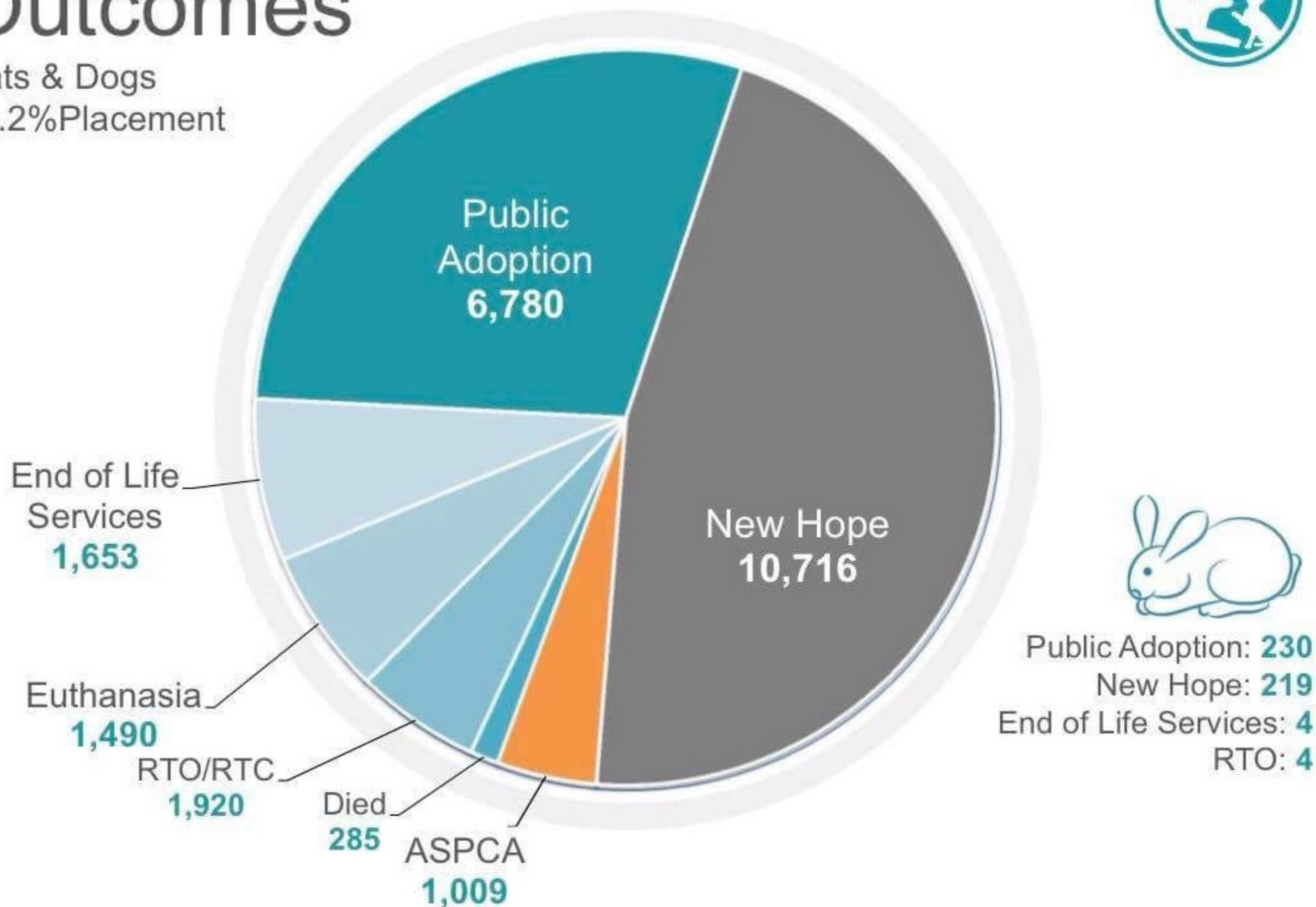
287 Public Adoption  
146 New Hope





# Outcomes

Cats & Dogs  
93.2% Placement





AUSTIN ANIMAL SERVICES OFFICE

# 2017

ACHIEVEMENTS

8,093  
adoptions



97.9%

save rate  
a new record!



48,996  
hours donated  
by volunteers



3,363  
pets returned  
to owners



4,070  
pets transferred  
rescue groups



[www.AustinAnimalCenter.org](http://www.AustinAnimalCenter.org)



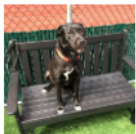
STOP the HOLOCAUST in NYC !!! HOW LONG will these KILL HAPPY SHELTER BASTARDS be allowed to MURDER the innocent?

I think that the euthanasia of 600-700 + dogs at a time is horrendous.... millions of dollars spent on this facility and it is an endless conveyor belt of dead animals put into red bags and discarded like garbage. I'm wondering, do they get money for each one you kill? And. How much per red bag do they get from tax dollars?

Just because the facility is clean on the outside, doesn't mean the hearts are clean on the inside. All that money for a pretty building could have gone towards the well being of the animals. They are a kill shelter, not an animal sanctuary. I have done my research. And last but not least, your vetting process is terrible, I can't imagine how many of your dogs were turned into bait for others pleasure...if people knew the truth and the real Media would investigate, you would have the wrath of animal advocates all over you. Heres a challenge: Tell the truth about how many animals a week/month/year you kill?

 @micha.jonan

KILLED by #NYC mass killer #BilldeBlasio  
.@NYCMayor and his fu\*\*ing killer crew ->  
.@nycgov .@NYCACCC #RisaWeinstock  
.@NYGovCuomo .@NYCMayorsOffice  
@NYCSpeakerCoJo



Nasrene MacDonald @nasrene41

MURDERED BY #NYCACCC! Dead bodies can be sold! Why bother to save him? facebook.com/ACC.OfficialAt...

 Original (English) Übersetzen

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 Original (English) Übersetzen



ATTENTION #NYC !! VOTE the KILLER .@NYGovCuomo OUT of office!! He doesn't stop this #HOLOCAUST !!



Antwort an @jennierozo

In 2017 mass killer .@BillDeBlasio killed thousands of innocents!! THIS need international ATTENTION!!

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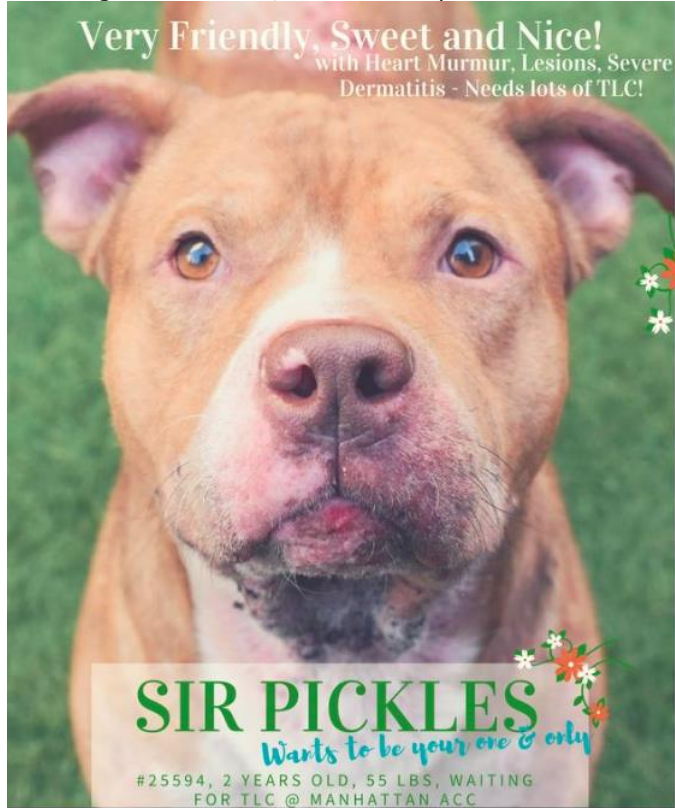


lauralapace@web.de



STOP this Genocide on innocents!! This need international ATTENTION!! The whole world should know about this massacre in NYC!!




It's a big HOLOCAUST, which taker place in shit hole New York!!



Very Friendly, Sweet and Nice!  
with Heart Murmur, Lesions, Severe Dermatitis - Needs lots of TLC!

**SIR PICKLES**  
*Wants to be your one & only*

#25594, 2 YEARS OLD, 55 LBS, WAITING FOR TLC @ MANHATTAN ACC



**Must Love Dogs - Saving NYC Dogs** ...  
Diese Seite gefällt mir · Gestern ·

KILLED 🐾 4/23/2018

ABANDONED IN SUCH A CONDITION THAT THE POLICE PRECINT FILED A CRUELTY COMPLAINT!

Found tied to pole with lesions on neck!! Sir Pickles has severe dermatitis (ALL OVER), resulting in open sores, as well as ear irritation, dental disease, and a heart murmur. His condition is so bad that a cruelty complaint was filed by the precinct that surrendered him to the shelter. Yet hi... Mehr anzeigen – mit Karen Lee Sands, Lorraine Eder Strow, Patricia McGrath und 61 weiteren Personen.

Gefällt mir · Kommentieren · Teilen ·


72 · Älteste zuerst ▾

358 Mal geteilt · 126 Kommentare

Vorherige Kommentare anzeigen


Sandra Shepherd

Kommentieren ...




Ready for a new home @ Manhattan ACC

Happy little girl. Super cute, Playful Funny and Smart. Jumps up for kisses, her tail never stops wagging, gets the zoomies in the back yard and LOVES belly rubs.



ID# 23291

**Elizabeth**



4 yrs old, 45.4 lbs

**Must Love Dogs - Saving NYC Dogs** ...  
Diese Seite gefällt mir · 23. März ·

EUTHANIZED 🐾 - 4/10/2018

THE MOST BRINDLE FUN YOU'LL EVER HAVE ❤️ TREATS, TOYS and BELLY RUBS is what Elizabeth wishes for in her future 😊 Not to forget the unconditional love of a family, lots of fun and playtime. Please share! A volunteer writes: Up front in her kennel ready to make new friends, Liz is so ready for a walk. (Elizabeth seems far too stuffy and serious a name for this littl... Mehr anzeigen – mit Victoria Cross, Sandra Shepherd, Danielle Plant und 53 weiteren Personen – hier: New York City.

Gefällt mir · Kommentieren · Teilen ·

88 · Älteste zuerst ▾

774 Mal geteilt · 265 Kommentare

Vorherige Kommentare anzeigen

Gail Day Heartbreaking news

Gefällt mir · Antworten · 1 W





The cutest big teddy bear. A black/brown beauty. Very sweet, Soft and Friendly. Does well for all handling.



**Marvel**  
ID# 24243

Waiting for a happy future  
@ Brooklyn ACC



5-6 yrs old, 90 lbs



Must Love Dogs - Saving NYC Dogs

Diese Seite gefällt mir · 4. April ·

GONE 4/9/18

Returned to the shelter as a stray

90-Pound Black/Brown Beauty! You'll MARVEL At How Sweet He Is! Marvel is a good boy, well behaved and friendly in the police officers car, who picked him up. Described as "very sweet" by the medical staff. Easy to handle. A big smile on his adorable teddy-bear face, only waiting to be found and seen by the right person to take him home ... Mehr anzeigen – mit Bammies Von Roberts, Anne Fromm, Anne Lee und 44 weiteren Personen – hier: New York City.

Gefällt mir · Kommentieren · Teilen

43

Älteste zuerst

136 Mal geteilt

68 Kommentare

Vorherige Kommentare anzeigen



Melina Koufalis Acc makes no sense but from the mld perspective i mean

2

Found as a stray. Stellar SAFER scores. Friendly, active, playful. A big brindle boy dreaming of a family to love him.



not all those who wander are lost

**Aragorn**

Id 25024, 2 Yrs., 71 lbs. Manhattan



Must Love Dogs - Saving NYC Dogs

Diese Seite gefällt mir · 19. April ·

\*\*\*\*KILLED 4/19/18\*\*\*\*

"Do you remember when we first met? I thought I had wandered into a dream." Aragorn, Son of Arathorn, J.R.R. Tolkien's Fellowship of the Ring.

His life is a mystery. No one knows where Aragorn called home, and much like the famous "ranger" he was named for, he seems to have wandered from place to place till finally he was found and taken to the Manhattan Center where... Mehr anzeigen – mit Marcella Massagli, Raluca Florea, Melina Koufalis und 42 weiteren Personen.

Gefällt mir · Kommentieren · Teilen

63

Älteste zuerst

319 Mal geteilt

114 Kommentare

Vorherige Kommentare anzeigen



Amber Hanna

Gefällt mir · Antworten · 3 Tag(e)



# KANYE

@Manhattan ACC  
waiting for love

Young, handsome, tail waggy, social,  
tolerant of handling, did well with male  
& female dog in play group -  
Microchipped & up to date on vaccines -  
Will need time and basic training

Zonk!

super!



Must Love Dogs - Saving NYC Dogs  
Diese Seite gefällt mir · 19. April ·

KILLED - 4/19/2018

HAPPY TAIL AND A HAPPY HEART CAN BEST DESCRIBE KANYE. He is a seasoned youngster who has served his prior home lovingly for the last 5 years. Not that he has been discarded, he is hoping to be noticed and chosen by a new, loving home and be cherished. Kanye earned gold stars on his behavior assessment, and is known to be very excited and playful He finds consolation in ...  
Mehr anzeigen - mit April Johnston, Margaret Roman, Laura Gamez und 48 weiteren Personen.

Gefällt mir · Kommentieren · Teilen

66

Älteste zuerst

322 Mal geteilt

101 Kommentare

Vorherige Kommentare anzeigen

Randy Davis Wonderfully behaved and happy PUPPY boy Kanye, They refused to help you and sent you away, On this saddest of days (04.20.18) they murdered you, The monsters in that hellhole SO

Must Love Dogs - Saving NYC Dogs  
Diese Seite gefällt mir · 19. April ·

\*\*\*\* KILLED - 4/19/18\*\*\*\*

PROVEN FAMILY PET - Henny lived w/and loved children and an older Yorkie

Henny was with his family since he was a puppy. He's now 3 and he has been dumped at the shelter through no fault of his own - his parents citing "a move" due to a divorce/separation. For Henny this is a disaster because he built his world around his family and is bereft without them. ...  
Mehr anzeigen - mit Raluca Florea, Veronica Gonzalez, Marcella Massagli und 49 weiteren Personen.

Gefällt mir · Kommentieren · Teilen

62

Älteste zuerst

310 Mal geteilt

119 Kommentare

Vorherige Kommentare anzeigen

Uschi Gröschel



Id 25214, 3 Yrs., 58 lbs.  
Staten Island ACC



HENNY





Beautiful little 8 year young Shih Tzu gal Josie was "given" to the person that surrendered her just 2 days ago. During those two days, she has been having trouble keeping her food down (maybe nerves??), so instead of taking her to a vet, this careless person just dumps her at the shelter. How cruel! At the shelter, she is alert, panting & pawing at the bars of her kennel excitedly when ignored, & very sweet with her handlers. She desperately needs someone to CARE, someone who will take her to the vet to find out what's going on, a loving new best friend & savior. Please, be that someone & inquire about her now, before it is too late.  
This adorable little lady waits for you to save her life at the Manhattan, NY ACC.

Found tied  
to a pole  
and  
Abandoned



ID 25114  
@ 3 Yrs., 75 lbs.  
Dreaming of the  
Family he's Lost...  
Manhattan ACC



Terrified,  
devastated  
& alone, he  
huddles in  
his kennel,  
hope lost.

Must Love Dogs - Saving NYC Dogs  
Diese Seite gefällt mir · 17. April ·

KILLED 4/18/18 by NYC ACC  
RIP sweetheart... you mattered...

**\*\*THIS pup NEEDS us NOW\*\*** Beautiful, VERY SWEET, little 8 year young Shih Tzu gal Josie was "given" to the person that surrendered her just 2 days ago. During those two days, she has been having trouble keeping her food down (maybe nerves??), so instead of taking her to a vet, this careless person just dumps her at the shelter. How ... Mehr anzeigen – mit Jane Saraceno Panetta – hier: New York City.

Gefällt mir · Kommentieren · Teilen

20 · Älteste zuerst

40 Mal geteilt · 23 Kommentare

17 weitere Kommentare anzeigen

Tanya Marie Rip Josie  
Gefällt mir · Antworten · 3 Tag(e)

Victoria Vargas FLY FREE SWEET

Must Love Dogs - Saving NYC Dogs  
Diese Seite gefällt mir · 17. April ·

KILLED - 4/20/2018

He was found tied to a pole and abandoned by the parent he loved.

That was 2 days ago, and JACE sat there - terrified, alone and without a friend in the world. He obviously cared deeply for the person who left him there, even if the person did or didn't care for him (we have no idea of his history, of his little quirks, of his favorite toys or treats). All we know... Mehr anzeigen – mit Lawanda Jean Cushman, Naomi Paula Lichtner, Sandra Shepherd und 45 weiteren Personen – hier: New York City.

Gefällt mir · Kommentieren · Teilen

150 · Älteste zuerst

1.197 Mal geteilt · 458 Kommentare

Vorherige Kommentare anzeigen

Debra Bridges Zane







# TYSON

24875 - 7 years  
10 months old,  
68 lbs

Handome, hunky, friendly, affectionate, outgoing, playful, housetrained - Will need positive reinforcement & reward based training in an experienced home - NEUTERED & Ready 2 Go Home!

At Brooklyn ACC waiting for a loving new home



**Must Love Dogs - Saving NYC Dogs**

Diese Seite gefällt mir · 16. April ·

EUTHANIZED 🙁 - 4/16/2018

TYSON'S FAMILY CAN'T KEEP HIM BECAUSE THE LANDLORD WON'T ALLOW THEM TO. So he's been surrendered to the Brooklyn shelter where he has been added to the euth list. 🙁 Tyson is a handsome and hunky 7 year old whose just two months short of celebrating his 8th birthday. Being dumped at a high kill shelter was not in the plans. Tyson's an older fella but he's healthy, spr...

Mehr anzeigen – mit Karen Karp, Elaine Krizay, Soraya Weatherby Falquez und 43 weiteren Personen.

Gefällt mir · Kommentieren · Teilen

83 · Älteste zuerst

445 Mal geteilt · 185 Kommentare

Vorherige Kommentare anzeigen

Pam Babcock R. I. P. Sweetheart

Gefällt mir · Antworten · 6 Tag(e)






# Cinnamon

24952 - 9 years old, 76 lbs

Beautiful older girl in need - Super sweet, tail waggy, loves belly rubs & toys, lived in harmony with a child & another dog - Has some lameness in her hind limbs/ Will need medical consult & lots of Love

At Brooklyn Acc waiting for love

PLEASE SHARE for a New Home



**Must Love Dogs - Saving NYC Dogs**

Diese Seite gefällt mir · 16. April ·

EUTHANIZED 🙁 - 4/16/2018

VERY SWEET OLDER GIRL NEEDS A SECOND CHANCE IN THE RIGHT HOME. ❤️ A volunteer writes: If this were handwritten, every "i" in Cinnamon's name would be dotted with a heart because, oh my goodness! I don't think I've stopped thinking about this sweet, sweet, SWEET lady since meeting her. She has some lameness at the moment and needs a lot of help walking outside, but has b... Mehr anzeigen – mit Raluca Florea, Julie Carner, Simone Della Valle und 41 weiteren Personen.

Gefällt mir · Kommentieren · Teilen

98 · Älteste zuerst

493 Mal geteilt · 188 Kommentare

Vorherige Kommentare anzeigen

Maddie Sparco-Celano CRUEL, EVIL, DEMONIC MONSTERS = NYCACCS!!



Devastated family  
pet of 6 long  
years given up for  
"No Time."

Shy of strangers.  
Gentle w/adults.  
Affectionate of  
the family cat.

Well behaved, a  
sterling resume of  
skills, sweet &  
loving w/the family  
he built his world  
around.



Id 24935, 6 Yrs. Old, 69 lbs. of Joy  
Waiting with Hope, Brooklyn Acc

KING

Must Love Dogs - Saving NYC Dogs  
Diese Seite gefällt mir · 14. April ·

KILLED ☹️ - 4/14/2018

"To love at all is to be vulnerable. Love anything  
and your heart will be wrung and possibly broken."  
C.S. Lewis

We think C.S. Lewis must have been speaking of  
KING because there was no dog more loyal to his  
family than him. He loved his family with all his  
heart, so much so that he built his world around  
them to the exclusion of everything else. There  
were no new peop... Mehr anzeigen - mit Melissa  
Goucher Paparo, Soraya Weatherby Falquez, Sash  
Shepherd und 45 weiteren Personen.

Gefällt mir · Kommentieren · Teilen

86

Älteste zuerst

332 Mal geteilt

144 Kommentare

Vorherige Kommentare anzeigen

Sylvia Wissmann

Must Love Dogs - Saving NYC Dogs  
Diese Seite gefällt mir · 7. April ·

KILLED ☹️ - 4/7/2018

He's only 7 months old, and he is facing his death  
on Saturday, 4/6 for being a joyous, mouthy,  
untrained puppy. Rocko is a puppy. He is a strong,  
big, bouncy boy full of exuberance, and unaware  
of how he is to play with humans. He's also been  
dumped in a shelter, and he is exactly what all the  
other dogs are - confused and anxious. So he  
plays tug with the leash, he r... Mehr anzeigen -  
mit Julie Carner, Mary Den Dulk Van de Hoef,  
Tammy Luppino und 44 weiteren Personen.

Gefällt mir · Kommentieren · Teilen

67

Älteste zuerst

312 Mal geteilt

135 Kommentare

Vorherige Kommentare anzeigen

Laura Hykes RIP Sweet Angel

Gefällt mir · Antworten · 2 W

Pam Babcock R. I. P. Sweetheart

A playful, bouncy,  
friendly puppy,  
Only 7 Months  
Old!

Lived w/loved a  
child and a CAT!  
Relaxed, playful,  
affectionate  
w/them. Friendly  
to strangers.

Housetrained  
Knows  
commands



ROCKO

Id 24282, 7 Mos. Old, 61 lbs. of Joy  
Dreaming of Fun, Manhattan Acc

To: Members of NYC Council

Date: April 24, 2018

Dear Council Members:

Firstly, thank you for your attention to this very important matter.

As I was wondering where to begin, this sad piece of news came up on Twitter:

CHARLIE IS DEAD. What did 2-yr-old Charlie, a puppy, do to deserve this untimely death? Probably nothing, A reason is NEVER given when an animal is "euthanized" which gives one cause to wonder ...

"Euthanasia" as #NYCACC calls it; by definition, is a mercy killing, to relieve an animal from suffering from an "incurable , especially painful disease or condition".

Charlie was 2 years old. He likely had the potential for years of happiness. If there were a medical problem, are there not veterinarians on the premises to heal animals? It is called a "care" center, afterall.

Based on the extremely high rate of dogs and cats on death row each and every week, one wonders why? Why these particular animals? Why are they on "death row"? Obviously they're healthy enough to be adopted or released to a New Hope Rescue?

As for behavioural issues, these animals are frightened and confused, certainly not a reason to kill them. They are sentient creatures with the same basic emotions as a toddler.

When the death row animals are published, the lead time is generally no more than a day, sometimes two. This leaves very little time to try and save the "at risk" animals.

I was on good terms with #NYCACC. When I started posting animals at risk, I noticed many people had a negative attitude towards them and I wanted to hear #NYCACC out as I believe there are two sides to every story I wrote them a letter with five questions I was interested in having answered. I received acceptable responses but in retrospect, wonder if they were appeasing me and telling me what marketed well (copies available upon request).

These animals are victims of a flawed system and a broken promise ...

NO KILL was promised by Mayor Bill deBlasio in his election campaign. Sadly, once elected, more often than not, these promises are reneged upon by the now-elected official, as so clearly in the case of Mayor deBlasio. He appears completely indifferent.

