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Charlottesville, VA Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

CASPCA TO FURTHER AID IN ANIMAL RELIEF EFFORTS IN HOUSTON

To further assist in the devastation caused by Hurricane Harvey, the CASPCA has partnered with Best Friends Animal Society to transfer 30 dogs from Best Friends base shelter located at the NRG Arena in the heart of Houston. The 30 incoming dogs have been among the hardest for Best Friends to find placement for due to their health issues, which will need ongoing treatment. The NRG Arena housed 450 displaced pets where Best Friends made every attempt possible to reunite them with their families, and is now at a point of moving some of these pets to their partners across the country.

To make space for the incoming dogs arriving from Houston, the CASPCA is having a "Clear the Kennels" adoption event tomorrow, Saturday, October 28th through Tuesday, October 31st. All dog and puppy adoption fees are waived! We are asking adopters to consider making a monetary donation to aid in the care of the incoming animals from Houston.

"The Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA is a life-savior to us and to the pets in our care at the NRG Arena. The CASPCA raised their hand for their community to help see these treatments through and ultimately find these pets new homes. We are so grateful and inspired by them and the Charlottesville-Albemarle community who have been a lifesaving, no kill beacon and leader for many years," said Marc Peralta Mid-Atlantic and Southeast Regional Director of Best Friends Animal Society.

During this time, the CASPCA will have a higher demand for resources and in addition to monetary assistance, welcome your donation of towels, fleece blankets, newspapers, dog KONG toys, and laundry detergent.

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 CASPCA 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.