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(Biggie Bag is one of many senior dogs available for adoption at the Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA)

Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA Awarded Grant for Senior Dogs

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA (August 15, 2023) — Old dogs have something to wag about this summer as The Grey Muzzle Organization announces recipients of its annual grants, and dogs at the Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA are among the winners.

The Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA is one of 90 animal welfare groups chosen from 370 applicants to receive a grant to help local senior dogs. The winning groups received \$848,000 in grants to help save or improve the lives of at-risk old dogs in their communities.

“This grant will help us give senior dogs like 10-year-old Biggie Bag the veterinary and dental care they need so they’re ready to go to their forever homes,” said Sue Friedman, Interim Executive Director at the Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA. “No one is more grateful or loving than an old dog, and we’re looking forward to helping more senior dogs get the second chance they deserve.”

Over the past 15 years, the national nonprofit Grey Muzzle Organization has provided more than \$4.6 million in grants to support its vision of “a world where no old dog dies alone and afraid.”

“Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we’re delighted to help deserving organizations like the Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA make a difference in the lives of dogs and people in their communities,” Grey Muzzle’s Executive Director Lisa Lunghofer said. “Many senior dogs in the Charlottesville-Albemarle area are enjoying their golden years in loving homes thanks to the wonderful work of the Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA.”

Senior dogs currently available for adoption at the Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA can be found [here](#).

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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 Grey Muzzle Organization: *The national nonprofit [The Grey Muzzle Organization](#) improves the lives of at-risk senior dogs by providing funding and resources to animal shelters, rescue organizations, sanctuaries, and other nonprofit groups nationwide. For details, please visit www.greymuzzle.org*