These animals, through no fault of their own , are paying the price with their lives, many of them just puppies.

Based on a live release rate of 93.6% (last quote received) it's not difficult to do the math.

At 6% p.a., one animal should be "disposed of" (terrible terminology) every second month per 100 animals in the shelter. THIS IS SO CLEARLY NOT THE CASE.

Also, there is NEVER a reason published for why these animals made the list, no accountability. These are American tax dollars being used for this well, slaughter.



Sadly, when I completely lost faith and questioned the competence of #NYCACC was regarding a dog named Gobi.

Gobi was listed on death row, It was noted that he was a LOST DOG as evidenced by the broken leash and the trimmed nails. I also noticed there were \$555- in pledges to save Gobi.

The upshot: Gobi was murdered regardless and when Gobi's owner came in ...obviously he wasn't there. Anger and disgust barely begin to cover my disdain for this institution. I have no respect left for them though I had kept an open mind.

Also, in the letter which I still have, it is stated that 90% live release is considered to be the threshold of NO KILL by animal activists!

NO KILL, BY DEFINITION, MEANS NO KILLING!

IN MEMORY OF CHARLIE WHOSE LIFE WAS CUT SHORT FOR .. WELL I HAVE NO IDEA WHY.

PLEASE, SOMEBODY TAKE RESPONSIBILITY.

Sincerely,

Sam Jarvis

**FRIENDLY CHARLIE IS DEAD  
KILLED W/O COMPASSION  
#NYC ANIMAL CARE CENTER  
INHUMANELY KILLS PETS DAILY**

**Charlie**  
24788 - 2 years old, 50 lbs  
@manhattan acc waiting 4 luv

FOUND ALONE  
ON THE  
STREET -  
Handsome,  
slender, friendly -  
Soft, social and  
playful during his  
assessment - Will  
need basic  
training -  
Microchipped and  
up to date on  
vaccines

Share Pledge Tag Foster Adopt

6:29 PM · 23 Apr 18



## Kill List

Please take a breath and realize what you are doing....Such a short wait time before putting an animal down does not even give an owner the opportunity to search, advertise missing, etc. Then to have animals that are frightened out of their mind, put on the list as aggressive or un-suitable is insane!!!! And to put down animals that have just been spayed or neutered without giving rescues a chance to help is beyond inhumane...PLEASE change your policies and practices.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Vaselewski

Animal Shelter System

Please stop the spaying/neutering and killing of animals and support the Companion Animal Protection Act.  
Thank you. This killing needs to end.

Karen Goranson

NYAC CZ

Please immediately switch to a nokill shelter for pets. It can be done; cities around the country have already made the change. Why should New York City be behind in caring for animals?

Every adopted pet should leave vaccinated and spayed or neutered at adoption time. This will reduce the unplanned population that you have to deal with year after year.

Cats should be housed separately from dogs to relieve stress.

Personnel should be hired to put adoptable animals on the internet with the relevant information to attract the right adopters that fit the pet for the best success. While it is easy to pretend you can depend on volunteers there is no substitute for paid staff that are qualified and charged with the work.

You might ask why I know; I have worked in a volunteer shelter. The more paid staff the more work that is properly done. Volunteers burn out quickly and turnover hurts the mission.

You will say that you don't have the budget for hiring people but in the long run you will find Savings in dealing with the problem instead of just killing animals because you can't get ahead of the problem unless you deal with it.

Please make the effort to do the right job for the pet of New York City instead of trying to hide the problem.

I Jean Wylie

To all this may concern;

Please help the animals at the NYCACC! Healthy, adoptable, family dogs are being killed daily. They have killed (not euthanized) unborn puppies, pregnant dogs, newborn puppies along with their Mom, many puppies that should NEVER be killed, dogs rescued from home fires, dogs rescued from fighting rings, many many dogs they claim are sick but actually have kennel cough which is a very treatable cold. They get kennel cough in the acc from being unclean and not properly disinfected. This so called disease is running rampant at the acc. There's NO reason for it! Dogs that are injured or are really sick are left untreated sometimes for days.

Dogs enter the nycacc and most are immediately assessed. Doesn't matter that these dogs are scared, lonely, wondering when their family is returning, in a loud strange place most have never been to before, have never had a slip lead on before, and in shock! The assessment they give to begin with is a joke! Some are then placed on death row after only being there for a few days. Volunteers tell the real story of how the dogs react when outside of the acc. I have a rescued dog from nycacc. She was in line for the euth room when pulled by Amsterdog and now she is the love of my life. Many of the dogs being killed are just like her... They need time to adjust to what is happening to them!

The nycacc is notorious for lying to the public. They say what they want the public to hear - they do just enough to make themselves look good but hide the truth! They say they don't spay/neuter/kill, but it's being done quite frequently. They don't allow freedom of speech on their facebook page as they delete and block ANY negative comments made. They forbid any staff, volunteer, or rescue to make any statements against the acc. Why? What are they hiding? They make mistakes such as killing dogs when an adopter or rescue has a hold or is in transit to pick the dog up. They kill any dog that was injured by the rabies pole. They 'silent kill' dogs that were given no chance whatsoever to find a home. They are killing mostly one particular breed (Pitties). They don't advertise the at risk dogs. They get grants but never follow through with the reason why they got the grant, so where did the money go? An example of this is the 2017 Innovation Showdown with the nycacc life saving idea for animals. Where is this? Where is the money? Why are they still killing many animals when they claim they have a large amount of fosters? Why are only New Hope Rescues able to pull and not an approved 501c3 rescue? If more rescues could pull, more dogs would be saved... Why does the nycacc NOT do all they can to find animals a home?

The nycacc has failed miserably in caring for and finding homes for their animals. It is a failed system that needs to be overhauled asap.

**I ask council members to draft up CAPA (Companion Animal Protection Act) and follow in the footsteps of other cities who have ended the killing of adoptable treatable animals. NYC can become NO KILL as advocated and defined by [Best Friends](#) and [Maddies Fund](#).**

Thank You!  
Sincerely,  
Deb Perott



NYC ACC animal shelter

They are just TOO UNBELIEVABLE.

So incredibly unprofessional ... with their focus so off base.

I don't understand this UTTER NONSENSE! Where is the integrity to the business of the animals ... and running/ managing this business properly ... responsibly?!

No proper implemented hands on systems. This is like a bad joke. Truly! Like a car accident you can't look away from.

I just have no words. This is pathetic. This foolishness.

Someone needs to do something. This has just got to end. This lack of accountability. I've never seen anything like it ... and yet it's allowed to continue. It's absolutely criminal!

The screenshot shows a Facebook group page for 'Available Animals at ACC - Manhattan, Brooklyn & Staten Island'. The page is viewed on a desktop browser. The top navigation bar includes the Facebook logo and search bar. The left sidebar contains group navigation links: 'Available Animals at ACC - Manhattan, Brooklyn & Staten Island', 'About', 'Discussion', 'Carol's post', 'Members', 'Events', 'Videos', and 'Photos'. The main content area displays a post by Carol Lynne, an Admin, with the text: 'Potential adopters are calling ACC and no one answers the phone, dogs and cats are being spayed, neutered and killed, people are inquiring what "new hope" is as there's no instructions on shelter buddy to connect potential fosters or adopters with rescues, at risk posts are not monitored for potential adopters, the bigger dogs aren't at any adoption events .... But hey the drag queens will be at the Spring Fling!'. Below the text is a photo of Bebe Zahara Benet with the caption 'JUST ADDED: We are so excited to announce that Drag Superstar, Bebe Zahara Benet, of RuPaul's Drag Race will be joining us at this year's Spring Fling! Start your engines and grab your tickets now at <http://bit.ly/ACCSpringFling2018>'. The right sidebar shows a list of members and suggested members. A chat window is open over the page, showing a message from Carol Lynne to Nathan Winograd: 'https://www.facebook.com/groups/118206615335119/permalink/363282500827528/'. The bottom of the page shows the Windows taskbar with the time 10:29 PM and date 4/23/2018.

Best Regards,



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**"The Best Compliment You Can Give Me Is The Referral of Your Friends, Family and Colleagues!"**

I am writing to ask that you please consider the Companion Animal Act. I have been a daily follower of the ACCs for several years. To say I am horrified and saddened by what occurs on a daily basis is an understatement. Healthy adoptable dogs and cats are killed for no reason. The healthy ones get sick, they assess behavior at intake which is traumatic & full of strangers, smells & sounds. They are not advertised or marketed. Some are strays who are starving yet they are noted as guarders. Some have perfectly treatable skin maladies. Some have had litters for their owners & then are turned out. Some are abused. Some have been subjected to abuse from strangers who come across them as strays. Some have been left behind to die in empty apartments. Some have had their owners die. Some have become homeless. Some have lived with their families for years & when a new baby arrives, they are dumped. Some are old so get dumped. The list goes on & each instance is worse than the last. However there is one glaring thing that absolutely must be addressed. It is the spay/neuter/kill that goes on. There are no less than 70 dogs that this has been done to. Invasive surgery is performed on already compromised dogs. They are returned to the shelter immediately. There are questionable health protocols and these dogs are put right back in an unhealthy environment. Then they are posted for death & they get 18 hours, most of which are overnight. People like myself pledge and share and beg and weep and pray that someone somewhere will prevent the death of these dogs. Rather than do as they are hired to do, they leave it in the hands of people like myself. What other job anywhere would allow this? When the dogs are killed, we all take it as a personal failure. How can this be acceptable in a state that is wealthy and has a huge population? I am not from New York & I do not pay taxes to New York. However I am embarrassed and ashamed of what goes on there every single day. In this world of social media it is inexcusable that they get 18 hours & no advertising unless it is people like me sharing them. I beseech you to approve the Companion Animal Act and investigate all practices, protocol & staff at all ACCs of NYC. I ask that the role of the ASPCA in the spay/neuter/kill practice be investigated. In fact, all business between the two entities should be halted

immediately until and unless there is a full investigation into those SEVENTY PLUS dogs who were euthanized during their “recovery”. It is time to do something the state of NY can be proud of rather than allow the ACCs of NYC to continue to be New York’s Dirty Little Secret. Please be the voice of animals like Macy, Chloe, Muno, Onion, Sir Pickles, Reggie, Jacks, Mellow, Jasper, Judge, Hannah, Twix. The list goes on and on and on. Thank you for your time. Please do the right thing.

Respectfully,

Elizabeth Burandt,  
Brookfield CT 06804



## Animal shelters

I am writing in regards to the animal shelters in your city. The issue has been raised to change their status to no-kill. This is an excellent idea. In an advanced, progressive city in a supposed advanced, progressive nation, euthanasia of its animals is no longer acceptable. The only justification for euthanasia is in the case of an untreatable illness or injury. There are a lot of good rescue groups and foster homes that are willing to work with public shelters to save lives.

Be the leader and please take this opportunity to show the country and the world what New York City stands for and go no-kill. If you do, other cities will follow. If you don't, you might as well take the "care" out of Animal Care and Control.

Thank you,

Jean Johnston

Why the NYC shelter system is wasting NYC monies and killing healthy dogs who could be adopted

This is my personal story; but I am writing because NYC is being taken for a ride! Big salaries is being paid to a person or people who are doing NOTHING! They are supposed to be directing the shelter system from the top down and they have done nothing for NYC or the animals that they should be treating with humane decency. Instead they are killing healthy normal dogs or allowing them to get sick so that they can kill them.

- 1) where is the innovation and organization for adoption days or events? We NEED people at the head of the shelter system that are innovative and caring who can think of many ways attract even private support, Like other successful, positive shelters do!
- 2) where is the plan to foster out as many dogs as possible?
- 3) where is the plan to the stop of breeding?
- 4) where is the education for people interested in adopting?
- 5 ) where is the striving for the improvement of the shelter so that dogs don't get sick?
- 6) WHERE is the accountability??!!
- 7) Do you realize that many states have NO KILL!
- 8) Do you realize that if it weren't for the volunteers all the dogs would be killed
- 9) do you realize that people go to these meetings and they are not even allowed to talk or ask questions.
- 10) WHY are perfectly healthy dogs being killed in 18 hours of entering the shelter.
- 11) Why are they not COURTING as many rescues as possible that are legitimate and want to take dogs to find homes for.

### THIS IS MY PERSONAL STORY WITH THE NYC ACC

I went through 2nd Chance Rescue and filled out all the papers and was ok'd. I live in PA. My dog, CLEVE was to be transported to me in 2 days when there was transport to me as had been arranged. It was all arranged and agreed upon. All the paper work had gone through the shelter. As it happens, the very next day I happened to be on face book in the morning and I got a whole bunch of frantic posts from different volunteers that said my dog was on the kill list for that day and they were getting ready to take him to the kill room!! I got on the phone had trouble reaching anyone and finally JUST before it was too late I got a hold of someone and made sure they didn't take him!! I have heard this story at least 5 times more. Some saved the dog they adopted and for some they killed the dog that was ready to go to a new home. WHY are they trying to kill dogs that are perfectly easy to adopt? WHY are they killing dogs without any time to find a home? WHY are they spaying dogs and THEN killing them???? At least if you are going to have vets practice on them give them a chance to be adopted!

Below is the picture of my wonderful CLEVE who is the mascot for my organic treats company , CLEVE'S Organic Dog Treats, LLC. He is my wonderful companion, I named the company after him! He inspired the company in fact! Surely you guys can get better bang for your buck, be compassionate and better publicity for NYC!!!

BEST Wishes!!

Elaine



<http://clevesorganicdogtreats.com/>

[Facebook~ Cleve's Organic Dog Treats](#)

Hello everyone,

I am an active advocate of animals, mostly dogs, that enter the doors of NYCACC. Every night when the TBD list appears there are many of us on Twitter actively trying our best for these dogs, tweeting, tagging, pledging, sending to rescues.... begging. But the killing still continues.

I'm in NC and have Jury Duty this week, or I would DEFINITELY be at this meeting. These animals have NO VOICE, they are often terrified, healthy on intake but killed for either behavior (acting out in defense) or CIRDC or pneumonia.

My points below are as follows:

1. No disease control - healthy animals arrive and are killed for treatable illness - a cold. NYCACC offer no medical attention, they don't seem to worry if animals are in pain or suffering, medically or emotionally. There are many cases of CIRDC that have turned into pneumonia. Best case scenario for these dogs is that they get out, a rescue saves them at a cost to that rescue of thousands of dollars and many weeks of extreme suffering. Worst case scenario they are killed by NYCACC or they die a slow and painful death in their kennel or whilst being transported.
2. Surgical alteration of animals by ASPCA. Many people ask the question if these animals are being used as 'practice' and 'targets' for spay/neuter at ASPCA since there is a common theme that many get surgery just a few days before being placed on the kill list.... and are often killed sometimes as soon as the following day. Some get butchered so badly they've been known to be bleeding to death in their kennels. Again this goes pretty much unnoticed by NYCACC until the end, when they realize the animal is nearly dead and then is inhumanely killed. Why put a dog through a spay or neuter, not give them any recovery time and then kill them within hours? NYCACC state they spay/neuter to prepare an animal for adoption. One would surmise that there are other reasons for this spay/neuter procedure since it is incomprehensible to put a dog through surgery to kill him/her hours later. What do NYCACC get from ASPCA for spay/neutering these animals? Are they paid by ASPCA to do this? Is this part of an income that NYCACC receive and this is why its done?
3. The daily kill list gives us 18 hours at best to help these animals. The list is released at 6pm, sometimes dogs are added later to the list, giving them an extremely small chance of survival. Eight of the 16 hours on the kill list are those that are used for sleeping and have very low activity. Some dogs in the past have been marked dead, then ended up being alive. Some are marked alive and ended up being dead. All this, coupled with the fact that there is such a limited time to help these animals, NYCACC are extremely unhelpful, do not answer their phones, email enquiries go unanswered for days, potential adopters get frustrated, upset and often go elsewhere. Animals die because of lack of care and incompetence.
4. For the lucky animal who either gets an adopter who has reserved them online, or a rescue who wants to get them, NYCACC have been known many times to REFUSE to hand over the dog or cat, stating the animal is 'aggressive' or 'too sick'. Adopters have been devastated many times after paying their money online and reserving their animal to arrive with NYCACC refusing to hand over the animal and that animal is subsequently murdered. Rescues have had similar experiences many times, especially with those dogs that NYCACC label 'aggressive' when they refuse to hand them over and again some never make it out alive.



5. NYCACC assessment processes are archaic, bias, completely unfair, discriminatory and do not allow any animal time to decompress. Many of these animals are terrified to be there, brought in after being loved and in a home for years, or some are still puppies, so young and scared, they need time and compassion to settle. Some have been living on the streets, alone and scared. NYCACC does not offer any kind of patience or compassion. Poking them with poles and fake hands trying to get a reaction out of a dog who is so afraid, stressed and depressed is not an accurate indicator of aggression. Consequently, any kind of reaction they get is deemed as aggressive, so the dog is promptly marked New Hope Rescue (NHR), meaning one of their approved rescues have to save them. So many people on twitter have come out and stated that they adopted an 'aggressive' animal from NYCACC only to find the animal out of the shelter is the complete opposite. For those marked NHR, some are still given nice photos, videos and basic notes but there is a definite stand out for those that only get one photo showing a terrified face in a dark depressing kennel and no interaction notes or video. These dogs are mostly quickly murdered the following day. It is easy to predict these dogs will be killed, despite the fact that they have often received excellent notes from their owners on surrender. They are definitely 'marked targets' and we have learnt that there is absolutely nothing anyone can do to save their lives.

Below is a dog called JACE who was on the kill list. He has barely a shred of a chance of surviving the end of the day, take a look at his profile and read what NYCACC have written about him. Now look at this profile on Must Love Dogs, an advocating Facebook page for NYCACC dogs. You would think you're reading about two completely different dogs. NYCACC killed him after they killed MACY, the dog he was tethered to and protecting, when he was abandoned. He was terrified and MACY was his mainstay.

JACE had over \$800 pledged for a Rescue to pull him

<https://www.facebook.com/ACC.OfficialAtRiskAnimals/photos/a.260546334486905.1073741923.228723884335817/259435994597939/?type=3&theater> . - NYCACC's profile of JACE

<https://www.facebook.com/mldsavingnycdogs/photos/a.708161536036786.1073742080.112453902274222/710896819096591/?type=3&theater> - Must Love Dogs profile of JACE

6. Notes on animals - many notes are done without care or thought for these animals. Animal is 2yo, then 5yo, then 8yo all on the same page. A male dog can have an injury to vulva. Notes can start with one name of a dog and half way through another dog is named. Some notes can come across as EXTREMELY DISCRIMINATORY and NON-PROMOTIONAL to an animal and yet videos and volunteer notes say the opposite. ALL these anomalies are another death sentence for any animal who has such a short time span in which to be saved.

7. Lost animals - NYCACC seem to be efficient with getting animals quickly on the TBD lists. Animals are sometimes brought in and they are on the kill list within just a few days. Again no decompression, probably hardly any time to do any assessments or write any real notes or actually have any time to monitor the animal. It almost appears to be 'a death sentence' the moment they walk through the door. Their fates are sealed. Some of these animals have been lost and there have been occasions when owners finally find their lost dog or cat after only a couple of days to find that NYCACC have worked so efficiently and killed them before they've even found them.

8. Why do NYCACC staff have to sign NDA agreements to work there? This poses the question on what practices go on in this shelter system and how humane their practices are that they feel the need to 'hide' things. If NYCACC feel the need to gag people in order not to speak out, assumptions have to be made regarding processes and whether they are legal and humane.

9. Without the kind volunteers I can't imagine what this shelter would be like for these animals. These volunteers are the only people they have. The staff, management and top level directors of this shelter system are incompetent, uncaring, have no compassion for animals. They are extremely discriminatory against certain types of animals, label animals unfairly in order for an excuse to kill and lastly, allow them to become so desperately ill and consequently get on the TBD list for this reason. Jace above is a prime example of discrimination.

10. Whenever there are adoption promotions, why aren't the TBD list animals allowed to go? Is it because they're dead dogs? They're going to die anyway? Is death a certainty for them? Again, for these dogs to be allowed out in the community no doubt there would be adoptions and people would see what amazing animals they are. Do NYCACC actually want to save these animals? Why do they choose NOT to actively promote these animals?

11. The 2015 audit showed that NYCACC was using outdated medicines to treat dogs. With millions of taxpayer monies going in to this 'shelter' whose sole purpose is to help animals why are they not receiving the due care they deserve? Where is all this money going? Risa Weinstock is not worthy of a huge salary and neither is other management making these decisions. Again why are there so many dogs murdered under Summer Dolder's Manhattan shelter? It appears that all the money seems to go everywhere but towards animal care.

12. Murder with no sedation. I have seen a letter written by Risa Weinstock myself with her stating that 'sedation adds extra duress to these animals' and therefore this is not used at NYCACC. This is the furthest thing from humane you could possibly imagine. How are these innocent dogs and cats killed? When NYCACC state this dog has been 'humanely euthanized', how? How can a dog be humanely euthanized without sedation? Is this even possible? Do the staff sit for 10 or 15 minutes and watch the dog or cat die slowly painfully in panic whilst they're looking at their phones? I would love, or maybe not so much, to know what goes on inside this shelter when it comes to their practices of killing these poor animals.

13. Why have this long list of NH rescues and only a handful of rescues ever save these animals? What are all these other rescues doing? Why are they on this list if they're doing nothing? There are rescues who would definitely consider rescuing from NYCACC but THEY'RE NOT ALLOWED TO. There are adopters who would love to adopt a certain dog who live outside the four hour travel time, AGAIN THEY'RE NOT ALLOWED TO. NYCACC would rather kill the dog even though someone wants to adopt the dog... and this has been done many times. Why not set up a system that if someone is willing to adopt a dog outside the zoned area, work with them and help them do this? Set up protocols giving people the chance to adopt from further away, give these animals more time if there is someone interested in them. Animals are KILLED frequently with adopters and rescues desperately trying to adopt them. This is NOT Animal Care, this is incompetence and cruelty. Animal Care is actively doing everything possible for animals to be adopted into happy homes. NYCACC don't vet their adopters well, many occasions dogs are returned due to a poor fit, and this alone is a death sentence. They're straight on the kill list and often dead within hours. There was one case recently that a dog was adopted and was so sick he made it home, was taken straight to

the vet and died there. Some animals are returned because they are so sick and have been taken to the vet only for the adopter to discover they will need to pay hundreds if not thousands of dollars to get them well again. It appears there is no care or comprehensive checks that go towards who adopts these animals or whether or not they need vital medical treatment before they leave. Again complete incompetence which works against the animal's welfare.

14. Why are dogs silently killed? Silently killed as in having extremely basic notes, never on the kill list, but just appearing in the 'gone' folder. Why is this? There is never an explanation. What makes a dog or cat so bad that they choose to kill without any promotion, any chance of adoption or rescue?

15. Why are notes changed after dogs have been killed? Networker comments are often deleted because they state facts on how NYCACC have dealt with these animals, usually extremely discriminatory and unfairly. Spay/neuter notes are often taken out after a dog has been killed. Is this so that regular people can't see that the animal has been spayed or neutered just hours before being killed? Or that there was two people actively trying to adopt a dog yet NYCACC still went ahead and murdered him/her? All this information is captured and tracked by many networkers because many are aware of NYCACC's deceit to DELETE VITAL INFORMATION in order to cover up FACTS.

16. We all know pledges on these dogs attract rescues which in turn saves lives but there have been countless incidents of pledges on acc Facebook page BEING DELETED. One particular person wrote recently that she pledged 3 TIMES on a dog and every pledge was deleted. Her pledge did not contain derogatory language or insult, just a monetary pledge to help a dog. This is no coincidence. Why is this happening? Who is deleting them? Are NYCACC deleting them because they really want to kill this dog and are trying to lessen the dog's chance of survival? You have to question the motivation to do this. What are NYCACC gaining from killing a dog or a cat? Are they really selling these dead animals onto rendering plants and further making an income from this also? It often has been said the heavier the dog, the more likely they are to die, often it's the biggest dogs who get the least time and chances, and we all know rendering plants pay by weight. No one knows for sure but there is a definite link of weight versus chances of survival and questions and investigations need to be instigated regarding this.

