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SPCA clinic in need of new lifesaving equipment

The Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA's clinic saves thousands of lives every year. Some of the clinic's lifesaving equipment has reached the end of its life and needs to be replaced so that we can continue to provide high-quality care to animals in need. It will cost \$22,250 to purchase the equipment needed. Therefore, we are asking the community to help us continue caring for the animals that need us most.

These are the essential items that currently need to be purchased:

- Large autoclave - Lifesaving surgeries happen every day in our clinic, but they're dependent on sterilized instruments. An autoclave sterilizes surgery instruments and allows us to save more lives. The cost to purchase one is \$17,300.
- Fluid pump - We use fluid pumps to connect IV fluids to animals needing extra care. Animals that have experienced trauma or have been infected with a life-threatening illness need to receive fluids and medications through an IV to survive. Our fluid pump recently broke. The cost to replace it is \$1,400.
- Bair Hugger - This is used to provide heat support to animals as they recover from procedures or if their temperature drops unexpectedly. The hose on ours is broken. The cost to replace it is \$1,500.
- Walk-on platform scale - A new scale would ensure the one we have stays in the clinic for patients while the other is used to weigh dogs coming into the shelter. The cost to purchase one is \$900.
- Pulse oximeter - We use these to monitor animals while they are under anesthesia. We need one for each surgery station and one of ours recently stopped working. The cost to replace it is \$750.
- Mini fridge - Every animal that comes through the clinic for surgery needs either medications, injectables or vaccines. These supplies need to be refrigerated. The cost to purchase one is \$200.
- Surgery towels - We need more surgery towels in order to perform more surgeries. The cost to purchase a pack of 200 is \$200.

“Every animal that enters our shelter is treated in the clinic whether they’re receiving necessary vaccines or undergoing lifesaving surgery,” said Angie Gunter, Chief Executive Officer of the SPCA. “The equipment in our clinic is used every day and we can’t continue our important work without the necessary tools.”

Anyone interested in donating toward the purchase of new clinic equipment can visit <https://caspca.org/help-us-get-new-clinic-equipment/> 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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