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AGNOR-HURT ELEMENTARY STUDENTS TO VISIT THE SPCA

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA (June 1, 2022) – Dozens of third grade students at Agnor-Hurt Elementary School will walk to the Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA on Thursday, June 2 to deliver donations and read to shelter animals. The students have been collecting essential items for the shelter and will have the opportunity to hand-deliver the items and meet some of the animals that will benefit from their generosity. Along with the donations, students will also be bringing books to read to some of the cats and dogs at the shelter. Studies show that reading books to dogs and cats in the shelter helps calm and socialize pets and increase their chances of adoption. It is also proven to help children gain confidence reading out loud as animals are non-judgmental listeners.

"We are excited that children in our community are passionate about the health and happiness of the animals in our care," said Angie Gunter, Chief Executive Officer of the Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA. "Pets are a positive influence on a child's physical, social, emotional and cognitive development and we're proud to bring pets and children together."

The students are scheduled to leave Agnor-Hurt Elementary at 9:15 a.m. and arrive at the SPCA around 9:30 a.m. Media is invited to attend.

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.