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Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA Partnering with Best Friends Animal Society to Help Combat the Growing Shelter Crisis in America

(September 15, 2022) -- The Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA and [Best Friends Animal Society](#), a leading animal welfare organization working to save the lives of cats and dogs in America's shelters by 2025, are teaming up for another adoption campaign to encourage people to choose to adopt, not buy, their next pet.

"We're excited to offer reduced adoption fees for adult dogs and cats this weekend to hopefully place more animals in loving homes," said Angie Gunter, Chief Executive Officer of the Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA.

During the Best Friends National Adoption Weekend from September 16 to September 18, adoption fees for adult dogs and cats will be reduced to \$25. The SPCA is open every day from 12-6PM. Walk-ins are welcome, but potential adopters can also submit an adoption application online before visiting. All adoptable pets will be spayed/neutered, microchipped and up-to-date on vaccines.

Recent [data](#) released by Best Friends showed that U.S. shelters were seeing an increase in animal intakes and a decrease in pet adoptions from shelters. This has steadily turned into a crisis in the animal welfare community, where many shelters are over capacity.

"There is a growing shelter crisis across the country and the animal welfare community won't just sit by and let innocent pets die," said Julie Castle, CEO of Best Friends Animal Society. "In fact, it's quite the opposite. We're joining forces with our vast network of shelters and rescues across the country to host our third National Adoption Weekend since May to incentivize people to get out and adopt."

Due to recent problems such as staffing shortages, limited shelter hours, decreased volunteers, and reduced adoption events, the time is now to help save lives by adopting a pet.

“We have proof that national promotions like the first two adoption weekends we did in May and July work,” said Castle. “Our July National Adoption Weekend saw close to 10,000 animals adopted in a three-day period.”

That’s why the Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA is compelled to be a part of the upcoming National Adoption Weekend. If you aren’t ready to commit to adopting, fostering can make a big difference in helping individual pets in our community. For more information, visit caspc.org.

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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.*

About the Best Friends Network: *The Best Friends Network is comprised of thousands of public and private shelters, rescue groups, spay/neuter organizations and other animal welfare organizations in all 50 states. We are a coalition committed to saving the lives of homeless cats and dogs through collaboration, information-sharing and implementation of proven lifesaving strategies. Our partners support each other and inspire their own communities to increase lifesaving of dogs and cats across the country.*