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CASPCA TO AID IN ANIMAL RELIEF EFFORTS IN HOUSTON

In response to the devastation caused by Hurricane Harvey, a team of four staff members from the Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA will be travelling to BARC, the City of Houston's only municipal animal shelter, to transport displaced and abandoned animals back to the CASPCA for veterinary care and adoption. The team will depart for the 19-hour drive to Houston on Monday, September 4th with the goal of saving as many animals affected by the storm as possible. Additionally, we will be working with an aircraft transport group to fly larger dogs back to our facility for placement.

To make space for the many homeless animals we're transferring in from Houston, we are having a "Clear the Shelter" adoption event this Saturday, September 2nd through Monday, September 4th. All adoption fees will be waived! We are asking adopters to make monetary donations to aid in the care of the incoming animals from Houston.

"We're so fortunate to be able to provide assistance in rescuing abandoned and displaced animals. Our Compassionate Care-A-Van has the capability to safely transport animals to our shelter for care. Without the support of our amazing community this would not be possible. Donations will provide lifesaving help to

countless animals who are stranded and struggling to survive.” says Angie Gunter, Executive Director of the CASPCA.

During this time, we will have a higher demand for resources, and in addition to monetary assistance, welcome your donation of towels, newspapers, laundry detergent, and yoga mats. We are also collecting donations of pet food and supplies for the animals at the BARC animal shelter that we will deliver upon arrival.

About the Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA: The Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA is proud to have maintained the City of Charlottesville and Albemarle County as a No Kill community, providing lifesaving care to thousands of animals in the region. The mission of the CASPCA is to advance the compassionate treatment of animals by providing sheltering, medical care and behavioral services for dogs and cats; promoting permanent, caring homes; and furthering education and outreach to place healthy animals in caring homes.

For more information about the CASPCA, call 434-973-5959, or visit our website at caspca.org. The CASPCA’s main adoption center is located at 3355 Berkmar Drive in Charlottesville and is open seven days a week from 12PM– 6PM.

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