18. Lastly, many of us are actively advocating for support of CAPA - Companion Animal Protection Act. Animals are suffering immensely and often needlessly murdered. Euthanasia is an act of mercy for hopelessly sick or injured animals to help them pass in a painless way. NYCACC do not carry out euthanasia, this is MURDER in its simplest form.

I struggle to comprehend how NYC, with millions of taxpayer dollars funding this shelter system, can kill so many animals. We know NYCACC have enough kennels to support these animals, yet there are sometimes up to 16 dogs on the TBD list, and similar numbers of cats. Why is there such a rush to kill? Some have been in just for a couple of days and given NO CHANCE. This shelter system might as well be DEATH ROW sentence for these animals, except these animals are INNOCENTS having done absolutely nothing wrong except to be rejected by their owners.

In the 21st century, a world class city and one of the most powerful and well respected countries in the world why is this happening? If i was reading these facts I would not equate this to happening in the USA, but it is. Innocent dogs don't get care or attention, they're not able to communicate, they are locked away, judged, discriminated against and lined up to

kill. When will all this end? Why does NYCACC continue to get away with these cruel practices?

Georgette Hassler

A Proud American

God Bless America, our Troops, our Veterans, and our Allies

"The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing" ~~ Edmund Burke



Dear Sir or Madam,

As someone who has adopted several cats from NYC ACC's Deathrow over the last several years and who watches for the nightly lists of cats and dogs they plan to kill the next day and shares them on Facebook -

I am a serious animal advocate. As such I am writing to you to ask that you do the following:

1) Support the Companion Animal Protection Act :

<https://www.nokilladvocacycenter.org/companion-animal-protection-act.html>

2) Stop spaying, neutering and then killing adoptable animals! It would seem as though they are being used to experiment on!? Or is someone making money from this? Either way it's not right. And it has happened way too many times to say that they are isolated incidents. The taxpayers deserve to know what they are paying for - so please make sure there is transparency about this.

3) Contact Nathan Winograd's organization "No Kill Advocacy Center" to seek help to have a No Kill animal sheltering system here in NYC. See letter below.

NYC Council, we seriously need your help in regards to the animals of New York City and we need it now!

Do you know that hundreds of cities and towns across the United States are served by animal control shelters that save at least 90% of their animals and a growing number are saving over 95%?!

The following letter directs you public officials to a wealth of helpful information about the No Kill philosophy and the programs and services that make it possible.

If you do reach out, Nathan Winograd's organization the No Kill Advocacy Center will take it from there.

Thank you in advance for working to improve the care of animals in NYC!

Sincerely,

Karen Hobbs

Dear Mayor and City Council,

We now have a solution to animal shelter killing and it is not difficult, expensive, or beyond practical means to achieve. No Kill is a humane, sustainable, cost-effective model that allows open admission animal control shelters to save all healthy and treatable animals. Unlike the "adopt some and kill the rest" form of animal sheltering that dominates in the United States and is responsible for the needless killing of millions of animals every year, municipal No Kill shelters are saving as much as 99% of all animals entrusted to their care. By working with people, embracing lifesaving programs, and treating each life as precious, a shelter can transform itself.

Here's a free film that highlights several communities which have made the transition:

<https://vimeo.com/183035642>

Here are free guides that demonstrate how they did it, including model policies and procedures for the operation of a municipal, No Kill animal shelter: <https://goo.gl/V8rBc8>

And here's even more good news: the more animals a community shelter saves, the more money people in the community spend on those animals. A University of Denver study found that the total dollar value of additional spending and other economic impact realized by one city over a 6-year period as a result of passing a No Kill ordinance was over \$150,000,000. Saving lives not only makes ethical sense; it makes dollars and cents: <https://goo.gl/XA2yBL>

The No Kill Advocacy Center has helped numerous communities in their transition to No Kill and they can help ours, too. Please do not hesitate to contact them: <https://www.nokilladvocacycenter.org>

Companion Animal Protection Act :

<https://www.nokilladvocacycenter.org/companion-animal-protection-act.html>

Stop spaying, neutering and killing animals!

Please end BSL & NYCHA Ban!

Please stop landlords from evicting family pets & forcing families to dump pets at NYCACC to be killed.

Affordable Pet Friendly Housing please!

**SPEAK UP  
FOR THOSE WHO  
CANNOT  
SPEAK  
FOR THEMSELVES**



Spayed/ Killed

Nasrene MacDonald,  
Rolla, MO 65401



Dear Council,

I network the ACC at risk list everynight to animal groups in hopes of getting these animals rescued. I read each and every dog and cats intake, surrender and medical notes. It is very upsetting to me to see dogs and cats neutered/ spayed by the ASPCA then sent to the ACC'S only to be placed on their ARL(KILL LIST) and eventually killed.

Why bother to spay and neuter an animal if its only going to be killed? Why put an animal through this if it may not have any chance at life?

I would also like to address your 18 hr policy on killing. When an animal comes into your center is it really fair to access them so quickly? Why aren't these animals given time to decompress and get acclimated to the shelter to see how true their behavior is?

Policies on adopting these animals also needs to change. These animals deserve a chance, if an adopter is viable and lives in a state outside the northeast and transport can be arranged then they should be allowed to adopt. This will give the animals a greater chance at survival.

In closing I would just like to say with all the animal protection laws being put into place why is New York City still killing healthy adoptable animals? This needs to change New York is one of the greatest cities in the world

Why can't they make this happen?

Sincerely,  
Nancy Barca

Animal policy

Please give the NO KILL policy a chance. Euthanasia is so archaic and cruel. Every animal deserves a place on our planet and in a good home. Please consider this policy change and let it work!

Thank you so much,

Norma J. Dailey

Please consider a change of policy

Hi Council members,

Please consider a change in policy regarding the Animal Care Centers of NYC. Please look into the possibility of ending euthanasia and going NO-KILL.

Thank you

Sharon Vinson

NYC animal care centre

Please can I respectfully ask that when debating the 'care' of dogs at nyc dog shelters that high kill and only having a limited time to rehome these dogs should be banned and these animals should be given proper care until they are rehomed no matter how long that takes

Dawn smith



## Animal Care Shelters in NYC

It is my understanding that there will be an upcoming meeting on April 24 regarding the future status of animal shelter facilities in NYC. Please, I beg of you to ban kill shelters and give all animals a chance to go to happy homes which they so much deserve. If guidelines could be changed to allow adoptions from other areas in the country, most of these precious living, deserving animals could be saved. Please give them a chance.

Every time I see pictures of these animals who are about to be euthanized, it breaks my heart. Their owners have let them down, it is up to all of us to not let them down again.

Please do what is morally right and allow these living creatures an opportunity for a loving home.

Sincerely, Dianna S. Alger

## Reforming NYCACC to NO KILL and passing CAPA

Dear Sirs: I am respectfully demanding an end to the HORROR that is THE NYCACC. As human beings we are falling short of our responsibilities to the voiceless innocent dogs and cats, our Companion Pets, who find themselves at the mercy of our shelter system in the greatest city in the world. However you would not think that with the Archaic treatment our animals fall prey to with the current conditions. I am imploring you to pass CAPA, The Compassion and Protection Act, I want to see NYCACC become a No KILL shelter just as the kind Texas has and is a model for you to follow. We need Quality Vet CARE FOR ALL THE ANIMALS IN YOUR FACILITY, AND MEDICATIONS THAT ARE NOT EXPIRED! THE ANIMALS DESERVE MUCH MORE THAN 18 HOURS TO BE ADOPTED OR RESCUED. THAT IS AN IMPOSSIBLE UNFAIR AND LUDICROUS EXCUSE TO KILL THEM! ALL 501C3 RESCUES SHOULD BE WELCOME TO COME AND SAVE THESE INNOCENTS! OUTRAGEOUS STORIES OF PETS WHO HAVE ADOPTION AND RESCUE OFFERS BEING MURDERED JUST BEFORE THEIR PICK-UP ARE DESPICABLE AND SADISTIC. IS THIS THE IMAGE YOU WANT FOR OUR GREAT CITY? WHAT KIND OF MANAGEMENT SANCTIONS SUCH ATROCITIES? TIME TO CLEAN HOUSE AND DO THE RIGHT THING FOR VOICELESS ANIMALS . WHY ARE THESE PETS BEING SPAYED AND NEUTERED ONLY TO BE EUTHANIZED SHORTLY THEREAFTER? THIS IS INSANITY! CRUEL AND A WASTE OF RESOURCES THAT COULD GO TOWARD REHOMING AND CARING FOR THESE ANIMALS IN NEED! HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF ANIMAL RIGHTS ACTIVISTS ARE WATCHING YOUR FACILITY AND EVENTUALLY THIS HORROR WILL BE BROUGHT TO AN END. I AM HOPING YOU GET AHEAD OF THIS AND STEP UP FOR JUSTICE AND MORALITY FOR THESE POOR DEPENDENT INNOCENTS.

RESPECTFULLY ,

BEVERLY R. KOBLICK

## Animal Shelter System

This is how our animal shelters should be in the U.S.! Why is York City who considers itself the “Greatest City” unable to do what the whole country of Germany has done? Go No Kill!

<http://careanimalrights.org/2017/03/90-adoption-rate-at-german-animal-shelters/>

Nasrene MacDonald,  
Rolla, MO 65401

## ANIMAL SHELTER SYSTEM



Nasrene MacDonald ([@nasrene41](#))

[2018-04-20, 8:48 PM](#)

Everyone shared and worked last evening to save [#JACE](#)! He had \$800 In pledges! In reality, [#NYCACC](#) probably murdered him yesterday along with his sister [#MACY](#), [#KANYE](#), [#HENNY](#), [#ARAGORN](#)! Quite the killing spree! All the while claiming they're [#NoKill](#)!

Found tied  
to a pole  
and  
Abandoned



Jace



Terrified,  
devastated  
& alone, he  
huddles in  
his kennel,  
hope lost.



ID 25114  
@ 3 Yrs., 75 lbs.  
Dreaming of the  
Family he's Lost...  
Manhattan ACC

Nasrene MacDonald,  
Rolla, MO 65401



## ANIMAL SHELTER SYSTEM

1 YEAR OLD KANYE WAS SO HUNGRY HE ATE FABRIC AND WAS KILLED IN 18 HOURS BY MANHATTAN ACC FOR RESOURCE GUARDING A STARVING DOG DOES THAT! WHAT ASSESSOR WOULD CONDEMN A STARVING DOG FOR "RESOURCE GUARDING"? PETS ARE BEING KILLED BECAUSE INCOMPETENT STAFF WHO DON'T GIVE FAIR ASSESSMENTS!



## Animal shelter system

Beautiful, Sweet, Innocent girl giving kisses before they killed her! Can't get any worse than this! This is an email I thought I would never have to write. I am writing from another state but I am also doing it for many, many other people here and many other states that are feeling a very deep pain. We all thought you were elected also for believing in a No Kill Shelter and the American dogs/cats! So not TRUE! We are compassionate American people. We thought you were also. Knowing what we know the American people are so deeply affected by it. The good, honest, caring people are pledging money (some who doesn't have) to try and save them from the hands of the ones at the NYC ACC SHELTER is heartbreaking. These dogs/ give so much love to people they never hurt anybody. The disease infested facilities, dying for treatable illnesses, improper behavior evaluations (you never put a stick in any face), no assistance with Adoption process confusing at Risk with only 18 hrs to save! 18 hrs! See these sweet dogs/cats playing one minute then taken to their death and not even given a sedative before killed. My god do you know how painful that is? The agony those sweet ones have to endure is horrifying! Lives have been and are being extremely hurt by these hateful, evil, cruel acts being done to our American dogs/cats. We are America and its 2018 and this torture is being done to our American dogs is unacceptable! Hurting is enormous! Pleading for support of the CAPA Companion Protection Act, Stop Spay/Neuter Kill-demand Spay Neuter Adopt. Compassion goes a long ways and the compassion for these sweet ones isn't compassion it's hate, its evil and it's cruel. PLEASE it has to end! CHANGE has to happen! Thank you for your time and begging we see compassion for our American dogs/cats happens. We are America this should not be happening.

Thank you,

Tawnie Casasanta  
Seville, Ohio 44273

speaking for many American people who are hurting deeply!

## NYC ACC

Hello everyone,

I'd like to bring to your attention many things about NYC ACC. I, literally, had to make a numbered list. I hope you don't mind and take a very serious consideration to all of the issues listed below.

1. Where are the 800 alleged foster homes ACC states they have?
2. Why with only a little over 500 animals total in the 3 shelters and in foster homes are they still killing animals?
3. I am asking for your urgent support of CAPA legislation: <https://www.nokilladvocacycenter.org/companion-animal-prote...>
4. Where do they advertise the dire need for fosters and adopters to keep animals from risking sickness by entering the shelter and where are they advertising programs to keep families with pets?
5. Why is there an 18 hour deadline when the information on each animal isn't readily available especially when they don't answer their phone and it takes minimum of 3 days for them to answer emails from potential adopters.
6. What are they doing about the fraudulent name care center when there's a euthanasia list for animals simply because they stepped foot inside the doors of these "care centers"?
7. Why first alerts to rescues don't include any info about assessments or interaction with other animals. Public is taking the animals into their homes and they need this info to make decisions -this is why 3 days is needed from the publication of the list online.
8. Why won't they include particular animals stories when referencing sickness or time spent languishing in pain while rescues wait for kill lists?
9. How is that possible that ACC is more like a Gestapo and people, volunteers, rescues can't have a true dialogue without fear of being retribution.
10. Rescues don't have fosters either that's why they wait for Kill lists so people jump to foster - a very bad way to get committed homes- why don't they all get together and advertise the plight of these animals and be transparent to the public and not allow animals to set foot in the doors to get sick!
11. No Disease Control. Kill List For KC. CIRDC turning into pneumonia.
12. Making public sick panicking to find homes in 18 hours -what ACC should be doing. Why are they only adopting around 6700 animals a year in a city of over 8 million?
13. Why is their color code system so subjective? Why are volunteer notes and videos not taken into consideration when assigning these color codes. Why aren't they using their volunteers to assess dogs! Why aren't assessments changed based on volunteers experience
14. Why are they KILLING PUPPIES!!!!!! Sam 🐶🐶🐶🐶🐶🐶 8 months old. Playful. Active. Killed for being a PUPPY <http://nycdogs.urgentpodr.org/sam-a1117894/>
15. Here is the comparison of Austin (ACC Austin), which is 1/8 of the population of NYC. Austin Animal Shelter vs NYCACC ( pound):

Population Austin: 947890 NYC: 8.538 million

Adoptions: Austin: 8093 NYCACC: 6780

Returned to Owner: Austin: 3368 NYCACC: 1920

16. NYC has 8 times more people killing without sedation dying painful and terrified death.

17. Another Huge problem: No one wants to go to a kill pound, many don't have a clue about this place. Make changes & community embraces. So much info to include- Almost feel like it needs to be in bullet points.

18. Assessing dogs with painful conditions, especially skin conditions, saying they are sensitive to touch and then marking them as Rescue only & then Killing them. Why? You can see how painful his skin must have been in his pic. The volunteer even mentioned how raw it was. He was killed based on not acclimating and minimal handling. PS he was there THREE F'ING DAYS, Kill listed after 1 1/2. <http://nycdogs.urgentpodr.org/muno-a1119719/>

Munch CIRDC turned to Pneumonia then they killed him <http://nycdogs.urgentpodr.org/munch-12590/>

CCL Rupture languished in cage for 10 days only to be killed <http://nycdogs.urgentpodr.org/brooklyn-a1126599/>

the Spay - Neuter- kills (just to name a few): Jasper, Emmy Lou, Dante, Judge, Hannah, Mellow, JCole, Belina, Bellissimo , Chipoe, Reggie , Jacks, Pirate, Hunter etc

<http://nycdogs.urgentpodr.org/jasper-a1123724/>

<http://nycdogs.urgentpodr.org/168827-2/>

<http://nycdogs.urgentpodr.org/dante-a1126183/>

<http://nycdogs.urgentpodr.org/judge-a1125952/>

<http://nycdogs.urgentpodr.org/hannah-a1125871/>

<http://nycdogs.urgentpodr.org/mellow-a1107774/>

<http://nycdogs.urgentpodr.org/jcole-a1126267/>

<http://nycdogs.urgentpodr.org/belina-12966/>

<http://nycdogs.urgentpodr.org/bellissimo-17937/>

<http://nycdogs.urgentpodr.org/reggie-a1108108/>

<http://nycdogs.urgentpodr.org/jacks-a1108699/>

<http://nycdogs.urgentpodr.org/hunter-a1117522/>

Thank you for taking the time to read thru all of it. Your help is desperately needed. This has to stop!

Respectfully,

Julia Otero



## Animal Shelter System

Dear Council,

Please give these animals a chance to live. I am disgusted that once they show any sign of "sickness" they have 18 short hours to get pulled by a "approved" New hope rescue. I am fostering a dog from the shelter that was given and incorrect Behavior Assessments labeled as "aggressive". There is NOT ONE aggressive bone in this dogs body but he was labeled aggressive. The shelter told the rescue he was very aggressive and wanted to make sure I wanted him. Its almost like they just lie about then dogs so they can kill them all off and be done with it. This is unreal. HES NOT AGGRESSIVE. He was a dog that was dumped because his family was moving and left him behind he was scared do you blame him? The environment that these animals are in makes them scared and act out. Please allow any 503c3 rescue to pull these animals there is so many out there that a willing to help. PLEASE re consider how things are run let's STOP killing these animals it's disgusting. GIVE THEM a CHANCE TO LIVE. Please draft up a CAPA and follow the footsteps of other cities that have ended the killing of adoptable treatable animals. NYC can become NO KILL as advocated and defined by Best Friends and Maddies Fund.

Brittney Pliszka

## ANIMAL SHELTER SYSTEM

I am forwarding this because its important for everyone to know what goes on within these so-called "Shelters":

I think our society needs a huge "Wake-up" call. As a shelter manager, I am going to share a little insight with you all...a view from the inside if you will. First off, all of you breeders/sellers should be made to work in the "back" of an animal shelter for just one day. Maybe if you saw the life drain from a few sad, lost, confused eyes, you would change your mind about breeding and selling to people you don't even know. That puppy you just sold will most likely end up in my shelter when it's not a cute little puppy anymore. So how would you feel if you knew that there's about a 90% chance that dog will never walk out of the shelter it is going to be dumped at? Purebred or not! About 50% of all of the dogs that are "owner surrenders" or "strays", that come into my shelter are purebred dogs. The most common excuses I hear are; "We are moving and we can't take our dog (or cat)." Really? Where are you moving too that doesn't allow pets? Or they say "The dog got bigger than we thought it would". How big did you think a Great Dane would get? "We don't have time for her". Really? I work a 10-12 hour day and still have time for my 6 dogs! "She's tearing up our yard". How about making her a part of your family? They always tell me "We just don't want to have to stress about finding a place for her we know she'll get adopted, she's a good dog". Odds are your pet won't get adopted & how stressful do you think being in a shelter is? Well, let me tell you, your pet has 72 hours to find a new family from the moment you drop it off. Sometimes a little longer if the shelter isn't full and your dog manages to stay completely healthy. If it snuffles, it dies. Your pet will be confined to a small run/kennel in a room with about 25 other barking or crying animals. It will have to relieve itself where it eats and sleeps. It will be depressed and it will cry constantly for the family that abandoned it. If your pet is lucky, I will have enough volunteers in that day to take him/her for a walk. If I don't, your pet won't get any attention besides having a bowl of food slid under the kennel door and the waste sprayed out of its pen with a high-powered hose. If your dog is big, black or any of the "Bully" breeds (pit bull, rottie, mastiff, etc) it was pretty much dead when you walked it through the front door. Those dogs just don't get adopted. It doesn't matter how 'sweet' or 'well behaved' they are. If your dog doesn't get adopted within its 72 hours and the shelter is full, it will be destroyed. If the shelter isn't full and your dog is good enough, and of a desirable enough breed it may get a stay of execution, but not for long. Most dogs get very kennel protective after about a week and are destroyed for showing aggression. Even the sweetest dogs will turn in this environment. If your pet makes it over all of those hurdles chances are it will get kennel cough or an upper respiratory infection and will be destroyed because shelters just don't have the funds to pay for even a \$100 treatment. Here's a little euthanasia 101 for those of you that have never witnessed a perfectly healthy, scared animal being "put-down". First, your pet will be taken from its kennel on a leash. They always look like they think they are going for a walk happy, wagging their tails. Until they get to "The Room", every one of them freaks out and puts on the brakes when we get to the door. It must smell like death or they can feel the sad souls that are left in there, it's strange, but it happens with every one of them. Your dog or cat will be restrained, held down by 1 or 2 vet techs depending on the size and how freaked out they are. Then a euthanasia tech or a vet will start the process. They will find a vein in the front leg and inject a lethal dose of the "pink stuff". Hopefully your pet doesn't panic from being restrained and jerk. I've seen the needles tear out of a leg and been covered with the resulting blood and been deafened by the yelps and screams. They all don't just "go to sleep", sometimes they spasm for a while, gasp for air and defecate on themselves. When it all ends, your pets corpse will be stacked like firewood in a large freezer in the back with all of the other animals that were killed waiting to be picked up like garbage. What happens next? Cremated? Taken to the dump? Rendered into pet food? You'll never know and it probably won't even cross your mind. It was just an animal and you can always buy another one, right? I hope that those of you that have read this are bawling your eyes out and can't get the pictures out of your head I deal with everyday on the way home from work. I hate my job, I hate that it exists & I hate that it will always be there unless you people make some changes and realize that the lives you are affecting go much farther than the pets you dump at a shelter. Between 9 and 11 MILLION animals die every year in shelters and only you can stop it. I do my best to save every life I can but rescues are always full, and there are more animals coming in everyday than there are homes. My point to all of this **DON'T BREED OR BUY WHILE SHELTER PETS DIE!** Hate me if you want to. The truth hurts and reality is what it is. I just hope I maybe changed one person's mind about breeding their dog, taking their loving pet to a shelter, or buying a dog. I hope that someone will walk into my shelter and say "I saw this and it made me want to adopt". **THAT WOULD MAKE IT WORTH IT.** ~ Author unknown

## The last minutes before euthanasia



Photo: Mia Anelli Photography

**Do you still think it is ok to buy a puppy?  
Can you explain it to him?**

Sincerely,

Nasrene MacDonald,  
Rolla, MO 65401

## ANIMAL SHELTER SYSTEM

#DRAKE beaten, abused by owners and abandoned at #NYCACC where he had passed assessment with flying colors! They killed him anyway! So many innocent and adoptable pups killed when they should be adopted! The groups work hard to network them, rescues to pull them but an uphill task when NYCACC already has decided and flagged those to kill. Treating those who volunteer their free hours helping them shouldn't be treated like the enemy. Sometimes, if one of the targeted pups is miraculously saved, they'll just choose another! Paying techs to kill, means they have to be kept busy!



