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## SENATOR KLEIN & ACC LAUNCH BRONX MOBILE ADOPTION CENTER

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*Animal Care Centers of NYC: “New Bronx Mobile Adoption Center is the cat’s meow”*

**BRONX, NY** - State Senator Jeff Klein (D-Bronx/Westchester), joined by Risa Weinstock, executive director of Animal Care Centers of NYC (ACC), today announced \$250,000 in state funding for a new mobile pet adoption center in The Bronx.

“Providing safe, quality care to animals is critically important and nobody does it better than the Animal Care Centers of NYC. As one of the only boroughs lacking access to a full service animal shelter, I’m proud to have secured \$250,000 in state funding for a new mobile adoption van in The Bronx,” **said State Senator Jeff Klein.** “This vehicle will not only encourage more pet lovers to adopt, but reduce overcrowding at shelters in Manhattan, Staten Island and Brooklyn. Be on the lookout for our new mobile adoption center, coming to a neighborhood near you!”

“This new mobile adoption center enables us to expand our outreach in The Bronx significantly and to find more homes for wonderful animals,” **said Risa Weinstock, executive director of Animal Care Centers of NYC.** “We’re very grateful for Senator Klein’s clear commitment to NYC’s shelter animals and his very generous support, without which we wouldn’t be here today. Now, thanks to Senator Klein, adoptions in The Bronx are *Easy as ACC!*”

"BASE thanks to Senator Klein for his outstanding commitment to animal welfare in The Bronx," **said Donna Dechiaro of the Bronx Animal Shelter Endeavor (BASE).** “By providing the funding for this new mobile adoption van, Bronx animals have a much improved opportunity for adoption and for a widening audience of well-informed Bronxites on the care of animals. We sincerely thank Senator Klein. "

The announcement was made as part of Senator Klein’s annual Fall Festival at the Holy Cross School on Sunday afternoon. Families and children enjoyed fun fall activities like face painting, pumpkin picking, arts and crafts and more. Local residents also had the chance to take home a furry new friend.

With the lack of access to a full service animal shelter in The Bronx, Klein’s funding will significantly boost opportunities for adoptions in the borough. The current ACC facility,

located at 464 East Fordham Road, serves as an admissions center and therefore does not accommodate adoptions or sick animals. Animals can be surrendered at The Bronx location, but are then transferred to other facilities for care, treatment and adoption. The new mobile adoption center will help connect more cats and dogs with loving homes.

In the coming weeks and months, the mobile adoption center will be at locations throughout The Bronx, including:

- **Sunday, October 25 from 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

Petland Discounts East Tremont

New Horizons Shopping Mall, 961 East 174th Street

- **Saturday, October 31 from 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

Petland Discounts Bay Plaza

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2096 Bartow Avenue, Bronx, NY

- **Sunday, November 8 from 12 - 4:00 p.m.**

Petland Discounts E. 170<sup>th</sup> St., Super Foodtown Shopping Center

62 E 170th St, Bronx, NY

- **Saturday, November 14 from 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

Petco Riverdale

193 West 237th Street, Bronx, NY

- **Sunday, November 15 from 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

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

Animals available for adoption can be viewed online at <http://nycacc.org/AdoptionSearch.htm>, or on ACC's free mobile app. ACC adoptions include vaccinations, a microchip, spay/neuter, a free office visit at a participating veterinarian, a collar and a free identification tag.