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Charlottesville, VA Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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The Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA will fully reopen to the public on Tuesday, June 21. The SPCA moved to adoptions by appointment only more than two years ago in an effort to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 at the onset of the pandemic. When the shelter opens at noon today, walk-in appointments will be welcome and potential adopters will no longer need to complete an adoption application before visiting the shelter. Potential adopters may still schedule an appointment and fill out an application in advance if they prefer.

"We have heard from many people in our community that they're ready for the opportunity to walk into the shelter and meet the animals in our care once again," said Angie Gunter, Chief Executive Officer of the SPCA. "We are looking forward to better meeting the needs of our community and placing more animals into loving and healthy homes."

The SPCA is open to the public every day from 12PM to 6PM. We do ask that visitors keep in mind that, like many other organizations, we are facing staffing shortages and patience with both staff and volunteers during this transition will be greatly appreciated.

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.