**DRAKE** 24250 - 3 years old

Good looking, friendly, tail waggy, very playful, affectionate, loves walks and baths, knows some basic commands - Soft & social during behavior eval & earned all 1's

**At Manhattan ACC waiting for love**

Sincerely,

Nasrene MacDonald,  
Rolla, MO 65401



## ANIMAL SHELTER SYSTEM

Copy of reply to Assembly Member Glick:

**From:** Nasrene MacDonald  
**Date:** April 4, 2018 at 2:07:04 PM CDT  
**To:** Deborah Glick <[glickd@nyassembly.gov](mailto:glickd@nyassembly.gov)>  
**Subject: Re: NYC ACC**

Dear Assembly Member Glick,

Please read our concerns! You really think Spay, Neuter & Kill isn't a moral & ethical scandal? Killing animals even with adoption applications pending? You may be misinformed and your faith in NYC ACC and ASPCA is misplaced. Contrary to erroneous belief that there are too many animals with not enough space - the opposite is true. NYCACC takes in less dogs now than in the past and kills even when there are empty cages. In fact, NYCACC claims to have taken in approximately 6,000 fewer animals in 2017 than in the previous year. This means that with a current total intake of approximately 22,000 animals and a surrounding population of 8.5 million New Yorkers to absorb those animals, New York now has THE LOWEST per capita intake rate of any major shelter system in the entire nation. Yet, NYCACC still killed thousands of healthy and treatable animals last year for harmless colds and manufactured behavioral issues, making NYCACC among the worst performing high Kill ponds in the country. Furthermore, NYCACC has been promising New Yorkers No Kill Shelter Reform since 2003. To state they are moving "slowly" towards a "true no-kill Shelter System" is a gross understatement if not laughable. In addition, your statement that there is insufficient funding in the richest city in America is incorrect. The time is well overdue for a No Kill NYCACC.

Sincerely,  
Nasrene MacDonald,  
Rolla, MO 65401

## ANIMAL SHELTER SYSTEM

### **Subject: No more killings at New York City Animal Care Centers! "Spay-Neuter-Sicken-Kill"**

I am reaching out to you regarding the relentless killing of dogs and cats that is taking place on a daily basis at the New York City Animal Care Centers. As a taxpayer and a compassionate animal lover, I am outraged by this and I am appealing to you for your help.

The most effective way to end the needless killing of our shelter animals in New York is for an elected NY lawmaker to sponsor the Companion Animal Protection Act ("CAPA"), which passed in the State of Delaware and has reduced the killing of shelter animals by 78%.

► <https://www.nokilladvocacycenter.org/companion-animal-prote...>

If CAPA were the law in New York, Sienna, a young, friendly and healthy dog would be alive today. Instead, Sienna was spayed by the ASPCA, became ill due to the surgery and then was killed by NYC ACC days later. Sienna was failed by a broken, archaic and compassionless system that chooses to kill dogs and cats rather than proactively network them for adoption. I am outraged by this reprehensible and unacceptable practice of rushing to spay/neuter shelter animals only to kill them shortly thereafter.

As the Executive Director of NYC ACC, Risa Weinstock, and her principal enabler - the President of the ASPCA, Matthew Bershadker, stated in their October 2017 signed letter to NY State Senator Tony Avella, "It does not make moral, financial, or logistical sense to spay/neuter an animal and then have them euthanized". So why then is NYC ACC and the ASPCA doing exactly that? Our shelters and animal charities should be saving lives, not collaborating in killing animals.

Moreover, NYC ACC should be following the lead of Austin Animal Center in Texas which has an extensive Foster Network of 1000 active Foster families and places the vast majority (approximately 70%) of their animals from within the shelter rather than relying as NYC ACC does on outside rescues to do their job for them. It is unacceptable for NYC ACC to have an in-house placement rate of only 30% while leaving the heavy lifting to others.

A publicist for NYC ACC has been claiming to elected officials that "ACC has an active foster program, with four full-time foster team staff members and more than 800 Foster volunteers". However, the results of a recent Freedom of Information Law inquiry which was served on NYC ACC indicates otherwise. This inquiry revealed a grossly inadequate Foster Program with only 215 animals that are currently being fostered.

In contrast, Austin Animal Center, operating in a city which has a population that is 1/8th the size of New York City's, has 1000 active Foster families and puts NYC ACC to shame. In addition, Austin Animal Center, saves 99% of all dogs and 96% of all cats and never kills a healthy or treatable animal, unlike NYC ACC which routinely kills healthy and treatable animals every single day.

It is long overdue for New York Animal Care Centers to become No Kill! How many more Siennas must wrongfully lose their lives before meaningful Shelter Reform is implemented?

Thank you,

Nasrene MacDonald,

Rolla, MO 65401

Note: below are links to some of the dogs that were spayed/neutered by the ASPCA and then killed within days by their partners at NYC ACC.

LIST OF DOGS SPAYED-NEUTERED, THEN KILLED. . .

HANNAH

<http://nycdogs.urgentpodr.org/hannah-a1125871/>

JCOLE

<http://nycdogs.urgentpodr.org/jcole-a1126267/>

JASPER

<http://nycdogs.urgentpodr.org/jasper-a1123724/>

DANTE

<http://nycdogs.urgentpodr.org/dante-a1126183/>

JUDGE

<http://nycdogs.urgentpodr.org/judge-a1125952/>

CHIPPER

<http://nycdogs.urgentpodr.org/chipper-8116-a1126693/>

BELINA

<http://nycdogs.urgentpodr.org/belina-12966/>

JACKS

<http://nycdogs.urgentpodr.org/jacks-a1108699/>

REGGIE

<http://nycdogs.urgentpodr.org/reggie-a1108108/>

EMMY LOU

<http://nycdogs.urgentpodr.org/168827-2/>

HUNTER

<http://nycdogs.urgentpodr.org/hunter-a1117522/>

PIRATA

<http://nycdogs.urgentpodr.org/pirata-a1110400/>

MELLOW

<http://nycdogs.urgentpodr.org/mellow-a1107774/>

BELLISSIMO

<http://nycdogs.urgentpodr.org/bellissimo-17937/>

SIENNA

<http://nycdogs.urgentpodr.org/sienna-18859/>

\*ALONSO (Bled to death at the city pound after botched ASPCA surgery.)

<http://nycdogs.urgentpodr.org/?s=Alonso>

**From:** Nasrene MacDonald  
**Date:** March 2, 2018 at 8:42:42 AM CST  
**To:** Deborah Glick <[glickd@nyassembly.gov](mailto:glickd@nyassembly.gov)>  
**Subject: Re: NYC ACC**

Thank you for your reply, much appreciated!

Would like to point out that the NYCHA BAN is totally unfair! How a dog looks or even it's breed doesn't define its personality! It's the training and upbringing! So many dogs are dumped just because of landlords! Loving family pets, who slept on their young owner's beds! How about have pet friendly housing for those who can't afford to pay high rents? No one in Germany loses their pets due to landlords! A country where most people rent! They don't even have Kill Shelters! Some cities in the States are already No Kill! New York should have been in the vanguard of this movement, not still killing!

New York Animal Control has one of the most deplorable and disease-infested environments, so much so that animals that are perfectly healthy one day are dying of respiratory bacteria and choking to death in their kennels only two days later. Often after recent neuter/spay operations, then land up on Kill list!

Sincerely,

Nasrene MacDonald,  
Rolla, MO 65401



Copy of email sent to Assembly Members!

Dear Assembly Member,

Sienna, photo below, spayed by ASPCA and killed for having a harmless cold by NYC ACC. TO ACTION: Everyone who has tirelessly been crossposting dogs and cats that New York City Animal Care Centers have chosen to kill rather than proactively network to adopt - the time is now to take action! PLEASE EMAIL each and every local politician identified in the 3 Groups below and voice your outrage and heartbreak at the reprehensible and unacceptable killing of adoptable and treatable dogs and cats that is taking place each day at NYC ACC.

New York City Animal Care Centers must not be allowed to conveniently label traumatized dogs, who need time to adjust, as “behavior” risks as a pretext to kill them. NYC ACC routinely torments and tricks hungry and starving dogs with a plastic hand to agitate them while they are eating in order to label them as dangerous and conveniently places them on the Kill List. This practice is not acceptable. Nor is the practice of killing innocent dogs and cats for Kennel Cough (the equivalent to the common cold in humans) which is easily treatable and poses no significant health risks amongst shelter animals.

Furthermore, NYC ACC’s ill advised and deadly protocol of spaying/neutering shelter animals only to kill them within days and sometimes within as little as one day of their surgeries (such as in the case of Jasper, Sienna, Hannah, Judge, Dante, JCole, Hunter, to name a few) must not be condoned. This practice is ethically wrong and subjects shelter animals to unnecessary pain and suffering.

Our animals deserve a safe haven in municipal shelters. They deserve compassion and time to decompress from the high stress of being abandoned. They deserve clean living conditions and prompt medical attention. They deserve the time necessary to find a loving home. Most importantly...they deserve to live!



Sincerely,  
Nasrene MacDonald,  
Rolla, MO 65410

## ANIMAL SHELTER SYSTEM

Dear Council members:

I am writing as a veteran journalist who covered animal issues for major publications for many years, and as a founder of the Whidbey Animal Guild, a small think tank in the Pacific Northwest that focuses on effective legislation.

I have long been interested in New York City's animal welfare status as a writer since it is where the entire world's humane movement basically began back in 1866. Beyond Henry Bergh's founding of a humane organization, he inspired in the world a new way of thinking about animals and our co-existence with them in a modern age. Unfortunately, his vision was lost through the years, but is now being revived in the hearts of good people across the nation.

It is my hope New York City will reclaim its rightful place as the world's beacon of humane thought and action. In that WAG's focus is on systems, I would like to suggest the following:

1. Establish a committee for animal welfare. In reviewing your committees, I was unable to find one that directly pertained to animals and those who love them. <https://council.nyc.gov/committees/> Yet animal lovers tend to be among the most reliable citizens, tied to their communities in part by their pets.

2. If ACC is going to continue to be outsourced, establish an Animal Shelter Advisory Body as other jurisdictions have done. This allows all stakeholders to come together and be heard in a fair and organized way. Too often, when ACC is contracted, taxpayers feel they lose any real voice since contractors are more likely to answer to their own boards. This excellent book explains a lot of the perils and offers guidance. I'd recommend the whole book, but you can read an excerpt on Advisory Bodies by clicking here and scrolling to page 23.

[https://books.google.com/books?id=r7iRX3\\_Q62wC&pg=PA28&lpg=PA28&dq=hold+animal+shelter+contractors+accountable&source=bl&ots=DDqkE1lrXK&sig=wxv20gh43JyqDqEGdfJTfkhQeZk&hl=en&ei=aB5fTLbwBZSCsQPDo\\_SpCw&sa=X&oi=book\\_result&ct=result&sqi=2#v=onepage&q=hold%20animal%20shelter%20contractors%20accountable&f=false](https://books.google.com/books?id=r7iRX3_Q62wC&pg=PA28&lpg=PA28&dq=hold+animal+shelter+contractors+accountable&source=bl&ots=DDqkE1lrXK&sig=wxv20gh43JyqDqEGdfJTfkhQeZk&hl=en&ei=aB5fTLbwBZSCsQPDo_SpCw&sa=X&oi=book_result&ct=result&sqi=2#v=onepage&q=hold%20animal%20shelter%20contractors%20accountable&f=false)

3. Commit to making sure you have experienced leadership familiar with and committed to no-kill principles. This is working in many other locales and brings people together. Leadership is key. Please see pg 6 of this excellent white paper. [https://www.nokilladvocacycenter.org/uploads/4/8/6/2/48624081/we\\_can\\_do\\_it.pdf](https://www.nokilladvocacycenter.org/uploads/4/8/6/2/48624081/we_can_do_it.pdf) As I understand it, the current ACC director was meant to be interim.

4. Begin holding public forums to create a Pet Evaluation Matrix based on the Asilomar Accords standards for no-kill. These are the gold standards, which have been embraced by many other jurisdictions.

<http://www.maddiesfund.org/Documents/No%20Kill%20Progress/A%20Guide%20to%20the%20Asilomar%20Accords%20Definitions.pdf>

Here is an explanation of the Pet Evaluation Matrix process and examples from other communities.

<http://www.maddiesfund.org/pet-evaluation-matrix.htm>

5. The more you are able to bring people together, and not drive them apart, the better. Often, problems arise because the right systems are not in place for people to communicate. I might suggest that animal welfare not be put under the auspices of the Dept. of Health, which is charged more often than not with viewing animals as vectors and not potential companions.

People across the country, and even the world, are watching New York City. Please strive for what I came to call the 5C's of sheltering success: compassion, creativity, communication, collaboration and commitment.

I am happy to help in any way possible. To quote Albert Schweitzer:

"Compassion, in which all ethics must take root, can only attain its full breadth and depth if it embraces all living creatures and does not limit itself to mankind."

Best wishes,

Barbara Moran

"Leader of the Pack"

Whidbey Animal Guild (WAG)

## ANIMAL SHELTER SYSTEM

### Subject: Re: Please support Companion Animal Protection Act!

NYCACC murdered ADRIAN, described by volunteers as being beautiful inside & out, a sweet goofy mushface! Who believes there's an agenda for collecting bodies for monthly quota? No excuse too flimsy or even bothering to make one even when cages are empty, when there's no need to kill, when these are loving, adoptable dogs! How many family pets are being killed because of the NYCHA BAN? Families who can't afford homes have to rent and are at the mercy of landlords! Giving up their family pets just to get a place they can afford! Hospitalized? Your pet will be killed! Lose your house to a fire or become temporarily homeless, your pet is destroyed! Only happens to the poor! New York City is a city without a heart!

Where are these dead bodies being sent to that these daily killings must continue? Anyone care to enlighten the public?



Sincerely,

Nasrene MacDonald,  
Rolla, MO 65401



## ANIMAL SHELTER SYSTEM

NYCACC has one of the most deplorable & disease-infested environments, so much so that animals that are perfectly healthy 1 day are dying of respiratory bacteria & choking to death in their kennels only 2 days later. Why is ASPCA doing surgical procedures on these dogs, only to send them back to a dirty cage where they sicken fast? Then NYCACC uses Kennel Cough as a pretext to kill them! Why would they kill ADRIAN? A sweet natured dog, loved to romp with his doggy buddies, warm, affectionate with everyone? Why so many other adoptable dogs who just needed more time! Don't you think animal lovers work hard to network and help? Saving so many, but they always kill! Why do they need 30 + dead dogs each month? When there are empty cages?

Sincerely,  
Nasrene MacDonald,  
Rolla, MO 65401

Animal Shelter System

Dear Council Members:

I am asking you to please review the ASPCA policy with NYCACC and to please prevent them from doing surgeries and killing animals days later. This is as Risa Weinstock and Matt Bershadker admitted - morally, financially and logistically wrong.

Also, please support the Companion Animal Protection Act.

<https://www.nokilladvocacycenter.org/companion-animal-protection-act.html>

Thank you

Brandon

## ANIMAL SHELTER SYSTEM

Dear Esteemed Members of the Health Committee:

My name is Debra Frost, I live in New Milford, CT and I'm writing in support of Int. Bill 401 requiring all 5 NYC boroughs to operate as full-service animal rescue facilities. These animals need and deserve full vet care as well as ample opportunity and time to be advertised as needing new homes, allow for adoption, and receive optimal standards of humane care while in these facilities. Three functioning shelters able to take in animals is not enough in a city the size of NYC. These animals deserve a chance to find loving homes and offering these additional facilities as safe havens, will allow more people to responsibly surrender their animals and not just turn them loose on the street because the existing three have no room or they have no transportation to get them to one of the three facilities that can help them. The record number of animals being euthanized is astonishing, and everything to prevent the killing of adoptable animals should be exhausted and explored. The number of stray and abandoned animals is equally disturbing and disheartening because three facilities isn't enough to accommodate such high numbers of those in need.

I believe opening full-service facilities in all five NYC boroughs would be a great start to decreasing those euthanasia numbers. I support this bill and urge its' passage.

Thank you for your leadership, and taking the time to read my testimony.

Sincerely  
Debra K Frost  
New Milford, CT 06776

The huge numbers of shelter being murdered daily.

I would like the topic of Having The Topic of the N.Y. shelters to become LOW/NO Kill facilities and the process of dealing with these animals to become more humane. From what have read and what I have heard that your shelter seems to prefer euthanasia to rehome. I have also been told that many of the dead are young healthy Dogs and Cats. I do not know what the exact numbers of murdered animals are but if it only half the number it's still way to many.

Please give all these Dogs & Cats a chance to live the true length of their lives!

Sincerely,

Meg Edelman



Shelters

Please have a change from kill shelters in no kill shelters!  
It`s possible, in Germany we have only no kill shelters!

Sandra Quirnbach from Germany

I message the Brooklyn Shelter about a dog and I message because they never answer the phone. I was told to message so I did I told them their is someone interested in the thread comments on the dog that is someone interested in the dog and to contact them. So shelter told me to tell them to reach out to rescue so I did. Long story short the dog was saved. But I got blocked from shelter because I saved a dog. Just wanted to voice my opinion I thought that was not necessary to block me because I took my time to make the connection for the dog to be saved. I feel that govt funding should be focus on giving money to these shelters if they can find homes for these beautiful dogs that deserve to have the right to live a good life.

Evangeline Porter

New York Shelters

Dear Sir: The killing at the shelters is so wrong. The animals are not given enough time to be seen. Volunteers spend time with the animals, networking them, writing beautiful essays about them and giving them love. Then they are killed before no time. I think the time has come for communities and shelters to work harder together to help find homes. Also if we could encourage more fostering this would help. The time has come for the killing to stop. We as people and communities are so much better than this. We are . We can network for more fosters, more help from citizens whatever it takes. But we cannot keep killing these precious pets, some even puppies whose life has hardly begun. Please we can do this, we must, we are so much better than killing. Thank you as I speak for those without a voice.

Sincerely

Linda Watkins

Respectfully request going no kill with the shelters

As someone who has rescued many cats over the year and a strong advocate of trap neuter return program and maintaining feral-cat societies, I have seen a huge change in communities that have gone to no kill. By getting the community involved as much as possible even a city like Chicago which had the highest kill of any city in the country has now reduced it through many programs particularly education trap spay neuter and many adoption Foster programs that have come through Community involvement. Saving animals also allows opportunities to less fortunate people to get involved and give more purpose and meaning to their lives such as prison Rehabilitation and other such programs including people with disabilities. Helping animals can change people's lives in so many ways. We hope to give purpose and meaning to people's lives through rescue adoption fostering and thereby saving animals as well as in rich people's lives. Educating and teaching compassion at the earliest levels is another way to help reduce animal abuse and overpopulation. We hope you'll do whatever you can to reduce and hopefully end the kill shelters and have smaller no kill shelters and programs throughout communities two can benefit many.

Sharon Jenkins



## Have a Heart

Hi. My name is Holly Addair and I'm a animal advocate. I'm also a ER nurse. I am writing you because I believe that every animal should have a chance for adoption. Please consider No Kill Shelters and/or giving the animals a chance by allowing a child a couple of weeks to find their forever pet. Thankfully I found my cats at our local animal shelter before they were euthanized. My oldest weighed <1 lb when I got him. He was a hurricane Charlie cat. His ribs were sticking out of his chest, he had a dental infection, upper respiratory infection, urinary track infection. Thankfully I found him, I nurtured him and gave him a chance to find his forever family. Honestly he rescued me as well. We were new to the area. He made me just as happy as I made him! This was 14 yrs ago. He's made a wonderful addition to my family. I call him my oldest son. My other cat wasn't as sick meaning she didn't require fluids to be given daily for a few days or as many vet trips but she was skiddish, upper respiratory infection. She's a Hemingway cat. I found her after a child was making fun of her for having extra digits. This immediately drew me to her. I am so very grateful that I adopted both of these cats. I will definitely get my next pets at a no kill shelter. Please consider a no kill shelter and please give these animals a second chance. No matter how sick or disabled they may be.

Thank you,  
Holly Addair RN

## Animal Shelter System

To whom it may concern;

I am writing to you in regards of the ACC, a broken animal shelter that is in dire need of reform.

At 6pm every night (except Saturday), there is a kill list of countless animals, they put "at risk". At risk for being killed if no one finds them a home. They have until noon the next day! That is 18 hours. And a lot of the time, they are placed at risk die to a shelter cold-something they caught in the shelter! How is 18 hours enough time to find these cats and dogs homes? Rescues and advocates are the ones scrambling and doing all the can to find these precious souls homes, so that all breeds of cats and dogs, most popularly the American Pit Bull Terrier and mix, are not killed.

What is also frightening is the behavior assessments. These are used against them. Yes, an animal is scared. They're abandoned and betrayed by people who they thought loved them, now caged by strangers. And they have this assess-a-hand, which is a plastic hand. They use it in dogs to touch their food, and even their toys. That can make a dog rescue only, meaning unadoptable to the public. If a dog is a stray, or starved, not knowing where their next meal is coming from, of course they're going to protect their food.

Now don't you think the ACC is in dire need of reform? As an advocate for these animals, it's past due.

Sincerely,  
Amy Marino

## Dog killings

All dogs want to live & be loved by a kind loving family. Please stop killing them Give them a chance to be adopted & let them live. These are senseless killings & it needs to be stopped right now before another dog or animal loses its life for no reason. Let's put an end to animal/ dog abuse.

## NY KILL SHELTERS

It absolutely breaks my heart ♥ when I see yet ANOTHER dog or cat is to be killed because they have not had any offers of money or adoption. This is so unnecessary, unfair and so totally ♥ heartbreaking that this is happening EVERY DAY AND TO SO MANY ANIMALS WHO DESERVE TO LIVE A HAPPY ☺ AND PEACEFUL LIFE! PLEASE PLEASE I BEG YOU TO CHANGE YOUR POLICIES IN ALL SHELTERS FROM EUTHANIZING TO NO-KILL SHELTERS. THANK YOU SO MUCH IN ANTICIPATION.

Janiceaedy8



Coalition of shelters

Dear decision makers,

Please consider the inherent cruelty in killing healthy animals. Disregard for life is at the core of our most serious law enforcement issues. Please engage and participate in the effort to find a different solution and end killing as an acceptable answer. Thank you.

Dave H.

## ANIMAL SHELTER SYSTEM

Dear Council Members,

Please do everything in your power to make all NYC and State animal shelters non kill shelters.

These beautiful, intelligent, and loving dogs and cats are just asking for a chance - they are asking for a change. You are able to give them the change that will give them a chance.

Every living being deserves to have safety and love and a good home and we are asking that you ensure these animals have those rights.

New York is a leader of this country and if we show that we care about animals and the shelter systems then other states will follow and be more humane. We should all be more humane.

Sincerely,

Lauren

New York, NY 10011

[www.freekibble.com](http://www.freekibble.com)

[www.freekibblekat.com](http://www.freekibblekat.com)

[www.theanimalrescuesite.com](http://www.theanimalrescuesite.com)

[www.freerice.com](http://www.freerice.com)

## Animal Shelter System

Dear Council,

I have written before but now with even more urgency. The NYC ACC needs an entire overhaul. How can you allow so many innocent lives die? There has to be a better way. How much money is being wasted? You have the power, now use it to do something good in a world that is filled with hate right now.

Thank you, Tina

Sent from my iPhone please excuse errors.

## ANIMAL SHELTER SYSTEM

3 YEAR OLD HENNY 25214 KILLED, GIVEN JUST 18 HOURS, AT STATEN ISLAND ACC! LIVED WITH KIDS AND A SMALL DOG RESCUE ONLY FOR GROWLING AT SHELTER BECAUSE HE WAS DISTRAUGHT & GRIEVING FOR HIS FAMILY! OWNERS DIVORCED & HE WAS THE CASUALTY! HE NEEDED TIME TO FIND A FOSTER OR ADOPTER THROUGH A RESCUE





Animal Shelter System

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to you to let you know about my personal experience with NYACC having adopted 2 dogs from Bronx Location.

2 adopted dogs from NYACC : Mimi and Richard

October 2014  
February 2015

The only way I was able to adopt my dogs was to physically arrive at the location and pick up an animal I thought to adopt at 12 pm at the Bronx Location,

All my previous attempts to email and call to any of the 5 locations in the NYACC shelter system went unanswered both (emails and phone calls) . I was trying to adopt for about 2,5 months.

