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CASPCA Achieves 96% Live Release Rate in 2023, Maintaining “No-Kill” Status

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA (June 13, 2024) — The Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA maintained no-kill status in 2023, according to Best Friends Animal Society’s annual data report. Shelters receiving Best Friends’ “no-kill” recognition saved more than 90% of the dogs and cats in their care in the calendar year 2023 - CASPCA proudly achieved a 96% live release rate in 2023, far exceeding this standard. Best Friends Animal Society, a leading national animal welfare organization dedicated to ending the killing of dogs and cats in America’s shelters by 2025, recognizes this incredible achievement as one that can be replicated by other shelters in Virginia.

“This award represents extraordinary leadership, both within your organization and the broader animal welfare movement,” said Julie Castle, CEO of Best Friends Animal Society, “I want to acknowledge and thank the organizations around the country who work tirelessly to save lives, helping move us closer to ending the killing of cats and dogs in shelters in 2025.”

CASPCA first achieved Best Friend’s no-kill status in 2006, and is thrilled to have maintained that status for nearly two decades.

"Achieving a 96% live release rate in 2023 is a testament to the dedication and hard work of our team, volunteers, and supporters," says Luke Waldron, CASPCA Director of Marketing and Communications. "This recognition from Best Friends Animal Society underscores our commitment to saving the lives of dogs and cats in our community and serves as inspiration for continued excellence in animal welfare."

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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.*