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## **Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA in Need of Holiday Fosters**

**CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA (December 20, 2022)** — The Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA is looking for people interested in fostering an animal during the holidays. The SPCA has more than 500 animals in their care. Their ability to help this many animals is dependent on fosters who are willing to temporarily house pets in need. Nearly half of all SPCA animals are residing in foster homes, but many of them will be returning this week due to fosters traveling for the holidays.

Foster homes not only open up space for incoming animals at the shelter, but also provide a comfortable place for pets to wait for their forever homes. Animals available for foster include those awaiting surgery, recovering from surgery, too young to be adopted, or in need of a shelter break.

“The shelter consistently stays full of large adult dogs which leaves little room for more dogs to enter the building,” said Angie Gunter, Chief Executive Officer of the Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA. “We are asking fosters to step up and take an animal home this holiday season to create breathing room for our staff and to provide comfort and joy to a homeless animal in need.”

The Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA provides everything a foster animal needs including food, toys, bedding and veterinary care at no cost to the foster. The foster parent can determine the length of stay for the animal. Any amount of time spent outside of the shelter and in a home is beneficial to a pet. Foster appointments are preferred and available every day. Walk-in appointments are available but may result in longer wait times. Those interested in becoming a foster can sign up [here](#). Approved fosters can simply email [foster@caspca.org](mailto:foster@caspca.org) to schedule an appointment.

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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.*

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