NOBODY got back to me to respond whether the animal was available or not.

At the Brooklyn Location : large dogs are frozen with fear, dogs surrendered by owner picked up by the neck with a barb wire material instrument and physically dragged away from the owner. Around 12: 30 pm dogs selected to die that day are dragged as well from the cages into the back room. It was a horrible scene that I will never ever forget.

At the Bronx Location in cages were pitts and mixes leaking my hands , begging to be taken home. Not aggressive , but friendly -all the same found them on the KILL LIST the next day

I have adopted my 2 small dogs due to my residence size.

Scared and underweight. they still made it with us into our family.

Let me raise my voice for all animals in all sizes.

WHEN? When we would be able to SAVE them?

Not with the system that is in place today at NYACC.

PLEASE help them, so they are not neglected and killed !!!

**WE are asking council members to draft up CAPA (Companion Animal Protection Act) and follow in the footsteps of other cities who have ended the killing of adoptable treatable animals.**  
NYC can become NO KILL as advocated and defined by [Best Friends](#) and [Maddies Fund](#).

NYC can become a NO KILL ONLY WITH YOUR HELP!

Sincerely

Alla Malakh  
Brooklyn NY  
11229

Animal Shelter System

Good Day Council Members and Committe on Health Members,

A work commitment will keep me from the Committee on Health Meeting scheduled for Tuesday April 24, 2018 at 10am at City Hall. I am disappointed to miss the Update on the Status of the Animal Shelter System.

Instead of being a presence that day, I have decided to voice my concerns via email. I am an avid opponent of the current administration and their current operating practices. I hope you will not vote to open further centers under this premise in 3 more boroughs of the city. I understand that this is being considered. I respectfully request that you table that until an overhaul is implemented and you discontinue the euthanasia practices currently in place.

I am so very opposed to the killing of innocent animals who are not ill and in fact very adoptable that I was motivated to start a petition on the Change.org platform. As of today, more than 5,000 people have signed. Hundreds have left comments expressing displeasure and anger. Please take the time to read the messages left for you prior to making any decisions. Here is the link to the petition for your consideration. [https://www.change.org/p/risa-weinstock-ceo-tell-new-york-city-shelters-to-stop-killing-dogs-every-single-day?recruiter=604484084&utm\\_source=share\\_petition&utm\\_medium=copylink&utm\\_campaign=share\\_petition&utm\\_term=share\\_for\\_starters\\_page](https://www.change.org/p/risa-weinstock-ceo-tell-new-york-city-shelters-to-stop-killing-dogs-every-single-day?recruiter=604484084&utm_source=share_petition&utm_medium=copylink&utm_campaign=share_petition&utm_term=share_for_starters_page) I have sent copies to both the Mayor of NYC and the Executive Staff of the ACC. No reply has been received to date. While discouraging, it will not stop me from continuing to advocate for the animals.

I hope you will realize that the tide is turning and views on animal abuse have changed. The only way to operate a shelter now is to become NO-KILL. Causing harm to animals is becoming unacceptable to the mainstream population now. I point to the closure of the Ringling Brothers Circus as an example. I realize you will not become NO-KILL overnight but please consider some concessions in that direction. For instance, TBD Lists on a daily basis are not acceptable. Perhaps only monthly would work as a sign of good faith. Let networkers have a months' time to try to place the animals. A mere 18 hours is just not possible on a regular basis. Too many animals are dying under the current policy. I kindly ask you to reconsider what you have going on here.

Thank you very much for your consideration. I hope to hear some good news following this meeting and going forward from there.

Best Regards,  
Toni Keller  
Langhorne PA 19047

## Animal Shelter System

Good day,

It has come to my attention that NYC is euthanizing animals at an alarming rate. Animals have barely 5-7 days on intact for adoption, foster or for a rescue to pull before they are put on the 'At Risk List' and scheduled for euthanasia within 18 hours.

Disease, sickness and behavior assessments are being used against these animals when these situations can be corrected in the right environment (this is where rescues excel).

It also makes absolutely no sense to spay and neuter animals the state has no plans in adopting out, fostering to the public or available to rescues. Again, 18 hours is just insufficient time to get this accomplished.

Please, please make the humane decision by allowing all approved 501c3 to pull animals and I ask council members to draft up CAPA (Companion Animal Protection Act) and follow other cities who have ended the killing of adoptable, treatable animals. NYC can become NO KILL as advocated and defined by Best Friends and Maddies Fund.

I thank you deeply, as I cry writing this email, to consider these changes immediately.

Marianna Totino

Animal Shelter System

Dear Elected Official:

I am sending the attached links for your review as a friend of mine, Marcia Frisella can't attend but made the video.

Please pass the Companion Animal Protection Act and make the ASPCA and ACC stop killing animals after traumatizing them with spay/neuter surgeries. This is both cruel and barbaric and they should be thrown in jail for this ungodly crime!

<https://youtu.be/3LP8jgVGWwA>

[https://www.change.org/p/senator-chuck-schumer-immediate-removal-and-replacement-of-risa-weinstock-director-animal-care-control-nyc?recruiter=366596560&utm\\_source=share\\_petition&utm\\_medium=copylink&utm\\_campaign=share\\_petition](https://www.change.org/p/senator-chuck-schumer-immediate-removal-and-replacement-of-risa-weinstock-director-animal-care-control-nyc?recruiter=366596560&utm_source=share_petition&utm_medium=copylink&utm_campaign=share_petition)



Alexa.Shields



## ANIMAL SHELTER SYSTEM

### THE ASPCA MUST END ITS POLICY OF SPAY-NEUTER-KILL . . .

Please stop supporting the ASPCA, until the fake ‘charity’ stops abusing animals in cruel & unnecessary surgeries (BEFORE those animals have adoption commitments) and then sending them to their deaths at the high-kill pound they fully support and enable. Sickening!

### ASPCA & NYC ACC, COLLABORATORS IN CRUELTY & SPAY-NEUTER-KILL . .

Matt Bershadker CEO of ASPCA and Risa Weinstock NYCACC ( shown below) to Senator Tony Avella  
“It does not make moral , financial or logistical sense to spay/neuter an animal and have them euthanized”

70 Victims identified so far: 2 Cats and 68Dogs and counting!!

#### CAYENNE

Neutered 1/24, Killed 1/31/17

<http://nycdogs.urgentpodr.org/cayenne-a1102006/>

#### AUDREY (Cat)

Spayed 1/30, Killed 2/1/17

<http://nyccats.urgentpodr.org/audrey-a1102206/>

#### MELLOW

Neutered 4/8, Killed 4/18/17

<http://nycdogs.urgentpodr.org/mellow-a1107774/>

#### REGGIE

Neutered 4/10, Killed 4/18/17

<http://nycdogs.urgentpodr.org/reggie-a1108108/>

#### JACKS

Neutered 4/19, Killed 4/24/17

<http://nycdogs.urgentpodr.org/jacks-a1108699/>

#### EMMYLOU

Spayed 5/6, Killed 5/11/17

<http://nycdogs.urgentpodr.org/168827-2/>

#### PIRATA

Neutered 5/11, Killed 5/22/17

<http://nycdogs.urgentpodr.org/pirata-a1110400/>

#### HUNTER

Neutered 7/12, Killed 7/15/17

<http://nycdogs.urgentpodr.org/hunter-a1117522/>

#### JASPER

Neutered 9/2, Killed 9/5/17

<http://nycdogs.urgentpodr.org/jasper-a1123724/>

#### JUDGE

Neutered 9/22, Killed 9/23/17

<http://nycdogs.urgentpodr.org/judge-a1125952/>

#### HANNAH

Spayed 9/23, Killed 9/25/17

<http://nycdogs.urgentpodr.org/hannah-a1125871/>

#### DANTE

Neutered 9/23, Killed on 9/26/17

<http://nycdogs.urgentpodr.org/dante-a1126183/>

JCOLE

Neutered 9/26, Killed 9/28/17

<http://nycdogs.urgentpodr.org/jcole-a1126267/>

CHIPPER

Neutered 9/30, Killed on 10/10/17

<http://nycdogs.urgentpodr.org/chipper-8116-a1126693/>

ALONSO

Neutered 10/5, Killed 10/16/17

<http://nycdogs.urgentpodr.org/alonso-8144-alt-id-a1127110/>

BELINA

Spayed 11/25, Killed 11/30/17

<http://nycdogs.urgentpodr.org/belina-12966/>

BELLISSIMO

Neutered 1/13, Killed on 1/18/18

<http://nycdogs.urgentpodr.org/bellissimo-17937/>

SIENNA

Spayed 1/25, Killed 2/2/18

<http://nycdogs.urgentpodr.org/sienna-18859/>

SERENADE (Cat)

Spayed 2/16, Killed 2/21/18

<http://nyccats.urgentpodr.org/serenade-20751/>

BUTCH

Neutered 2/14, Killed 2/23/18

<http://nycdogs.urgentpodr.org/butch-20300/>

CHULO

Neutered 2/23, Killed 3/3/18

<http://nycdogs.urgentpodr.org/dunkin-21124/>

HOT COCOA

<http://nycdogs.urgentpodr.org/hot-cocoa-a1101367/>

MALIBU

<http://nycdogs.urgentpodr.org/malibu-a1100437/>

ELLIS

<http://nycdogs.urgentpodr.org/ellis-a1103910/>

TWIX

<http://nycdogs.urgentpodr.org/twix-a1103426/>

TWIGGY

<http://nycdogs.urgentpodr.org/twiggy-a1102784/>

GLADYS

<http://nycdogs.urgentpodr.org/gladys-a1102859/>

LUCY

<http://nycdogs.urgentpodr.org/lucy-a1102522/>

PARIS

<http://nycdogs.urgentpodr.org/paris-a1102375/>

MASALA

<http://nycdogs.urgentpodr.org/masala-a1106598/>

BAE

<http://nycdogs.urgentpodr.org/bae-a1104899/>

TULSA

<http://nycdogs.urgentpodr.org/tulsa-a1105114/>

JIM THORPE

<http://nycdogs.urgentpodr.org/jim-thorpe-a1104577/>

RUTABAGA

<http://nycdogs.urgentpodr.org/rutabaga-a1105080/>

AUGUST

<http://nycdogs.urgentpodr.org/august-a1105091/>

CHAMP

<http://nycdogs.urgentpodr.org/champ-a1107313/>

CONKLIN

<http://nycdogs.urgentpodr.org/conklin-a1107141/>

BRITTANY

<http://nycdogs.urgentpodr.org/brittany-a1104195/>

HOUSTON

<http://nycdogs.urgentpodr.org/houston-a1106968/>

ROYALTY

<http://nycdogs.urgentpodr.org/royalty-a1112675/>

ROMEO

<http://nycdogs.urgentpodr.org/romeo-a1112071/>

DARLA

<http://nycdogs.urgentpodr.org/romeo-a1112071/>

CHAPPY

<http://nycdogs.urgentpodr.org/chappy-a1109917/>

HOPPY

<http://nycdogs.urgentpodr.org/hoppy-a1109963/>

HAZEL

<http://nycdogs.urgentpodr.org/hazel-a1109564/>

ISAIAH

<http://nycdogs.urgentpodr.org/isaiah-a1109130/>

FERN

<http://nycdogs.urgentpodr.org/fern-a1107317/>

LIL DEBBIE

<http://nycdogs.urgentpodr.org/lil-debbie-a1116275/>

MONK

<http://nycdogs.urgentpodr.org/monk-a1115709/>

TAYLOR

<http://nycdogs.urgentpodr.org/taylor-a1113305/>

PABLO

<http://nycdogs.urgentpodr.org/pablo-a1113720/>

CODY

<http://nycdogs.urgentpodr.org/cody-a1113263/>

DUTCH

<http://nycdogs.urgentpodr.org/dutch-a1112865/>

RHINO

<http://nycdogs.urgentpodr.org/rhino-a1112900/>

SUNGAZER

<http://nycdogs.urgentpodr.org/sungazer-a1112453/>

TEA

<http://nycdogs.urgentpodr.org/tea-a1113516/>

PATCH

<http://nycdogs.urgentpodr.org/patch-a1112761/>

ROVER

<http://nycdogs.urgentpodr.org/rover-a1112854/>

CANNOLI

<http://nycdogs.urgentpodr.org/cannoli-a1118480/>

ZEUS

<http://nycdogs.urgentpodr.org/zeus-a1117720/>

BLUE

<http://nycdogs.urgentpodr.org/blue-a1118134/>

GYPSY

<http://nycdogs.urgentpodr.org/gypsy-a1124185/>

TICTAC

<http://nycdogs.urgentpodr.org/tictac-a1101857/>

HAZEL

<http://nycdogs.urgentpodr.org/hazel-a1117051/>

GUCCI

<http://nycdogs.urgentpodr.org/gucci-a1121999/>

JODY aka BIGSBY

<http://nycdogs.urgentpodr.org/jody-aka-bigsby-a1120524/>

LANDO

<http://nycdogs.urgentpodr.org/lando-a1123937/>

BELLA

Spayed 12/12, Killed 12/20/17

<http://nycdogs.urgentpodr.org/bella-15642/>

NO KILL NOW!



Chloe  
Spayed and killed  
Nycacc

Nasrene MacDonald,  
Rolla, MO 65401



## Animal Shelter System

Dear All,

Please help to increase adoptions/fosters of dogs and cats at New York ACC shelters in Manhattan, Brooklyn and Staten Island. Every night except Saturday wonderful family dogs are put on kill list their only fault being they are lost, stray, old, unwanted, not allowed in city housing, sick or injured. Many are listed as aggressive/rescue only because they are just terrified to be in shelter, away from all they knew and loved. 18 hours including overnight is not enough time to get people approved to adopt or foster once they see an animal they like. People and people at rescues often have full time jobs and family and cannot get to the shelter within time constraints. Application process is complicated, many time constraints, and not easy for people to follow, phones are not answered and no holds allowed over phone if you did get thru. More time than 18 hours is needed. Most times dogs come in healthy and end up with kennel cough and pneumonia which is used as an excuse to kill. When my dogs go to vet or hospital they do not come home with kennel cough. Something must be done to better isolate sick animals and improve ventilation. Kennel cough should not be a death sentence, it is a dog cold; 10 days on doxycycline and it is cured. They also spay and neuter and then put animals on kill list, many examples of that. Risa Weinstock lied in her letter to Senator Tony Avella that this does not happen. Why would you spend money and put animal thru pain of surgery just to kill. Many are affected by surgery pain and then are labelled "aggressive", rescue only which cuts down chance of adoption/rescue.

Why are there supposedly over 200 New Hope Rescues and only a handful of the same rescues pull? If we are killing 10-15 dogs per week you obviously need more New Hope Rescues, but ACC plays favorites with who they allow to rescue. If each of 200 only took 1 a month, in addition to present rescues being done, you would achieve No-Kill, which many cities have. Why can't NYC, the Capital of the world have No-Kill as a shining example of what a great place it is and its wonderful people. A New Hope Rescue should have no problem finding 1 foster a month, as they allow rescue within 4 hours of NYC which is over 50 million people. There is no reason why a City itself of over 8 million people cannot save the ones killed every week. ACC claims to have 800 fosters and we see no evidence of that because there are only a few hundred in foster care. Many animals have injuries too complicated for ACC to administer to, and they languish and suffer in pain for days without proper treatment until a rescue saves them or they are euthanized. Many dogs have required life-saving measures once pulled at great expense to the rescue, and often have died in spite of the rescues' efforts.

ACC does improper behavior evaluations, often labeling dogs "aggressive" whereas they are just terrified and afraid from being lost or discarded from a family they have known for their lifetime. Most if not all of these dogs just need time to decompress and get comfortable with their surroundings, which is difficult in a noisy, loud and confusing shelter. Evaluating a 7-month old puppy as "aggressive" and killing him for playing with a toy and not letting go, or biting his leash, is utterly ridiculous. Any behaviorist knows that is normal puppy behavior, but ACC's doesn't.

We ask Council Members to draft up CAPA (Companion Animal Protection Act) and follow in the footsteps of other cities who have ended the killing of adoptable, treatable animals. NYC can become NO-KILL as advocated and defined by Best Friends and Maddies Fund.

Look at Must Love Dogs/Cats and Urgents, NYCdogs.urgentpodr.org, and ACC of NYC: At-Risk Animals, and you will understand our plea. Oh, they are just dogs/cats you may say, until you see their faces and hear their stories. I am sure you will then understand our plight and commitment to no-kill. It is attainable, look at Austin Tx among many other cities. Believe Philly just announced they will be no-kill shortly.

What will we do with all these animals you may ask, which again in City of over 8 million and surrounding states over 50 million, along with these dogs are adoptable nationwide if person can get to shelter within 48 hrs of kill list, should be no problem. Here are things that may convince you more:

5 million or so are killed nationwide in shelters every year in US

20 million or more people in US acquire a new pet, get a second or third pet, or replace a lost/deceased pet.

There is actually an animal shortage if pet shops were only allowed to sell shelter pets (like California just ruled), ban/limit backyard breeders requiring license, just like we have dog and liquor licenses now, ban puppy mills, offer reduced or free spay and neuter. Free spay and neuter would offset many costs of running and maintaining shelters.

If these factors could be controlled shelters would be cleared! People would be mobbing shelters to get a dog/cat. People also do not like to go into kill shelters and look into the eyes of row upon row of dogs on death row. No-kill shelters are flooded with people like pet shops, because now the shelter is a happy, inviting place. Volunteers are many at No-Kill shelters, because many cannot work and see dogs on death row.

Please check out the Urgents/Must Love Dogs/Cats and "ACC of NYC: At-Risk Animals" pages and you will be committed to no-kill as we are. A No-Kill New York would be a great tourist advertisement for New York!

Sincerely,  
Elizabeth Roenbeck

## ANIMAL CARE SYSTEM

Animal care is not accurate. How is there such a high kill rate? Where is the mayor and his so called promises? Do something for God sake.

Tina

Sent from my iPhone please excuse errors.

## ANIMAL SHELTER SYSTEM

Bogus assessment! He never bit anyone! Family had to give him up because of a landlord, due to NYCHA Ban! In assessment, NYCACC mentioned "biting history"! The summer before there was an inadvertent scratch!



**BOOGER**  
**24746**  
**GORGEOUS**  
**5 YR BOY**

**BROOKLYN ACC**

**ABSOLUTELY LOVE**  
**BOOGER**  
**ANYONE WOULD, HE**  
**IS A FABULOUS DOG**

**MONITORING**  
**FOR**  
**HEMATOCHEZIA**  
**,EARLY CIRDC**

**OWNER SURRENDER:**  
**LANDLORD WILL**  
**NOT ALLOW**

**"KILLED"**  
**BY NYCACC**

**KNOWS COMMANDS,**  
**EVEN HIGH FIVE**

**FRIENDLY, SHY**  
**AFFECTIONATE**  
**VERY SWEET**  
**LOVELY DISPOSITION**  
**L/W 4 KIDS 1-20:**  
**RESPECTFUL**  
**L/W LARGE & SMALL DOG:**  
**PLAYFUL**  
**L/W CAT WHEN HE WAS**  
**YOUNG: RELAXED**  
**BFF COMPANION BUDDY:**  
**FOLLOWS YOU AROUND,**  
**LIKES TO BE IN SAME ROOM**

**HEARTBROKEN, IN**  
**TEARS.....**  
**BOOGER WAS A GREAT**  
**DOG, GREAT WITH**  
**KIDS, DOGS & CATS**  
**HE WAS LOVED!!!!!!!**

**RESOURCE GUARDS**  
**WITH TREATS ONLY:**  
**not with food/toys,**  
**Trainable**

**WAS VERY**  
**LOVED BY**  
**HIS**  
**FAMILY**

Text by: @LesleyKempson

## ANIMAL SHELTER SYSTEM

Copy of email sent to Council Members:

### **Subject: Spay-Neuter-Kill?**

Why is NYCACC killing dogs soon after they're spayed & neutered? Why is having the treatable Kennel Cough an excuse to kill?

JASPER this sweet boy was NEUTERED (ASPCA) and KILLED by the NYC ACC.

Lying to elected officials:

Risa Weinstock to Senator Tony Avella:

"It does not make moral, financial or logistical sense to spay/ neuter an animal and then have them euthanized"

Matt Bershadker president and CEO of ASPCA signed this same letter.

The PR Person also sent a letter out to elected officials claiming to have an active foster program with 800 fosters when in fact there's only around 150 active right now and animals are being killed daily.

Claiming to advertise all the animals.

Discrediting Austin's NO Kill Shelter to elected officials in a private meeting.

Please be JASPER's voice, write your thoughts about Spay-Neuter- Kill, this disgusting and inhumane practice that is still continuing and any other changes you would like to see made at the NYCACC.

Sincerely,

Nasrene MacDonald,  
Rolla, MO 65401



## ANIMAL SHELTER SYSTEM

Copy of email sent to Assembly Members, Senators,

**Subject: PIT BULLS ARE DYING, AND THE PEOPLE WHO LOVE THEM ARE SUFFERING IN NEW YORK CITY! PLEASE STOP DISCRIMINATING AGAINST THESE DEVOTED FAMILY PETS!**

Dear Assembly Member / Senator,

I am writing today to urge you to act immediately on A1594 / S1878 to amend the public housing law to end discrimination against owners of large Dogs. Please move this important bill from the Housing Committee to the floor for a vote.

Urgent action on this issue is required as many Dogs are being torn from their beloved family members and are ending up at the New York City pound where they are now being killed on a daily basis!

This ugly form of discrimination is cruel to animals as well as the people who care about them, and it must come to an end. Passage of A1594 / S1878 would save thousands of purely innocent animals from a death sentence, and no one should ever have to choose between a beloved pet or having a place to live. It is unconscionable to put any person in this painful position.

Thank You for your immediate attention to this serious problem.

Sincerely,

Nasrene MacDonald,  
Rolla, MO 65401

## ANIMAL SHELTER SYSTEM

### BULLET LIST of ATROCITIES\*\*

- Disease Control
- Daily AT RISK LIST = Daily KILL LIST
- NO Direct Phone Contact for DAILY KILL LIST ... HANDS OFF PROTOCOL
- Lack of Outreach
- Improper Behavior evaluations
- Lack of Transparency
- Surrendering Animals inform the protocol and possibility of animal being euthanized
- Incompetent staff = UNQUALIFIED / UNPROFESSIONAL
- killed despite rescue efforts
- Killed despite approved adopter or rescue
- died shortly after leaving facility of virulent disease
- Required life saving measures once pulled
- died inside the facility or during transport
- languished and suffer in pain for days without proper treatment
- Botched surgeries
- Spay /neutered... Only to be kill listed the next day ... or 2

Sincerely,

Nasrene MacDonald,  
Rolla, MO 65401

## ANIMAL SHELTER SYSTEM

- > Sheila was killed that day, even as these protests were being emailed!
- >
- > Why is ASPCA & NYCACC inhumanely operating on dogs who they intentionally infect with CIRDC after surgery by exposing them to infection? Then they kill them after a couple of days!
- > People are upset at the daily killings! Now is young Sheila #23497 to be killed after tonight?
- > Matt Berkshader of ASPCA is a participant in this travesty!
- > Please help to stop this!
- >
- > Thank you!
- >
- > Nasrene MacDonald,
- > Rolla, MO 65401

## ANIMAL SHELTER SYSTEM

### CAPA FOR NYC ANIMALS!

“Observed Behavior- Very sweet” NYCACC killed a perfectly good dog for a treatable cold! So many good dogs are being killed! Killing every day with bogus and biased assessments! Empty cages!

Killing them after ASPCA neuters , spays, then dumped back in a filthy diseased “cell” to catch kennel cough so they can be killed! So immoral, unethical, sickening and unacceptable!

