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### **Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA Reunites Rescued Envigo Beagles**

**CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA (February 11, 2023)** –The Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA is celebrating the rescue and rehabilitation of the 75 beagles transferred to the shelter from an Envigo breeding facility last summer. The families who adopted the beagles will gather at the Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA on Saturday, February 11 from 10am to 1:00pm for an opportunity for the dogs to reunite and play freely in the parks.

“It was a major undertaking to rescue these beagles and we’re so grateful to our staff and community who helped us bring them to safety,” said Angie Gunter, Chief Executive Officer of the Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA. “We’re excited to see how they’ve acclimated to their new lives outside of the facility and have benefited from being in loving homes.”

The beagles were transferred last year as a result of a [lawsuit](#) filed against Envigo by the Department of Justice in May, alleging Animal Welfare Act violations at the facility. Repeated federal inspections resulted in dozens of violations, including findings that some dogs had been “euthanized” without first receiving anesthesia, that dogs had received inadequate veterinary care and insufficient food, and that they were living in unsanitary conditions.

Once at the Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA, the beagles received medical attention and were quickly placed in foster homes. All 75 beagles have since been adopted.

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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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