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Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA opens doors to dozens of beagles from the Envigo facility in Cumberland, Virginia

Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA assists in the Humane Society of the United States' work to find placement for approximately 4,000 beagles

(August 8, 2022)— The Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA has received 50 additional beagles at its shelter in Charlottesville as part of the group to be removed from a mass-breeding facility riddled with animal welfare concerns. The Humane Society of the United States is coordinating the removal of approximately 4,000 beagles housed at an Envigo RMS LLC facility in Cumberland, VA which [bred dogs](#) to be sold to laboratories for animal experimentation.

The transfer plan was submitted by the Department of Justice and Envigo RMS LLC, with the agreement of the Humane Society of the United States to assume the responsibility of coordinating placement. The transfer will take place in stages over the next 60 days, and the dogs will be up for adoption via the Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA and other shelters and rescues.

“We are honored to be involved in this major lifesaving operation,” said Angie Gunter, Chief Executive Officer of the Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA. “We will be looking to our community to open their homes and foster these beagles to show them what it’s like to be free while we prepare them to be placed into loving, adoptive homes.”

Those interested in fostering can email foster@caspca.org or sign up [online](#).

The transfer plan comes as a result of a [lawsuit](#) filed against Envigo by the Department of Justice in May, alleging Animal Welfare Act violations at the facility. Repeated federal inspections have resulted in dozens of violations, including findings that some dogs had been “euthanized” without first receiving anesthesia, that dogs had received inadequate veterinary care and insufficient food, and that they were living in unsanitary conditions.

“It takes a massive network of compassionate, expert shelters and rescues to make an operation of this scale possible,” said Lindsay Hamrick, shelter outreach and engagement director for the Humane Society of the United States. “We are deeply grateful to each organization that is stepping up to find these dogs the loving homes they so deserve.”

The Humane Society of the United States is maintaining a list of partners accepting animals into their adoption program will be [here](#). For more information about the beagles the Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA is finding homes for, visit caspca.org.

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 life-saving 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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