



The ARK at JFK Press Fact Sheet

OVERVIEW

[The ARK at JFK](#) is the world's first privately-owned animal reception terminal and quarantine facility at New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK). Approved by the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey as JFK's exclusive provider, The ARK is a comprehensive facility that includes animal handling services and kennel, 3-day equine import quarantine and equine export center, aviary quarantine, veterinary medicine, and in-transit bonded area for live animal cargo.

Opening in three phases, Phase 1 opened on January 2, 2017 with the [ARK Pet Oasis](#) and [Equine Export](#), while Phase 2 opened in September 2017 with the [Equine Import Quarantine](#), [The ARK Aviary](#) and [AirHeart Pet Hospital](#) for small animal veterinary care. The ARK will be fully operational in 2018, with Phase 3 services including a long-term pet boarding facility and other sub-tenants occupying office space.

To date, The ARK at JFK has welcomed a diverse variety of animals for their pre-, during or post-travel care including horses, cats, dogs, turtles, baby goats, rabbits, birds, race pigeons, a pot-bellied pig, an agouti rat, snakes, scorpions and many others.

"We developed The ARK concept to address currently unmet needs associated with 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 also provides critical national bio-security measures, compatible with federal requirements, preventing the introduction of foreign animal diseases and vetting insects and plants that could bring diseases and agents that could have serious health, economic and trade implications. The existence of the facility mitigates potential security risks by impeding the importation of illegal property and preventing dangerous goods in animal transport crates."

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 ARK at JFK comprises six sections: 1.) Air cargo and ground handling operations by Worldwide Freight Services (WFS); 2.) The ARK Pet Oasis providing care for in-transit companion animals; 3.) Equine and Livestock export stables; 4.) Equine and Avian Quarantines; 5.) AirHeart Pet Hospital; and 6.) an airport-focused boarding and grooming facility;
- The 178,000 square-foot facility features 40,000 square-feet of quarantine and in-transit animal care, 26,000 square-feet of support services, 20,000 square-feet of pet boarding, and 92,500 square-feet of cargo ground handling operations;
- The ARK is a sustainable facility featuring electric forklifts and equipment, automatically dimming lighting throughout, energy efficient HVAC systems and an EPA approved incinerator for disposing of international waste. The ARK is the first import facility approved by the EPA and USDA to utilize the Virox product line – a non-toxic hydrogen peroxide based disinfecting agents for cleaning and disinfection;
- 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 32-year lease with a 5-year renewal option;
- The ARK was constructed by ARK Development, LLC. "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.



SERVICES & AMENITIES

- 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 to and 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 parents, federal agencies (CDC, CBP, FWS, FBI and TSA) brokers and shippers servicing the needs and promoting the welfare of companion animals traveling as live cargo;
- The ARK at JFK features a departure lounge, where horses and livestock rest and receive appropriate food, water and care while their travel documents are being processed.
- Under USDA oversight, The ARK provides three and seven day equine quarantine 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.

ARK PARTNERS

- **Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine**: Consultant and international academic leaders in public health, biomedical research, and veterinary medical care;
- **AirHeart Pet 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;
- **Worldwide Freight Services**: Anchor tenant and leading North American independent cargo handler, with extensive experience in live animal handling.

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ADDRESS

Located at Cargo Building 78 at JFK, The ARK's address is 78A North Boundary Road (cross street is Old Rockaway Blvd), Jamaica, NY 11430. 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.

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