



## The ARK at JFK Press Fact Sheet

### **About The ARK at JFK**

[The ARK at JFK](#) is a comprehensive, multi-purpose animal airport handling and cargo facility and quarantine center at New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK). Approved by the Board of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey (PANYNJ), The ARK is being constructed by ARK Development, LLC with substantial completion slated for early 2017 and commencement of operations shortly thereafter. The facility provides both airside and landside services, including a USDA-approved import quarantine, in-transit companion animal kenneling, boarding, veterinary specialty and diagnostic lab.

"We developed The ARK concept to address the unmet needs for the import and export of companion, sporting and agricultural animals," says **John J. Cuticelli, Jr. CEO, Racebrook and Founder and Chairman of ARK Development/The ARK at JFK**. "Transporting live cargo by plane can be a complex and stressful process for owners and animals alike. Our goal is to create a more efficient and safe process by reducing the need for additional travel and offering trained animal care staff immediately pre- and post-flight. The ARK provides a healthy and comfortable environment and sets new international airport standards for comprehensive veterinary, kenneling and quarantine services."

"The ARK at JFK" refers to the facility name and construction project as a whole. "The ARK" may be used to describe the facility on second reference. "ARK Development, LLC," is the name of the portfolio company that is developing and operating the project and is a subsidiary of Racebrook Capital.

### **Facility Facts**

- The ARK is the world's first privately owned, 24/7 animal terminal and airport quarantine;
- The ARK is located at Building 78 at JFK, with 14.4 acres of surrounding ground area, including large cargo aircraft ramp parking and land use for animal handling;
- The 178,000-square-foot space features the 108,650-square-foot animal handling center and 63,515+ square-foot cargo ground handling operations;
- The ARK at JFK is divided into three sections – air cargo and ground handling operations by Worldwide Freight Services (WFS); ARK and Red Bank Veterinary Hospital administrative offices; and animal handling and veterinary disciplines including ARK equine quarantine and export, aviary, and in-transit companion animal (ARK Pet Oasis) and Red Bank Veterinary Hospital and Paradise 4 Paws;
- The \$65 million project will create more than 150 jobs airport wide and garner the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey an estimated \$108 million in rent over the span of the facility's 27-year lease with a 5-year renewal option, according to the New York City Economic Development Corporation (NYCEDC).

## Services

- The full-amenity center offers in-transit companion animal handling (ARK Pet Oasis), USDA-approved equine and aviary import quarantine and export facilities, veterinary hospital, cat and dog boarding with training, spa and grooming options;
- Pets, horses, birds, livestock and exotic animals are transported from aircraft, terminals, cargo warehouses and other airport locations, to be cared for by The ARK's animal handling and veterinary staff;
- The ARK Pet Oasis is a central resource available to all airlines, pet shippers and pet parents, servicing the needs and promoting the welfare of companion animals traveling as live cargo;
- The ARK at JFK features large animal handling systems and "departure lounges," where horses and livestock rest and receive appropriate food, water and care while their travel documents are being processed. Under USDA oversight, The ARK's staff observes the animals and guides them into specialized climate-controlled stalls equipped with bedding and natural light;
- Designed to allow planes to taxi directly to The ARK's "airside" loading docks, the terminal establishes the gold standard in animal handling, transportation and veterinary care, and provides ancillary travel resources for pets, horses, birds, livestock and exotic animals in a seamless fashion that is more efficient, safe and significantly reduces stress on animals.

## Partners

- **[Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine](#)**: Consultant and international academic leaders in public health, biomedical research, and veterinary medical care;
- **[Gensler](#)**: Master architect and global design firm with aviation and transportation specialties, with a portfolio that includes numerous world-class projects, such as Terminal 4 and JetBlue at JFK Airport;
- **[Holt Construction](#)**: General contractor and full-service construction management company;
- **[Paradise 4 Paws](#)**: Tenant and award-winning pet resort catering to pets that have a staycation while their parents travel. 24-hour access, all-suite overnight accommodations for dogs and cats (no cages!), doggie daycare, dog obedience training, spa and grooming services;
- **[Red Bank Veterinary Hospital](#)**: Tenant and comprehensive veterinary health specialists, offering general medicine, emergency and critical care, surgery, advanced diagnostics and traveler services;
- **[The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey](#)**: Regional agency that builds, operates, and maintains one of the nation's busiest networks of aviation, ground, rail and seaport facilities;
- **[U.S. Department of Agriculture \(USDA\)](#)**: National agency overseeing animal quarantine procedures and permitting, and collaborating with The ARK to provide guidance and leadership on design, biosecurity and agricultural public policy issues concerning the health and welfare of imported animals;
- **[Worldwide Freight Services](#)**: Anchor tenant and leading North American independent cargo handler, with extensive experience in live animal handling.

## ARK Experts

- John J. Cuticelli, Jr. CEO, Racebrook and Founder and Chairman, ARK Development, LLC/The ARK at JFK
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## Address

Located at Cargo Building 78 at JFK, The ARK's address is 78A North Boundary Road. Parking lot is on the 78A side.

For **high-resolution renderings and images**, please visit <http://bit.ly/2eKfg3j>. For more information, visit [www.arkjfk.com](http://www.arkjfk.com).

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