<https://www.nokilladvocacycenter.org/companion-animal-protection-act.html>



Look at this face-  
Killed  
@NYCACC

Sincerely,

Nasrene MacDonald,  
Rolla, MO 65401



## ANIMAL SHELTER SYSTEM

Please support the Companion Animal Protection Act :

<https://www.nokilladvocacycenter.org/companion-animal-protection-act.html>

Stop spaying, neutering and then killing animals soon after. Stop assessing stressed, grieving, abandoned animals before they've had a chance to adjust to their new environment! It's a far cry from a safe home, or even the streets where they've been fending for themselves and then suddenly brought in by strangers to be confined in a cage! These are sentient animals who need compassion & understanding! Instead, they're condemned on arrival with a bad assessment! Puppies & good family pets killed within a couple of days, it's heartbreaking!

Sincerely,

Nasrene MacDonald,  
Rolla, MO 65401

## End Euthanasia

To Whom It May Concern:

As a participant in the Change.org group, I am asking that the Animal Care Centers of NY consider a change in policy to end Euthanasia and go NO-KILL for their centers. I realize that there are two sides to every issue, but the research seems to indicate that far too often healthy animals that are “rescued” are not given a long enough presence to even be considered for a permanent home through adoption. I urge you to make a difference in this world and give the animals a chance at a loving home.

Thank you,

Frank and Deborah Gambone

Go No Kill Now!

I'm writing to respectfully request that the Animal Care Centers of New York City quit euthanizing animals and begin operating as no kill shelters. So many shelters across our country have become no kill. Even in the remote, rural area where I live, most of the shelters are no kill. Please let NYC keep up with the times and be the next place to change to no kill shelters. These animals deserve a chance to find forever homes, no matter how long it takes.

Thank you for considering my comments,  
Jane Miller  
Vienna, IL 62995

No kill shelters

Dear Sir

Even in Germany we are upset about the killing of shelter animals in your country!As you probably know, often they just have hours to find a family!And it doesn't matter,if they are young or seniors, if they are healthy or injured!Often volunteers ask for donatins to help them,because there is not even a vet at the shelter to take care for the animals!

To me,as a german,it's unbelievable that you call those places"shelter"!!

I know it can be different! It works in Germany!Even so we do save dogs from countries all over europe!

So please,do what ever you can to help those innocent cats and dogs!

Thank you so much in advance,

Christine Utzinger

NO KILL

Please end the killing of innocent animals ...

Regards

Chris Newbold

All animals are precious



Animal Care Centers of NYC

We have learned just how many animals are PTS in NYC shelters every day! No doubt, folks need to be educated on altering their pets so we no longer have such a surplus of unwanted dogs/cats, but might there be consideration for a change in policy to end euthanasia and go NO-KILL? Animals have no say in this matter but if they did they would choose LIFE! Rescue groups are willing to step up and help get these animals adopted out. Kindly consider this request as more than 5,000 petition signers are looking for you to be heroes and step up!

Thank you,

.

Marielle Marne & Steve Moore

## NYCACC becoming 'NO KILL' Shelter

To Whom It May Concern,

Making, NYCACC a 'NO Kill' shelter makes us all reflect on how fragile life is. These animals have NO SAY! Place yourselves in their position. You wake up one morning and your dragged out to be killed. You didn't do anything wrong, but your sentence is final. There isn't anyone to fight for your survival. Your final breathe is taken and NO ONE CARED! That's what it's like. You didn't matter. Gone. Your only an ID # that was over looked. This was your life. Senseless.

Please make this shelter 'NO KILL'. Give them a chance to find a forever home and become a companion, and protector returnoing the love for those who would vote to save them.

Sincerely,  
Catalina Roller

## ANIMAL SHELTER SYSTEM

Dear Council Members,

I am reaching out to you regarding the relentless killing of dogs and cats that takes place on a daily basis at the Animal Care Centers of NYC. As a taxpayer and compassionate animal lover, I am outraged by this and I am appealing to you for your help.

The most effective way to end the needless killing of our shelter animals in New York is for an elected NY lawmaker to sponsor the Companion Animal Protection Act (CAPA) which passed in the State of Delaware and has reduced the killing of shelter animals by 78%. Please review the following link for more information regarding CAPA- <https://www.nokilladvocacycenter.org/companion-animal-protection-act.html>.

If CAPA were the law in New York, Alonso, (please see attached picture) a dog that ended up at the ACC NYC, would be alive today. Instead, Alonso was neutered by the ASPCA on 10/13/17, suffered side effects, bleeding from the neuter in his kennel and was then kill listed 2 days later. On 10/16/17, Alonso was killed, despite all cross-posters and rescues making every effort to save his life! ACC didn't attend to his needs, just allowed him to suffer, which is truly inhumane, killing him was not the answer! Treating him for what he was suffering from would've been the right thing to do but we will never know because ACC chose to kill him! Alonso was failed by a broken, archaic and compassionless system that chooses to kill dogs and cats rather than proactively network them for adoption. I am outraged by this reprehensible and unacceptable practice of rushing to spay/neuter shelter animals only to kill them shortly thereafter.

As the Executive Director of ACC NYC, Risa Weinstock, and her principal enabler- the President of the ASPCA, Matthew Bershadker, stated in their October 2017 signed letter to NY State Senator Tony Avella, "It does not make moral, financial, or logistical sense to spay/neuter an animal and then have them euthanized". So why then is ACC NYC and ASPCA, doing exactly that? Our shelters and animal charities should be saving lives, not collaborating in killing animals.

Moreover, ACC NYC should be following the lead of Austin Animal Center in Texas which has an extensive Foster Network of 1,000 active Foster Families and places the vast majority (approximately 70%) of their animals from within the shelter rather than relying, as ACC NYC does on outside rescues to do their job for them. It is unacceptable for ACC NYC to have an in-house placement rate of only 30% while leaving the heavy lifting to others.

A Publicist for the ACC NYC has been claiming to elected officials that "ACC has an active foster program, with four full-time foster team staff members and more than 800 Foster Volunteers". However, the results of a recent Freedom of Information Law inquiry which was served on ACC NYC indicates otherwise. This inquiry revealed a grossly inadequate Foster Program with only 215 animals that are currently being fostered.

In contrast, Austin Animal Center, operating in a city which has a population that is 1/8th the size of New York City's, has 1,000 active Foster Families and puts ACC NYC to shame. In addition, Austin Animal Center. saves 99% of all dogs and 96% of all cats and never kills a healthy or treatable animal, unlike ACC NYC which routinely kills healthy and treatable animals every single day.

It is long overdue for New York Animal Care Centers to become No Kill! How many more Alonsos must wrongfully lose their lives before meaningful Shelter Reform is implemented?

As a lifetime New York City resident, I truly hope I live to see the day where the word "Care" in Animal Care Centers of NYC will become a reality.

8144 - 7 years old

# Alonso

OWNER DIED - PUP SAD & CONFUSED -  
Gorgeous with a beautiful brindle coat  
and coloring, handsome, compact,  
gentle, sweet, smart, responsive, good  
manners, lovely leash walker, seems  
housetrained, takes treats gently

@manhattan acc waiting for love



Hello Fall!

Please share for a new home

Thank you,

Tammi Cohn  
Bornx, NY

NYC every day euth

Please stop NY Acc from killing adoptable dogs every day and ever! Any excuses about kennel cold or behavior in most cases just an excuse to kill. I have a wonderful pit girl Asha from a kill list in March who is a sweetest dog ever, and saved an American bulldog in July by name Juny too. Unfortunately so many beautiful and great dogs were killed but all of them would be adopted into great families with more time and more care ( vet care and some basic training). Please see these wonderful dogs pics rescued from NY ACC because shelter wanted to kill thy hem.







Sincerely...Eleonora

No kill shelters

Please implement no-kill shelters. And address overpopulation and cruelty by imposing strict jail and monetary sentences to those who can not behave like responsible citizens.

Marty

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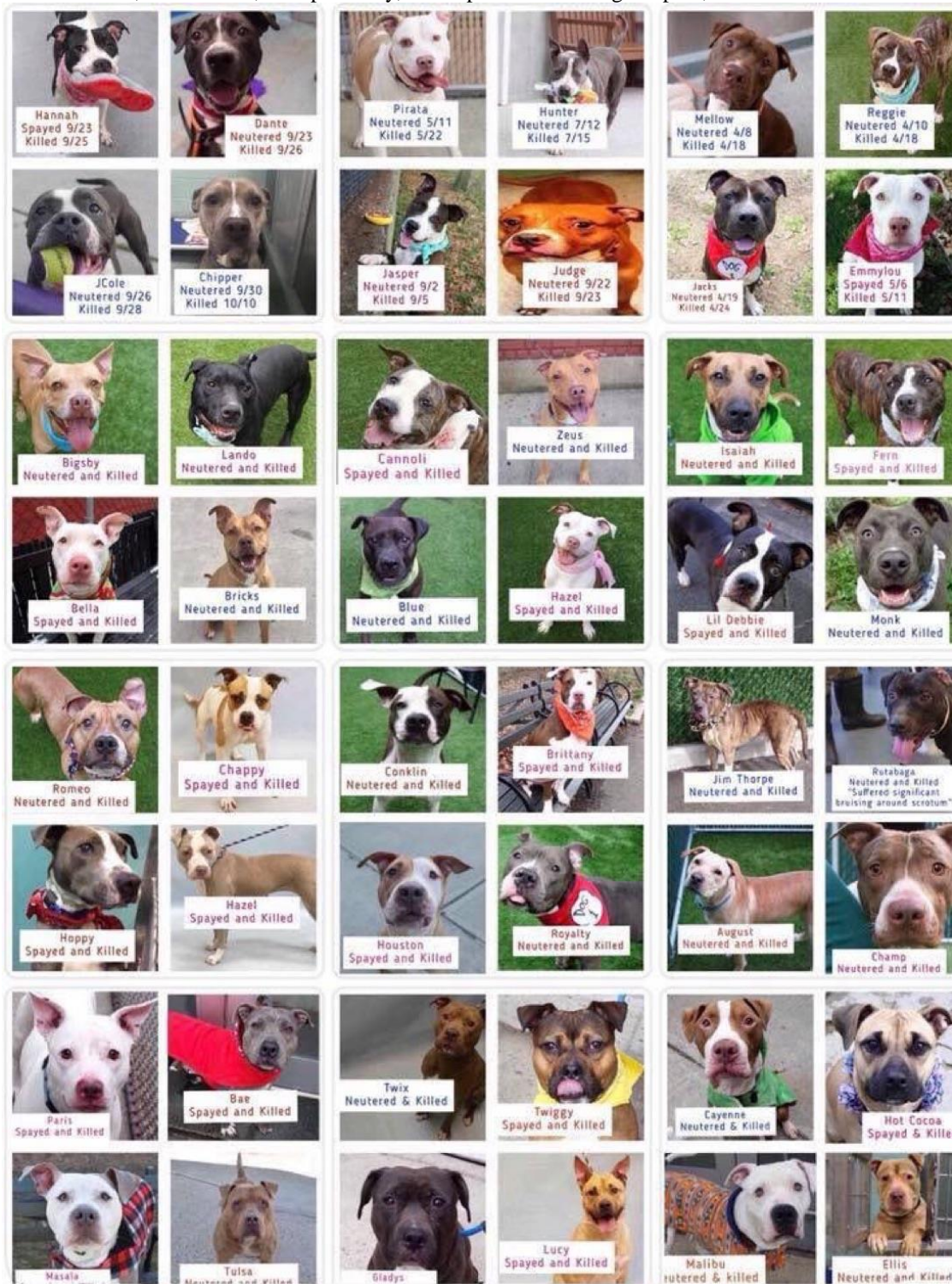
GERMANY, where the lessons of the past have been learned and being “humane” is exactly what it’s supposed to be! For humans and animals alike! Here is a shelter which looks after its animals! Training facilities. In Germany, people move with their animals! Elderly people keep their pets! This is how you take care of Companion Animals who humans created to comfort us, be our companions, fill the void of loneliness and in return you look after them in a loving way!

<https://www.worldcrunch.com/culture-society/welcome-to-the-world039s-biggest-and-best-run-animal-shelter>

Nasrene MacDonald,  
Rolla, MO 65401

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VICTIMS OF THE SPAY, NEUTER, KILL conducted by ASPCA and NYCACC! Please ask who did the operations! Veterinarian students learning how to do procedures on doomed Shelter Pets? One of the latest spaying done on CHLOE who was older, was in heat, bled profusely, after operation was in great pain, then killed!



Sincerely,

Nasrene MacDonald,  
Rolla, MO 65401

# ANIMAL SHELTER SYSTEM

Written testimony for Oversight Hearing of Animal Shelter System, Health Committee April 24, 2018

Dear Council Members,

I am writing to you about the atrocities occurring at the NYC Animal Care Centers. As a New Yorker, voter, adopter and volunteer for shelter animals, I ask you to read the following and take action to reform our shelter system. Animals are suffering and needlessly murdered, not euthanized. Euthanasia is an act of mercy for hopelessly sick or injured animals in a painless way. ACC facilities are inhumane.

Complaints and concerns:

**"MEDICAL" KILL NO DISEASE CONTROL.** Healthy animals arrive, sickened in facilities, and then killed for treatable illness such as kennel cough. Sickness is rampant. No medical attention, animals languish in pain, and CIRDC cases turning into Pneumonia. Dying in kennels and transport. Rescuers & Adopters incur massive bills for life saving treatment. Inhumane Extermination. Animals killed with vet notes stating very good prognosis. I have had my own experiences, spending exorbitant amounts for treatment. Almost every animal listed to be killed is sick. Where is the sanitary protocol published by veterinary centers to rid disease pathogens and keep animals healthy?

**"BEHAVIOR" KILL IMPROPER EVALUATIONS** Scared animals sentenced to death without time to decompress and acclimate. Shoving a pole with a hand attachment in the face of a traumatized or hungry animal is not an accurate assessment. These judgements are **DISPROVED** by video interaction with volunteers, in playgroups, and written accounts which clearly show adoptable, affectionate, playful, and often very submissive animals. Puppies killed for acting like puppies. The **CONTRADICTIONS** and **INCONSISTENCIES** between intake notes, testimonies, and justifications of killings are staggering. What animal facility continues to utilize tests which are proven to be **ARCHAIC** with recommendations of the safer developer and renowned behaviorists to discontinue portions that have no relevance?

Killing adoptable animals using the pretext of "medical" or "behavior" while space is NOT an issue is reprehensible. Please note: After 20 years of rescue, I am aware that some animals cannot be rehabilitated and pose a danger. However, that is a very small number and is not what is being addressed. Even so, those animals deserve to be euthanized humanely.

**SPAY/NEUTER-KILL** Surgically Altering at ASPCA knowing they will be returned to ACC and killed within a few days or less. ACC/ASPCA denies this heinous practice but, approximately 70 RECENT cases have been identified. After students practice their surgical skills on shelter animals it is the moral and ethical obligation of ACC/ASPCA to place them. It must be SPAY/NEUTER- ADOPT, anything else is cruelty and vivisection. Cases of botched surgeries.

**18 HOUR KILL LIST** Recently, ACC created the At-Risk FB page to post animals to be killed the following day. Previously, Urgent (volunteer group), published this list and saved countless lives. ACC At-Risk Page states it is unmonitored yet, it censors and blocks. Questions are not being answered. Potential fosters/adopters struggle through a confusing and daunting application process. Profiles are horrible and contain one photo (often unflattering). Sometimes information is incorrect, intake notes and dates are mixed up, and info can suddenly disappear. Difficulty with New Hope/Rescue Only process. Whether its laziness, incompetence, or an attempt for less transparency the innocent pay the price. In order to see a true representation of the animals' personalities one must seek out other FB pages for profiles created by volunteers that care about their fate. Not everyone knows to do this nor should they have to.

ACC claims they have 800 active fosters, 4 full time foster/outreach employees, and 300 New Hope approved rescues. If so, why is an 18 hour kill-list necessary? Advocates spend hours every night networking to save lives. Caring people across the country donate money to the rescues pulling these animals. It is heartbreaking & exhausting. Many NYC residents have no clue that NYCACC even exists.

**NO OUTREACH** Phone Calls to Adoption Center and Emails go UNANSWERED. Animals killed despite rescue efforts, applications in process, approved adopters, or reserved. Denying adopters that are approved at other shelters including the ASPCA. Incompetent Staff, Unprofessional and Uncaring. Some employees have no experience in animal welfare but, make life and death decisions.

**INACCURATE STATS** ACC operates without any accountability while deceiving the public with shiny photo ops. Providing smoke & mirror presentations to politicians detailing their success. ACC promotes a chart, created by Shelter Animals Count (Jan-June 2017), which deliberately fails to list per capita intake rates. NY intake rate, when viewed in proportion to it's huge population is one of the lowest in the country. Killing so many with low intake makes it one of the worst kill pounds. Are the animals that die in their cages, from illness after rescue, or "silent kills" included in stats? ACC does not have a 94% release rate. Why is Austin, TX and Reno, NV both successful No-Kill Shelters excluded from this chart? Are they a threat to the cruel, lazy, politically motivated, high-paid exterminators? ACC has the audacity to try and discredit Austin's success with baseless accusations. Advocates have contacted Austin directly and they were gracious in discussing their implementation of No-Kill and willing to answer further questions.

In the year ending 2017 total revenues, gains, and other support for ACC is about \$19.9 million. Their salaries for this period are about \$13 million, approximately 65% of the funds allocated for the year. That's quite a bit of money to pay out to an administration that can't keep animals healthy, doesn't answer phones, and offloads responsibilities to rescues that are financially struggling.

Article about positive economic impact of No-Kill



[http://www.kxan.com/news/local/austin/new-study-austins-no-kill-policy-has-157-million-economic-impact\\_20180312074646799/1031420997](http://www.kxan.com/news/local/austin/new-study-austins-no-kill-policy-has-157-million-economic-impact_20180312074646799/1031420997)

**VIOLATION OF CITIZENS RIGHTS** Complaining about inhumane conditions, abuses, or violations at shelters and demanding the government correct the wrongs identified is a constitutionally protected right under the First Amendment and 42 USC 1983 statute. Meanwhile, ACC violates rights by requiring signing of a Confidentiality Agreement for volunteers, rescuers, employees. The lack of transparency and dismissal for raising concerns must end. Those giving comfort & love to animals before they are killed are fearful to speak out. Rescues must be silent for fear of having pull status revoked. Also, ACC blocks citizens on social media for any reason, preventing them from sharing animals that urgently need to be saved.

What has changed since the horrifying Audit of 2015? Why is there NO citizens oversight board or a committee representing taxpayers? Why hasn't an investigation by an unbiased outside party been conducted? How many more years we going to be ignored, belittled, and have our intelligence insulted? Mayor De Blasio never fulfilled his campaign promise to reform after acknowledging it was needed. It is hard to believe that politicians don't know the racket ACC/DOH/ASPCA are running. Its pathetic that New Yorkers continue to beg for reform of an outdated inhumane system paid with their tax dollars.

NYC should be a leader in the Humane Movement. There is no shortage of solutions: progressive legislation, CAPA, outreach, infection control, establish oversight board, address NYCHA ban, joint efforts-rescues/media, breeding control, shelter pets in stores, humane education, and install a compassionate qualified director with a vision. Lets get to the root of the problem with aggressive control of the pet population. Provide free/low cost, mandatory sterilization clinics and vans citywide. A new facility will not improve lives without implementing changes.

Please draft up CAPA (Companion Animal Protection Act) and follow in the footsteps of other cities who have ended the killing of adoptable treatable animals. NYC can become NO KILL as advocated and defined by Maddie's Fund and Best Friends. Communities embrace humane shelters and flee from kill pounds. Volunteers and donors would increase. Only you have the power to make change happen. Please be the voice for the innocent animals of New York.

Sincerely,  
Phaedra Vassiliades

Please view examples. See links and then scroll down a bit to view photos & comments. Thank you.  
See Chloe and her videos. 9 yr old in heat. She should have been exempt from spay due to age and a dangerous procedure during heat. Nevertheless, ASPCA spayed, ACC sickened, and killed days later. She suffered a painful death.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/118206615335119/permalink/360845181071260/>

Adrian. Perfect. No Issues. Killed.

<https://www.facebook.com/scenttofalady/posts/10211314024500483>

Rocko 7 Months Old- proven family companion Killed & Chad gentle senior. Killed

<https://www.facebook.com/scenttofalady/posts/10211289039915884>

Luke Killed/ 1 Year Old- Highly Adoptable <https://www.facebook.com/scenttofalady/posts/10211271180189402>

Cherry Cola. Perfect Dog Killed For Kennel Cough <https://www.facebook.com/mldsavingnycdogs/posts/>

Smokey the bear. Neuter- kill. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/118206615335119/permalink/352370675252044/>

ASPCA/ACC Some neuter/spay-Kill victims. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/118206615335119/permalink/356074951548283/>

Alonso- botched surgery & killed with resources to save him. <https://www.facebook.com/andrew.weprin/posts/10155770556474262>

Briana. Example of Perfect Adoptable Animals Altered then Kill Listed.

<https://www.facebook.com/mldsavingnycdogs/posts/70793469605947>

DROOL STUDY

<https://www.facebook.com/deb.lancaster.9/posts/10216053069541236>

KILLED

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How does a pet who was kissing and hugging merit the death sentence? How can “volunteers” go through every day, for years, and not finally, just accept the fact this country Kills Companion Animals for “administrative” reasons and one just accepts it? Sweet little Macy didn’t have to be at NYCACC, if it wasn’t for BSL, NYCHA BAN or a Landlord threatening the family with eviction! Where does any family move these days when they’re forced to rent in New York City?

Today, her brother JACE will die ! Maybe that “nice guy” will take him on his last walk! Why because these pups were freaked out by being abandoned, dragged to NYCACC, given barely any time to adjust, before landing on the kill list!

Other countries have No Kill Shelters! So do many cities! New York City should be the leader not known as one of the worst! Social Media spreads every image of dead NYCACC Companion Animals far and wide, around the world!

UNBELIEVABLE ...

A volunteer writes:

“Macy left us this minute. I am not too sad. We spent a good half an hour on the floor of iso , smooching. The best lap dog ever. She even kissed and hugged the handler ( the nicest guy) who took her to the room. “

So never brought out to see the light of day and the 9 million potential adopters but she kissed the killer and that’s great...

<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10216810147950236&set=gm.361710727651372&type=3>



Thank you,

Nasrene MacDonald,  
Rolla, MO 65401

## KILLINGS Of Many Adoptable Dogs & Cats

I am an animal advocate and I tweet about many animals from shelters across the United States in hopes they get adopted. However, I have seen so many from your shelter killed within too short of time. Please become a No Kill Sanctuary for these innocent Animals.

Linda Perrin

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Dear Sirs,

I send you my unfavorable testimony to you and your way of managing the lives for which you have been responsible for reponsables. the animals that come to you, as the competent organ of the New York government, are entrusted to you and from that moment you are reponsable for them, as adoptive parents of orphans. if you ran an orphanage, would you ever kill a child? no. because he is innocent. like the animals of which you are the foster parents. I also want to testify as a volunteer that every day, from Italy, for years, helps in overcoming adoption of animals locked up in your shelters. here in Italy what you do and pure madness, in reality so many things that you Americans do, for us or pure madness, but this fact of killing animals as if there was no tomorrow, and shocking. I can assure you, as an Italian, that with organization and sense of the word, you can find a home for all the animals. finally, history teaches that change and the way. I said everything.

Yours sincerely.

Valentina Medini - Italia

## Animal Shelter System

Dear Council Members and Staff:

I am literally I'll thinking about what Animal "Care" Centers do to animals and people each day.

The nightly kill lists of helpless animals that were never promoted properly is meant to replace adoption events and outreach by ACC employees.

