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SPCA PLAY PARKS IN NEED OF IMPROVEMENTS

The play parks at the Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA greatly improve the quality of life for the dogs at the shelter. Now, two of the main play parks are in need of major improvements. The two pea gravel play parks are over a decade old and the snowstorms earlier this year created even more issues.

The SPCA needs to remove what little pea gravel is left along with the old wood, lay fabric and install new gravel and metal edging to create a safe and long-lasting space for current and future dogs to receive the essential enrichment they need. The cost to make the necessary upgrades to the gravel parks is \$12,600.

“Even happy and healthy dogs can become stressed in a shelter environment which can cause their behavior to deteriorate,” said Angie Gunter, Chief Executive Officer of the SPCA. “The parks allow dogs to release pent up energy, improve their mental health and social skills, and increase their chances of adoption.”

If you are interested in donating toward the play park improvements, you can visit <https://caspca.org/play-park-improvements/> to give online or send a check to Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA, P.O. Box 7047, Charlottesville, VA 22906.

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 SPCA 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.

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