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## **Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA Receives Rachael Ray Save Them All Grant from Best Friends Animal Society to Help Save Homeless Pets**

Charlottesville, Virginia — The Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA (CASPCA) is pleased to have received a Rachael Ray Save Them All grant from [Best Friends Animal Society](#) for our goal to decrease unnecessary euthanasia by transferring in 500 animals in neighboring counties by the end of 2018. In addition to this effort, the CASPCA will offer accessible spay/neuter and veterinary services to affected shelters in the greater Charlottesville area.

“This grant allows us to reduce the shelter death rates for cats and dogs at surrounding shelters and furthers our efforts to find forever homes for the homeless pets in our care,” said Angie Gunter, Executive Director of the CASPCA. “Our goal will be to adopt out 500 dogs and cats to loving families. We appreciate the support of Best Friends Animal Society in this effort possible.”

The Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA is an active partner in Best Friends Network, which offers help and support to animal rescue groups and shelters that save lives in their communities.

“When you choose to adopt your next pet you are becoming part of the solution right here in our community,” said Angie Gunter, Executive Director of the CASPCA.

### **About the Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA**

The Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA (CASPCA) is an open-admission shelter, No Kill animal welfare organization whose mission 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. The CASPCA provides contractual pound services to the City of Charlottesville and Albemarle County ensuring that all healthy and treatable animals are placed into loving homes. In the past decade, the CASPCA has adopted out more than 31,000 animals, reunited over 6,300 lost pets with their owners and spayed/neutered more than 56,000 animals.

**About Best Friends Animal Society**

Best Friends Animal Society is the only national animal welfare organization dedicated exclusively to ending the killing of dogs and cats in America's shelters. A leader in the no-kill movement, Best Friends runs the nation's largest no-kill sanctuary for companion animals, adoption centers and spay and neuter facilities in Los Angeles and Salt Lake City as well as lifesaving programs in partnership with more than 1,600 rescue groups and shelters across the country. Since its founding in 1984, Best Friends has helped reduce the number of animals killed in American shelters from 17 million per year to an estimated 4 million. By continuing to build effective initiatives that reduce the number of animals entering shelters and increase the number who find homes, Best Friends and its nationwide network of members and partners are working to Save Them All®.

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