Can you please research why Risa Weinstock is being paid to lie to elected officials from everything to Austin not being a true no kill shelter ( when indeed they are) to both her and Matt Bershadker endless lies about animals not being spayed, neutered and killed.

Pictured below is Chloe, a 9 year old dog killed Tues after made to undergo a spay surgery.

Firstly, for many reasons it is very dangerous to spay an older dog and the fact that she was in heat is even more dangerous.

May I ask who oversees this operation and this organization?

I understand you will be meeting to address issues people have with the ACC and I want to plead with you to end this barbaric and cruel fast tracking operation.

Currently there are almost 100 animals who have been made to suffer with these surgeries only to be killed days later. This is as Risa Weinstock and Matt Bershadker admitted in their letters lying to Senator Avella "morally, ethically and logistically" wrong. So why is this continuing to happen???

It's very disturbing the lies that are being told to elected officials. These organizations need to be researched and a committee needs to be formed that can regulate and follow what is happening here.

Are you aware that in 2016 only 2681 dogs were adopted in the ENTIRE year in a city of 9 million people??

Did you know that in 2017, these statistics dropped by 59 dogs adopted to ONLY 2622 dogs adopted in the ENTIRE year. Who is looking into a decline in productivity?? These are lives we are talking about here. No successful business is happy being less successful year after year.

Can someone please look into WHY NYCACC feels the need to hold covert meetings with elected officials and try to undermine the success of other OPEN ADMISSIONS Municipal Shelters such as Austin who works very hard to place 99% of their animals by actually hard work, adoption events, getting into the community, involving the business community in their outreach efforts. I have been in touch with Austin officials and they know what NYCACC has been saying about them and believe me they are NOT happy. They worked very hard to be one of the finest shelters in the country. It speaks volumes that NYCACC has to stoop to such levels to undermine these fine shelters.

Nycacc is an embarrassment to the entire world.

They rely totally on terroristic threats everyday. Take this animal or we will kill it is the mentality we see each evening. They claim to have a 93% live release rate but these figures are flawed as there are specific categories they don't even count.

The community they choose NOT to work with despises how hands off they are as they expect random people to do their job everyday. It's a real disgrace that the taxpayers are paying for this incompetence.



More people are becoming aware and speaking out. They want change. The animals deserve better. The current administration that is fine terrorizing the public with death threats must leave.

New, creative marketing professionals need to replace them.

This is NOT rocket science. A good % of the 5 Boroughs don't even know ACC exists let alone the need for help.

They go to great lengths to persevere a facade on social media by blocking and censoring anyone who might comment about Austin.

Austin's success is NYCACC worst nightmare because Austin proves that hard work is what is needed for a shelter to be No Kill.

Nycacc is lazy. They don't want to work. They want to continue to threaten death, be hands off and let the online community do THEIR job.

Please look into CAPA legislation, making NYC a no kill community, making the animals visible to the public by taking them OUT so the 9 million NYERs can actually see them at Adoption events!

Please I beg you to stop this horrific practice of spaying, neutering and killing animals.

The info on these animals is made available on the [nycacc.org](http://nycacc.org) website daily. You can read the medical notes each day. Hannah was sick from her spay surgery and was vomiting either from pain or the pain medication after her surgery and was killed a day later, Rutabaga suffered significant bruising around scrotum after his surgery and before he was killed, Alonso suffered a scrotal hematoma after his surgery at ASPCA and was killed days later at ACC. I foiled this information and it's all well documented. Please let me know if you need further information.

Please this MUST end. NYC MUST do better. There are people who would do these jobs free because they actually CARE! Please look into removing certain ACC Staff who obviously are oblivious to running a successful business.

Thank you for your time.

Meg Whyte

Letters showing Risa Weinstock and Matt Bershadker lying to Sen Avella :



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October 10, 2017

*Via mail and email*

Tony Avella  
State Senator  
11<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District  
3850 Bell Blvd., Suite C  
Queens, NY 11361-2028

Dear Senator Avella,

Thank you for reaching out to ACC and the ASPCA to seek the facts concerning our spay/neuter practices. We welcome these kinds of conversations as they are opportunities to dispel untruths. This response is sent on behalf of both organizations.

Ms. [REDACTED] allegation is unequivocally untrue. There is no practice - new, old, or otherwise, of ACC or the ASPCA spaying or neutering animals and then euthanizing them directly after. We strive to alter all of our animals before they are adopted so that when they are selected for adoption or rescue placement, they are ready to leave our care centers that day. By altering animals that are available for adoption, we increase the likelihood of that animal being adopted. The ASPCA provides tens of thousands of subsidized spay/neuter surgeries to shelters, rescues, and individuals around NYC, and ACC is one of the groups that receives these services.

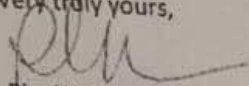
Laws require that all animals adopted from our shelter to be spayed or neutered with limited exception before leaving our care. Unaltered animals in ACC's care that have not been adopted and, due to behavior and/or medical issues, are at risk for euthanasia, would never be spayed or neutered. It does not make moral, financial, or logistical sense to spay/neuter an animal and then have them euthanized.

As you will see in our stats, ACC is currently saving over 90% of the animals we take in: <http://www.nycacc.org/Statistics.htm>. Every year, the placement numbers increase and we are proud of the progress that we've made, with the support of the ASPCA, making NYC a leader in animal sheltering nationwide. If you are interested, I invite you to visit one of our care centers to see the work that our compassionate staff is doing to help NYC's animals every day.

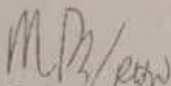
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We hope we can count on you to spread awareness to your constituents about the life-saving work we are doing to protect the city's most vulnerable animals and help correct misinformation like this. Please do not hesitate to contact us (ACC or ASPCA) with any questions.

Very truly yours,



Risa Weinstock  
President & CEO



Matt Bershadker  
President & CEO  
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November 7, 2017

Tony Avella  
State Senator  
38-50 Bell Boulevard, Suite C  
Bayside, New York 11361

Dear Senator Avella:

Thank you for reaching out again on behalf of Ms. ~~Chloe~~ regarding ACC's practices and policies. Most recently, Ms. ~~Chloe~~ inquired about the dog named Hannah (A1125871), relevant to her belief that ACC has implemented a new policy of spaying/neutering/euthanizing animals. As explained in our previous letter to you, ACC has no such policy.

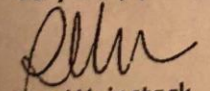
Where Hannah is concerned, she displayed behavioral concerns when she came into the shelter. We anticipated that despite this challenging behavior, she would be selected by a specialist rescue partner, and therefore she was spayed. Unfortunately, she was not selected by a rescue partner, and with her behavioral challenges escalating, our team felt it was best to proceed with euthanasia. This unfortunate case was an anomaly and not the norm.

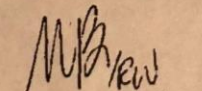
We never make these decisions lightly or without pursuing every option for each animal.

In 2017, month over month, ACC has placed over 90% of all animals that have come to us. In the month of September alone, we spayed/neutered and placed 6,664 animals.

We hope this information provides clarification you were seeking. We appreciate the opportunity to answer your questions and speak about our lifesaving work.

Very truly yours,

  
Risa Weinstock  
President & CEO

  
Matt Bershadker  
President & CEO  
ASPCA

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Medical info on sweet Chloe showing she was in pain after her spay surgery at ASPCA and before killed  
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## Anesthesia Summary: Canine OHE

### Pre Medication:

Morphine 25mg/mL injectable, 0.39mL IM, once.

Dexmedetomidine 0.5mg/mL injectable, 0.16mL IM, once.

### Induction:

Ketamine 100mg/mL injectable; 0.59mL IV, once.

Propofol 10mg/mL injectable; 3.6ml IV, once.

### Anesthesia notes: Anesthesia notes:

Size 9fr. ET tube placed, maintained general anesthesia throughout procedure on variable Isoflurane and 2L/min O<sub>2</sub>. Size 3L rebreathing bag.

Intraoperative IV fluids (LRS) administered at a rate of 200mL/hr throughout procedure.

Catheter placement- R Cephalic vein.

### NSAID:

Rimadyl 50mg/mL injectable, 0.79mL, SQ, once post operatively, for post operative pain relief.

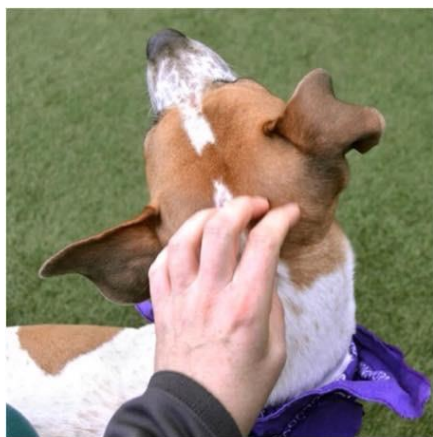
### Recovery Status:



Videos and pictures of Chloe an adorable dog that should have been marketed properly to the 9 million NYers, but instead was made to suffer and was killed.

[https://youtu.be/n7hV41cM2\\_A](https://youtu.be/n7hV41cM2_A)

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## NYC ANIMAL SHELTER SYSTEM

Hello everyone,

I am an active advocate of animals, mostly dogs, that enter the doors of NYCACC. Every night when the TBD list appears there are many of us on Twitter actively trying our best for these dogs, tweeting, tagging, pledging, sending to rescues.... begging. But the killing still continues.

I'm in CA and if I wasn't on the other side of the country I would DEFINITELY be at this meeting. But it's too far for me to travel so I'm sending this email. These animals have NO VOICE, they are often terrified, healthy on intake but killed for either behavior (acting out in defense) or CIRDC or pneumonia.

My points below are as follows:

1. No disease control - healthy animals arrive and are killed for treatable illness - a cold. NYCACC offer no medical attention, they don't seem to worry if animals are in pain or suffering, medically or emotionally. There are many cases of CIRDC that have turned into pneumonia. Best case scenario for these dogs is that they get out, a rescue saves them at a cost to that rescue of thousands of dollars and many weeks of extreme suffering. Worst case scenario they are killed by NYCACC or they die a slow and painful death in their kennel or whilst being transported.
2. Surgical alteration of animals by ASPCA. Many people ask the question if these animals are being used as 'practice' and 'targets' for spay/neuter at ASPCA since there is a common theme that many get surgery just a few days before being placed on the kill list.... and are often killed sometimes as soon as the following day. Some get butchered so badly they've been known to be bleeding to death in their kennels. Again this goes pretty much unnoticed by NYCACC until the end, when they realize the animal is nearly dead and then is inhumanely killed. Why put a dog through a spay or neuter, not give them any recovery time and then kill them within hours? NYCACC state they spay/neuter to prepare an animal for adoption. One would surmise that there are other reasons for this spay/neuter procedure since it is incomprehensible to put a dog through surgery to kill him/her hours later. What do NYCACC get from ASPCA for spay/neutering these animals? Are they paid by ASPCA to do this? Is this part of an income that NYCACC receive and this is why its done?
3. The daily kill list gives us 18 hours at best to help these animals. The list is released at 6pm, sometimes dogs are added later to the list, giving them an extremely small chance of survival. Eight of the 16 hours on the kill list are those that are used for sleeping and have very low activity. Some dogs in the past have been marked dead, then ended up being alive. Some are marked alive and ended up being dead. All this, coupled with the fact that there is such a limited time to help these animals, NYCACC are extremely unhelpful, do not answer their phones, email enquiries go unanswered for days, potential adopters get frustrated, upset and often go elsewhere. Animals die because of lack of care and incompetence.
4. For the lucky animal who either gets an adopter who has reserved them online, or a rescue who wants to get them, NYCACC have been known many times to REFUSE to hand over the dog or cat, stating the animal is 'aggressive' or 'too sick'. Adopters have been devastated many times after paying their money online and reserving their animal to arrive with NYCACC refusing to hand over the animal and that animal is subsequently murdered. Rescues have

had similar experiences many times, especially with those dogs that NYCACC label 'aggressive' when they refuse to hand them over and again some never make it out alive.

5. NYCACC assessment processes are archaic, bias, completely unfair, discriminatory and do not allow any animal time to decompress. Many of these animals are terrified to be there, brought in after being loved and in a home for years, or some are still puppies, so young and scared, they need time and compassion to settle. Some have been living on the streets, alone and scared. NYCACC does not offer any kind of patience or compassion. Poking them with poles and fake hands trying to get a reaction out of a dog who is so afraid, stressed and depressed is not an accurate indicator of aggression. Consequently, any kind of reaction they get is deemed as aggressive, so the dog is promptly marked New Hope Rescue (NHR), meaning one of their approved rescues have to save them. So many people on twitter have come out and stated that they adopted an 'aggressive' animal from NYCACC only to find the animal out of the shelter is the complete opposite. For those marked NHR, some are still given nice photos, videos and basic notes but there is a definite stand out for those that only get one photo showing a terrified face in a dark depressing kennel and no interaction notes or video. These dogs are mostly quickly murdered the following day. It is easy to predict these dogs will be killed, despite the fact that they have often received excellent notes from their owners on surrender. They are definitely 'marked targets' and we have learnt that there is absolutely nothing anyone can do to save their lives.

Below is a dog called JACE who is on today's kill list. He has barely a shred of a chance of surviving the end of the day, take a look at his profile and read what nycacc have written about him. Now look at this profile on Must Love Dogs an advocating Facebook page for NYCACC dogs. You would think you're reading about two completely different dogs. Now check back in a few days and see if he's dead. I have no doubt in my mind, he will be murdered today and there's absolutely nothing any of us can do to save him.

<https://www.facebook.com/ACC.OfficialAtRiskAnimals/photos/a.259431757931696.1073741914.228723884335817/259435994597939/?type=3&theater> . - NYCACC's profile

<https://www.facebook.com/mldsavingnycdogs/photos/a.428526917333584.1073742030.112453902274222/710896819096591/?type=3&theater> - Must Love Dogs profile

6. Notes on animals - many notes are done without care or thought for these animals. Animal is 2yo, then 5yo, then 8yo all on the same page. A male dog can have an injury to vulva. Notes can start with one name of a dog and half way through another dog is named. Some notes can come across as EXTREMELY DISCRIMINATORY and NON-PROMOTIONAL to an animal and yet videos and volunteer notes say the opposite. ALL these anomalies are another death sentence for any animal who has such a short time span in which to be saved.

7. Lost animals - NYCACC seem to be efficient with getting animals quickly on the TBD lists. Animals are sometimes brought in and they are on the kill list within just a few days. Again no decompression, probably hardly any time to do any assessments or write any real notes or actually have any time to monitor the animal. It almost appears to be 'a death sentence' the moment they walk through the door. Their fates are sealed. Some of these animals have been lost and there have been occasions when owners finally find their lost dog or cat after only a couple of days to find that NYCACC have worked so efficiently and killed them before they've even found them.

8. Why do NYCACC staff have to sign NDA agreements to work there? This poses the question on what practices go on in this shelter system and how humane their practices are that they feel the need to 'hide' things. If NYCACC feel the need to gag people in order not to speak out, assumptions have to be made regarding processes and whether they are legal and humane.

9. Without the kind volunteers I can't imagine what this shelter would be like for these animals. These volunteers are the only people they have. The staff, management and top level directors of this shelter system are incompetent, uncaring, have no compassion for animals. They are extremely discriminatory against certain types of animals, label animals unfairly in order for an excuse to kill and lastly, allow them to become so desperately ill and consequently get on the TBD list for this reason. Jace above is a prime example of discrimination.

10. Whenever there are adoption promotions, why aren't the TBD list animals allowed to go? Is it because they're dead dogs? They're going to die anyway? Is death a certainty for them? Again, for these dogs to be allowed out in the community no doubt there would be adoptions and people would see what amazing animals they are. Do NYCACC actually want to save these animals? Why do they choose NOT to actively promote these animals?

11. The 2015 audit showed that NYCACC was using outdated medicines to treat dogs. With millions of taxpayer monies going in to this 'shelter' whose sole purpose is to help animals why are they not receiving the due care they deserve? Where is all this money going? Risa Weinstock is not worthy of a huge salary and neither is other management making these decisions. Again why are there so many dogs murdered under Summer Dolder's Manhattan shelter? It appears that all the money seems to go everywhere but towards animal care.

12. Murder with no sedation. I have seen a letter written by Risa Weinstock myself with her stating that 'sedation adds extra duress to these animals' and therefore this is not used at NYCACC. This is the furthest thing from humane you could possibly imagine. How are these innocent dogs and cats killed? When NYCACC state this dog has been 'humanely euthanized', how? How can a dog be humanely euthanized without sedation? Is this even possible? Do the staff sit for 10 or 15 minutes and watch the dog or cat die slowly painfully in panic whilst they're looking at their phones? I would love, or maybe not so much, to know what goes on inside this shelter when it comes to their practices of killing these poor animals.

13. Why have this long list of NH rescues and only a handful of rescues ever save these animals? What are all these other rescues doing? Why are they on this list if they're doing nothing? There are rescues who would definitely consider rescuing from NYCACC but THEY'RE NOT ALLOWED TO. There are adopters who would love to adopt a certain dog who live outside the four hour travel time, AGAIN THEY'RE NOT ALLOWED TO. NYCACC would rather kill the dog even though someone wants to adopt the dog... and this has been done many times. Why not set up a system that if someone is willing to adopt a dog outside the zoned area, work with them and help them do this? Set up protocols giving people the chance to adopt from further away, give these animals more time if there is someone interested in them. Animals are KILLED frequently with adopters and rescues desperately trying to adopt them. This is NOT Animal Care, this is incompetence and cruelty. Animal Care is actively doing everything possible for animals to be adopted into happy homes. NYCACC don't vet their adopters well, many occasions dogs are returned due to a poor fit, and this alone is a death sentence. They're straight on the kill list and often dead within hours. There was one case recently that a dog was adopted and was so sick he made it home, was taken straight to

the vet and died there. Some animals are returned because they are so sick and have been taken to the vet only for the adopter to discover they will need to pay hundreds if not thousands of dollars to get them well again. It appears there is no care or comprehensive checks that go towards who adopts these animals or whether or not they need vital medical treatment before they leave. Again complete incompetence which works against the animal's welfare.

14. Why are dogs silently killed? Silently killed as in having extremely basic notes, never on the kill list, but just appearing in the 'gone' folder. Why is this? There is never an explanation. What makes a dog or cat so bad that they choose to kill without any promotion, any chance of adoption or rescue?

15. Why are notes changed after dogs have been killed? Networker comments are often deleted because they state facts on how NYCACC have dealt with these animals, usually extremely discriminatory and unfairly. Spay/neuter notes are often taken out after a dog has been killed. Is this so that regular people can't see that the animal has been spayed or neutered just hours before being killed? Or that there was two people actively trying to adopt a dog yet NYCACC still went ahead and murdered him/her? All this information is captured and tracked by many networkers because many are aware of NYCACC's deceit to DELETE VITAL INFORMATION in order to cover up FACTS.

16. We all know pledges on these dogs attract rescues which in turn saves lives but there have been countless incidents of pledges on acc Facebook page BEING DELETED. One particular person wrote recently that she pledged 3 TIMES on a dog and every pledge was deleted. Her pledge did not contain derogatory language or insult, just a monetary pledge to help a dog. This is no coincidence. Why is this happening? Who is deleting them? Are NYCACC deleting them because they really want to kill this dog and are trying to lessen the dog's chance of survival? You have to question the motivation to do this. What are NYCACC gaining from killing a dog or a cat? Are they really selling these dead animals onto rendering plants and further making an income from this also? It often has been said the heavier the dog, the more likely they are to die, often it's the biggest dogs who get the least time and chances, and we all know rendering plants pay by weight. No one knows for sure but there is a definite link of weight versus chances of survival and questions and investigations need to be instigated regarding this.

18. Lastly, many of us are actively advocating for support of CAPA - Companion Animal Protection Act. Animals are suffering immensely and often needlessly murdered. Euthanasia is an act of mercy for hopelessly sick or injured animals to help them pass in a painless way. NYCACC do not carry out euthanasia, this is MURDER in its simplest form.

I struggle to comprehend how NYC, with millions of taxpayer dollars funding this shelter system, can kill so many animals. We know NYCACC have enough kennels to support these animals, yet there are sometimes up to 16 dogs on the TBD list, and similar numbers of cats. Why is there such a rush to kill? Some have been in just for a couple of days and given NO CHANCE. This shelter system might as well be DEATH ROW sentence for these animals, except these animals are INNOCENTS having done absolutely nothing wrong except to be rejected by their owners.

In the 21st century, a world class city and one of the most powerful and well respected countries in the world why is this happening? If i was reading these facts I would not equate this to happening in the USA, but it is. Innocent dogs don't get care or attention, they're not able to communicate, they are locked away, judged, discriminated against and lined up to



kill. When will all this end? Why does NYCACC continue to get away with these cruel practices?

Anita Clarke

## ANIMAL SHELTER SYSTEM

Terrified at NYCACC, but was settling down! Thrown away from his family! Of course, he was upset, he's a sentient being! No time given to decompress or adjust! Railroaded & fast tracked to his death!



**LOVE, LOVE, LOVE KING**  
HE IS A SUPER SWEETIE, THAT IS JUST  
SHY, AFRAID,  
HE LOVED THE CAT SO HE HAS TO BE  
PRETTY NICE.

**AFRAID AT THE ACC,**  
HE NEEDS  
TIME TO ADJUST: PLEASE  
RESCUE HIM

**BROOKLYN ACC**

**KING**  
**24935**  
**GORGEOUS**  
**6 YR BOY**

**OWNER**  
**SURRENDER:**  
SHE HAS NO  
TIME

**OWNER HAS**  
KING FOR 6  
YEARS

**“KILLED”**  
**BY NYCACC**

**I AM HEARTBROKEN**  
**DEVASTATED**  
**TEARS ARE NOT ENOUGH**  
**“KING” WAS A FABULOUS DOG**  
**AN ABSOLUTE SWEETIE**  
**THIS IS INSANITY**  
**I HOPE THAT THOSE RESPONSIBLE**  
**ROT IN HELL**

**WAS VERY FRIENDLY AT INTAKE**  
UNTIL HE WAS GIVEN VACCINES:  
POOR THING IS JUST VERY AFRAID

**FRIENDLY,**  
**SHY OF STRANGERS**  
**AFFECTIONATE**  
**VERY SWEET**  
**PLAYFUL**  
**GENTLE**  
**L/W CAT: AFFECTIONATE, BFFs**  
**LOVELY DISPOSITION**  
**WHEN LEFT ALONG IN THE HOUSE**  
**HE IS WELL BEHAVED**  
**SWEET PERSONALITY**  
**BFF COMPANION BUDDY:**  
**FOLLOWS YOU AROUND**

Text by: @LesleyKempson

## ANIMAL SHELTER SYSTEM

Copy of emails sent to Senators:

**Subject: PLEASE END PET DISCRIMINATION!**

Dear Senator,

I am writing today to please ask you to support bill #S1878 (the bill which would amend the public housing law in relation to discrimination against owners of specific breeds of dogs and weight restrictions) and move it out of the out of the Housing Construction & Community Development Committee and on to the floor for a vote.

It's important to address this issue ASAP as numerous great dogs are being torn from their beloved family members and ending up at the New York City Animal Care Center Shelters to be killed. These shelters are a nightmare for any animal that enters it doors.

This type of discrimination is unacceptable and must end. You can be instrumental in making that happen.

This bill has the potential to save thousands of animals from a death sentence and no one should ever have to choose between getting rid of a pet or having a place to live.

It is unconscionable to put any person and animal in this position. For many people these animals are like a family member and to have no recourse but to put an animal in a shelter that can end up killed, has far reaching devastating effects. These animals offer love, companionship and so much more to New Yorkers'.

