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Charlottesville, VA Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE



## Sir Speedy of Central VA Supports Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA Foster <u>Program</u>

**CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA (January 8, 2023)** — In an effort to support our foster program, the Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA has partnered with Sir Speedy of Central VA to create "Proud to Be a Foster Parent" yard signs.

Sir Speedy generously donated 100 double-sided yard signs for the shelter to give to our foster families to display in their yards. The signs are intended to allow fosters to show their support of CASPCA and promote awareness of our foster program.

"There is a large portion of our community that is unaware that fostering a shelter pet is an option," said Rachel Draws, Foster Coordinator at the Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA. "Fostering allows the most vulnerable members of our population to have a quiet, safe place to relax, recoup and await their forever homes."

"The foster program is the backbone of the shelter, preparing new arrivals for the forever homes," said Conan Owen, Owner of Sir Speedy of VA. "I've always been impressed by how many community members open their homes and hearts so frequently – I wanted to recognize their efforts and help spread the word to their neighbors."

CASPCA fosters are invited to stop by the shelter during our normal business hours to pick-up a sign to place in their yard (or windows for apartment dwellers).

The Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA is also currently in need of large dog fosters. The shelter 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. It is important to remember that any amount of time spent in a loving home, outside of the shelter 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 at <a href="https://caspca.org/volunteerfoster/become-a-foster-family/">https://caspca.org/volunteerfoster/become-a-foster-family/</a>. Approved fosters can schedule a pick-up time through Acuity or email <a href="mailto:foster@caspca.org">foster@caspca.org</a>.

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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 life-saving communities for 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 Sir Speedy of Central VA:** Sir Speedy of Central VA is a nationally known, locally owned sign, print and marketing partner helping clients large and small achieve their marketing and branding goals. We are the region's only Latino-owned sign and print provider – hablamos Espanol!