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Nasrene MacDonald,

Rolla, MO 65401

## ANIMAL SHELTER SYSTEM

Copy of email to Dr. Bassett

**Subject: NYCACC - KILLING ANIMALS BECAUSE OF KENNEL COUGH!**

Dr. Mary Bassett,  
Commissioner,  
NYC DOH

Dear Dr. Bassett,

I don't live in NYC but, like so many dog lovers across this country, we're well aware of NYCACC and their TBD lists of adoptable dogs! Killed within a few hours of being posted, barely given a chance for foster or adoption! The list of concerned animal lovers is growing. People on social media are now very aware of their senseless deaths! Apparently they aren't even sedated before being injected with a lethal injection of poison, dying in agony!

So what's the main excuse for killing them? TREATABLE KENNEL COUGH! Nearly every dog contracts it in these filthy, disease-ridden old "shelters" but it's so convenient to murder them for it! Not that another pretext wouldn't be found instead!

Why are so many dogs being "neutered" prior to being "euthanized"? Barely recovering, they're led to their deaths!

Nearly every animal killed is HEALTHY OR EASILY TREATABLE!

Other countries are no kill and so are many US cities! There was a promise to make NYC "No Kill" over four years ago so, why are we still waiting?

Sincerely,

Nasrene MacDonald  
Rolla, MO

P.S. if you're unaware of concerns, I am adding heartbreaking video of amazing volunteer, David Klimovich breaking down - begging for the poor animals!

He left, moved out of NYC In frustration,

Please watch [https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=asQX9\\_9xk2M](https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=asQX9_9xk2M)

## ANIMAL SHELTER SYSTEM

### **Subject: NY Dept of Health: Stop from Performing Surgical Alters on NY-ACC Dogs and Cats Before Placement**

It has come to the attention of the dog and cat loving community around New York Animal Control that facility directors are allowing dogs and cats to be spayed and neutered, probably by students for practice, before being placed on the kill list.

There are several reasons why we, the dog and cat loving community of NY and beyond, disagree with this new policy that seems to be in place since about January 2017:

1. DISEASED FACILITY: The atmosphere of a proven diseased facility does not lend itself to the proper environment for an animal to recover postoperatively. It is testified by prior volunteers that the separation of sick animals from well animals from postop animals is an abject failure. Perfectly healthy cats and dogs are surrendered to this facility and drop dead within two days from the diseased conditions, let alone having to be housed there with fresh wounds from surgery.

I just signed the petition "NY Dept of Health: Stop from Performing Surgical Alters on NY-ACC Dogs and Cats Before Placement" and wanted to see if you could help by adding your name.

Our goal is to reach 7,500 signatures and we need more support. You can read more and sign the petition here:

<http://chn.ge/2oHwrGN>

Thanks!  
Nasrene MacDonald,  
Rolla, MO 65401



## ANIMAL SHELTER SYSTEM

Copy of correspondence sent to Assembly Member Glick:

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Nasrene MacDonald  
**Date:** April 4, 2018 at 2:07:04 PM CDT  
**To:** Deborah Glick <[glickd@nyassembly.gov](mailto:glickd@nyassembly.gov)>  
**Subject: Re: NYC ACC**

Dear Assembly Member Glick,

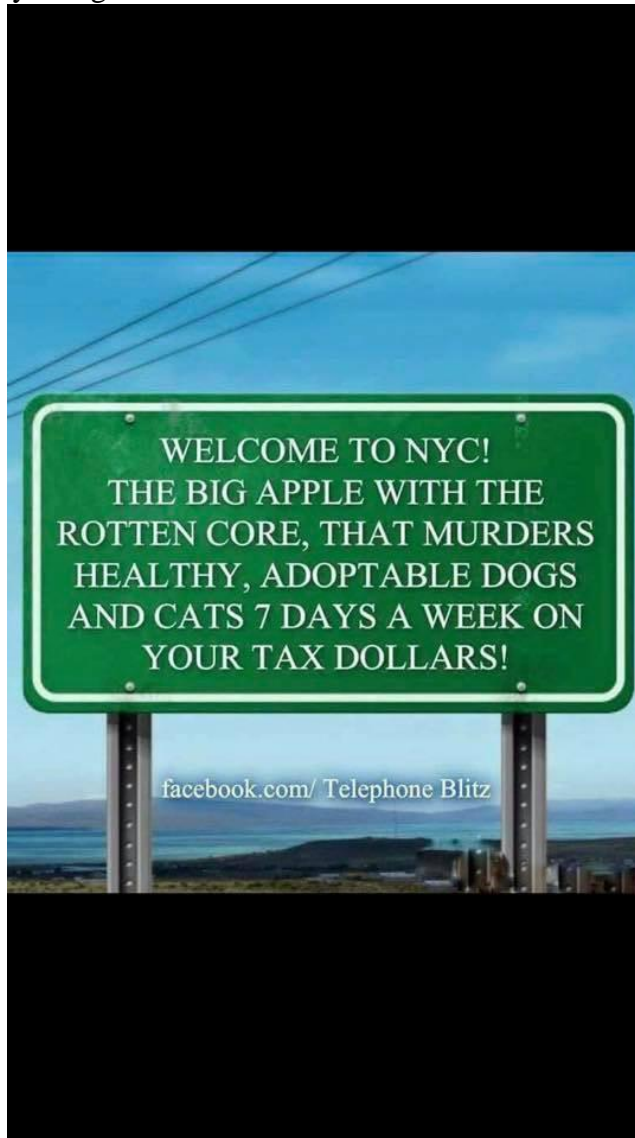
Please read our concerns! You really think Spay, Neuter & Kill isn't a moral & ethical scandal? Killing animals even with adoption applications pending? You may be misinformed and your faith in NYC ACC and ASPCA is misplaced. Contrary to erroneous belief that there are too many animals with not enough space - the opposite is true. NYCACC takes in less dogs now than in the past and kills even when there are empty cages. In fact, NYCACC claims to have taken in approximately 6,000 fewer animals in 2017 than in the previous year. This means that with a current total intake of approximately 22,000 animals and a surrounding population of 8.5 million New Yorkers to absorb those animals, New York now has THE LOWEST per capita intake rate of any major shelter system in the entire nation. Yet, NYCACC still killed thousands of healthy and treatable animals last year for harmless colds and manufactured behavioral issues, making NYCACC among the worst performing high Kill ponds in the country. Furthermore, NYCACC has been promising New Yorkers No Kill Shelter Reform since 2003. To state they are moving "slowly" towards a "true no-kill Shelter System" is a gross understatement if not laughable. In addition, your statement that there is insufficient funding in the richest city in America is incorrect. The time is well overdue for a No Kill NYCACC.

Sincerely,  
Nasrene MacDonald,  
Rolla, MO 65401

## ANIMAL SHELTER SYSTEM

### **Subject: Please support Companion Animal Protection Act!**

The heartbreaking reality and thank goodness, the public are waking up to this horror! New York City should be the beacon leading this country towards a humane way to treat our pets! How about a ban on Puppy Mills? How about stopping landlords from evicting family pets! How about pet friendly housing? How about discriminating against those who can't afford their own homes so they're at the mercy of landlords, have to get "rid" their pets? Stop using discrimination, BSL, against certain dog breeds! It's not the breed but the person who brings them up! Where are the new promised shelters? Why are diseased shelters deliberately being used to select victims to kill? A treatable cold to kill?



Sincerely,

Nasrene MacDonald,  
Rolla, MO 65401  
Sent from my iPad

On Apr 13, 2018, at 8:52 AM, Nasrene MacDonald wrote:

NYCACC has one of the most deplorable & disease-infested environments, so much so that animals that are perfectly healthy 1 day are dying of respiratory bacteria & choking to death in their kennels only 2 days later. Why is ASPCA doing surgical procedures on these dogs, only to send them back to a dirty cage where they sicken fast? Then NYCACC uses Kennel Cough as a pretext to kill them! Why would they kill ADRIAN? A sweet natured dog, loved to romp with his doggy buddies, warm, affectionate with everyone? Why so many other adoptable dogs who just needed more time! Don't you think animal lovers work hard to network and help? Saving so many, but they always kill! Why do they need 30 + dead dogs each month? When there are empty cages?

Sincerely,  
Nasrene MacDonald,  
Rolla, MO 65401

Sent from my iPad

On Apr 11, 2018, at 5:06 PM, Nasrene MacDonald wrote:

Please support the Companion Animal Protection Act :

<https://www.nokilladvocacycenter.org/companion-animal-protection-act.html>

Stop spaying, neutering and then killing animals soon after. Stop assessing stressed, grieving, abandoned animals before they've had a chance to adjust to their new environment! It's a far cry from a safe home, or even the streets where they've been fending for themselves and then suddenly brought in by strangers to be confined in a cage! These are sentient animals who need compassion & understanding! Instead, they're condemned on arrival with a bad assessment! Puppies & good family pets killed within a couple of days, it's heartbreaking!

Sincerely,  
Nasrene MacDonald,  
Rolla, MO 65401

## Animal Shelter System

Hello Council Members:

I understand your committee will be reviewing the NYCACC and it's operations.

Much money is wasted by sending animals from ASPCA from ACC to have them spayed and neutered and returned to ACC to be killed. Not to mention this is so morally wrong.

Can you please address this issue at this meeting.

As you can see from the letters I am attaching, both Risa Weinstock (ACC) and Matt Bershadker (ASPCA) have been lying to elected officials about this barbaric practice.

I can remember 3 animals in particular that suffered tremendously after their surgeries and before they were killed.

Hannah was vomiting in her cage after her surgery and was on pain medication. Her medical notes said it was either due to the pain or the medication. Rutabaga suffered significant scrotal bruising from his operation and before he was killed. Alonso suffered a scrotal hematoma after his ASPCA surgery and before they sent him back to ACC to be killed. All of this is well documented and you can FOIL ACC as I did to read the facts.

May I ask would you like to undergo a major surgery like this, suffer and then be killed?

If not, what are you doing for these animals?

This must stop. The lies ACC tells elected officials must end. Austin does NOT send animals to other shelters to be killed. Austin worked very hard to become NO Kill how dare NYCACC lie about this fact too.

The ACC FB Page has people asking questions and they don't answer potential adopters inquiries but censor comments regularly. As a taxpayer, I am not OK with this. I would like to see the salaries I am paying for as a taxpayer go toward seeing live outcomes for these animals not cruelty and abuse.

NYC can become like Austin. Please draft the Companion Animal Protection Act.

<https://www.nokilladvocacycenter.org/companion-animal-protection-act.html>

Nycacc animals need YOU to make these changes. You can never again say you didn't know... Now what will you do???

Thank you

Alexa Shields



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October 10, 2017

*Via mail and email*

Tony Avella  
State Senator  
11<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District  
3850 Bell Blvd., Suite C  
Queens, NY 11361-2028

Dear Senator Avella,

Thank you for reaching out to ACC and the ASPCA to seek the facts concerning our spay/neuter practices. We welcome these kinds of conversations as they are opportunities to dispel untruths. This response is sent on behalf of both organizations.

Ms. [REDACTED] allegation is unequivocally untrue. There is no practice - new, old, or otherwise, of ACC or the ASPCA spaying or neutering animals and then euthanizing them directly after. We strive to alter all of our animals before they are adopted so that when they are selected for adoption or rescue placement, they are ready to leave our care centers that day. By altering animals that are available for adoption, we increase the likelihood of that animal being adopted. The ASPCA provides tens of thousands of subsidized spay/neuter surgeries to shelters, rescues, and individuals around NYC, and ACC is one of the groups that receives these services.

Laws require that all animals adopted from our shelter to be spayed or neutered with limited exception before leaving our care. Unaltered animals in ACC's care that have not been adopted and, due to behavior and/or medical issues, are at risk for euthanasia, would never be spayed or neutered. It does not make moral, financial, or logistical sense to spay/neuter an animal and then have them euthanized.

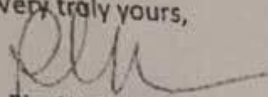
As you will see in our stats, ACC is currently saving over 90% of the animals we take in: <http://www.nycacc.org/Statistics.htm>. Every year, the placement numbers increase and we are proud of the progress that we've made, with the support of the ASPCA, making NYC a leader in animal sheltering nationwide. If you are interested, I invite you to visit one of our care centers to see the work that our compassionate staff is doing to help NYC's animals every day.

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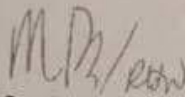


We hope we can count on you to spread awareness to your constituents about the life-saving work we are doing to protect the city's most vulnerable animals and help correct misinformation like this. Please do not hesitate to contact us (ACC or ASPCA) with any questions.

Very truly yours,



Risa Weinstock  
President & CEO



Matt Bershadker  
President & CEO  
ASPCA



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Via mail and email: [avella@nysenate.gov](mailto:avella@nysenate.gov)

November 7, 2017

Tony Avella  
State Senator  
38-50 Bell Boulevard, Suite C  
Bayside, New York 11361

Dear Senator Avella:

Thank you for reaching out again on behalf of Ms. [REDACTED] regarding ACC's practices and policies. Most recently, Ms. [REDACTED] inquired about the dog named Hannah (A1125871), relevant to her belief that ACC has implemented a new policy of spaying/neutering/euthanizing animals. As explained in our previous letter to you, ACC has no such policy.

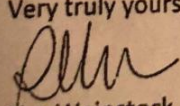
Where Hannah is concerned, she displayed behavioral concerns when she came into the shelter. We anticipated that despite this challenging behavior, she would be selected by a specialist rescue partner, and therefore she was spayed. Unfortunately, she was not selected by a rescue partner, and with her behavioral challenges escalating, our team felt it was best to proceed with euthanasia. This unfortunate case was an anomaly and not the norm.

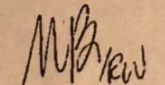
We never make these decisions lightly or without pursuing every option for each animal.

In 2017, month over month, ACC has placed over 90% of all animals that have come to us. In the month of September alone, we spayed/neutered and placed 6,664 animals.

We hope this information provides clarification you were seeking. We appreciate the opportunity to answer your questions and speak about our lifesaving work.

Very truly yours,

  
Risa Weinstock  
President & CEO

  
Matt Bershadker  
President & CEO  
ASPCA

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**Darla**  
**Spayed and Killed**

Just SOME of the victims that were made to undergo a traumatic surgery at ASPCA to turn around and be killed days sometimes a day later at NYCACC



**Chulo**  
**Neutered 2/23**  
**Killed 3/3**



**Butch**  
**Neutered 2/14**  
**Killed 2/23**



**Alonso**  
**Neutered 10/5**  
**Killed 10/16**  
**Suffered a**  
**scrotal hematoma**



**Belina**  
**Spayed 11/25**  
**Killed 11/30**



**Bellissimo**  
**Neutered 1/13**  
**Killed 1/18**



**Sienna**  
**Spayed 1/25**  
**Killed 2/2**







Mellow  
Neutered 4/8  
Killed 4/18



Reggie  
Neutered 4/10  
Killed 4/18



Jacks  
Neutered 4/19  
Killed 4/24



Emmylou  
Spayed 5/6  
Killed 5/11



Bigsby  
Neutered and Killed



Lando  
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Bella  
Spayed and Killed



Bricks  
Neutered and Killed





Cannoli  
Spayed and Killed



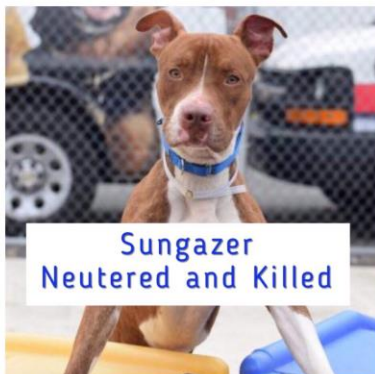
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Blue  
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Hazel  
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Sungazer  
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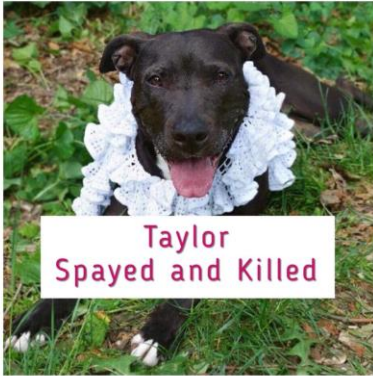
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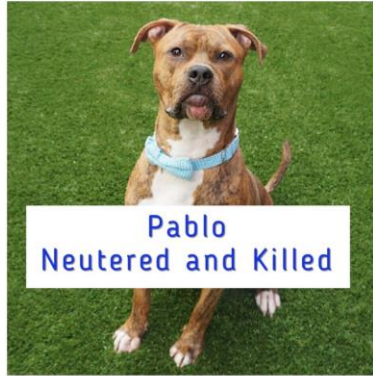
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Rover  
Neutered and Killed



Taylor  
Spayed and Killed



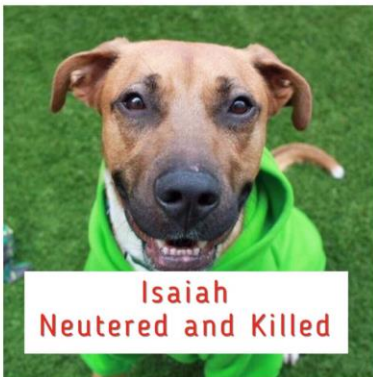
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Dutch  
Neutered and Killed



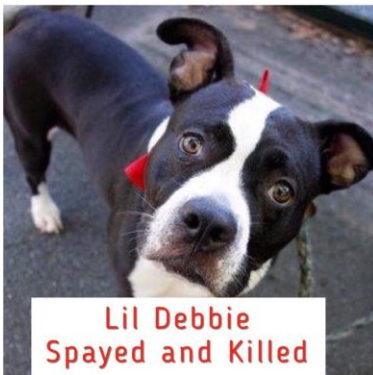
Rhino  
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Isaiah  
Neutered and Killed



Fern  
Spayed and Killed

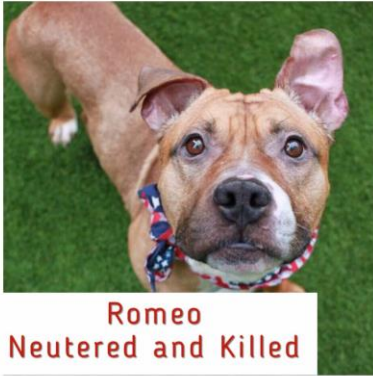


Lil Debbie  
Spayed and Killed



Monk  
Neutered and Killed





Romeo  
Neutered and Killed



Chappy  
Spayed and Killed



Hoppy  
Spayed and Killed



Hazel  
Spayed and Killed



Conklin  
Neutered and Killed



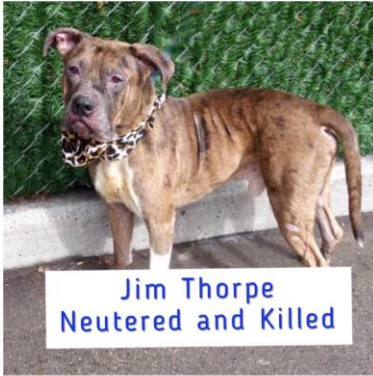
Brittany  
Spayed and Killed



Houston  
Spayed and Killed



Royalty  
Neutered and Killed



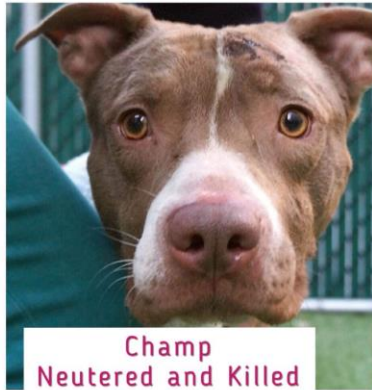
Jim Thorpe  
Neutered and Killed



Rutabaga  
Neutered and Killed  
"Suffered significant  
bruising around scrotum"



August  
Neutered and Killed



Champ  
Neutered and Killed



Paris  
Spayed and Killed



Bae  
Spayed and Killed



Masala  
Spayed and Killed



Tulsa  
Neutered and Killed





Twix  
Neutered & Killed



Twiggy  
Spayed and Killed



Gladys  
Spayed and killed



Lucy  
Spayed and Killed



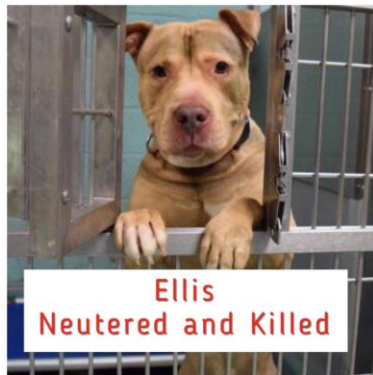
Cayenne  
Neutered & Killed



Hot Cocoa  
Spayed & Killed



Malibu  
Neutered & killed



Ellis  
Neutered and Killed



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Name: Edita Birnkraft

Address: 64-50 R 45th Ave, Fresh Meadows, NY 11365

I represent: NYCLASS

Address: Manhattan - NYC

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Name: William Spacey

Address: 230 Riverside Dr

I represent: SELF

Address: 230 Riverside Dr

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Name: DEBORAH THOMAS

Address: 7 W. 108TH ST. (1D) NYC 10025

I represent: ACE VOLUNTEER

Address: 421 E. 110th

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Name: Janice Giacobbe

Address: 345 E 93<sup>rd</sup> St. NYC 10128

I represent: Myself

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: Esther Koslow for Shelter Reform Admin. Cm

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I represent: SRAC

Address: 588 West 2nd Ave NYC 10024

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Name: Dolores Ferraro

Address: 11050 21st Rd Forest Hills NY 11375

I represent: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: Jane Hoffman

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I represent: Mayor's Alliance for NYC's Animals

Address: 244 5th Ave 2290 NYC 100

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Name: Nancy Regula

Address: 6 West 87th St

I represent: Guardian Angels ANIMAL PROTECTION

Address: 982 E 89th St

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Name: Barbara Meli

Address: 28 Bores Hill Rd

I represent: The Animals

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date: 4-24-18

Name: Neil Schickel (PLEASE PRINT)

Address: 360 W 1st 22nd St, 6F Manhattan

I represent: ME

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: ZEEDA PENZEL (PLEASE PRINT) 4-24-2018

Address: 145 4th Ave

I represent: SOS SAVE our Shelter Animals

Address: SAME

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: BARBARA STEWART (PLEASE PRINT)

Address: WNYC + they are not

I represent: Transparency

Address: \$15 million for Adopt

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Name: Ruxanne Delgado

Address: 2341 Matthews Ave

I represent: Myself / Bronx Animal Rights Educator

Address: 2341 Matthews Ave

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Name: Elizabeth Jensen

Address: 307 W. Broadway

I represent: Best Friends Animal Society

Address: 307 W. Broadway

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Name: Julie Friesen

Address: Deputy Commissioner

I represent: DOHMH Administration

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: Dane Signorile

Address: 320 Frank Ln Sta

I represent: Animals - Acc - NYC

Address: STACCO Veterans Rd

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Name: Ashley Achenbach

Address: 945 Park Estates Rd

I represent: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: Zulie Rodriguez

Address: ~~3111~~ Astoria Queens

I represent: Animals

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: Lauren Berger

Address: 24 E 77 St PMB NY 10015

I represent: the public and animals

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: JUDITH Lustgarten

Address: 515 EAST 83 street

I represent: No Kill ny-Now

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: Craig Swann

Address: 70 Wyckoff Ave #2G

I represent: Voices for Shelter Animals

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: Marilyn Galt

Address: 330 W 5

I represent: Voices for Shelter Animals

Address: B

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Name: Matt Bershadker

Address: 520 8th Ave

I represent: ASPCA

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: Michelle Villayones

Address: 520 8th Ave

I represent: ASPCA

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: Corinne Scott

Address: Deputy Commissioner,

I represent: Dofmti

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: Risa Weinstock, <sup>Pres</sup> CEO

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I represent: Animal Care Centers of NYC

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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