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Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA seeks Homes for Hounds!

Charlottesville, Virginia: While April Showers may bring May flowers, at the Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA it's raining hounds. For all of April the Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA has reduced the adoption fee for hounds to just \$25. The SPCA explains that during the year and especially at the end of hunting season, the SPCA sees an influx of lost hounds brought into the SPCA. They unfortunately are not seeing an influx of adopters for hound dogs. SPCA director Susanne Kogut explains, "people often come and are worried about adopting a hound because they think they always want to hunt or they believe they will constantly howl. However, what we seem to have at the SPCA is hunting dog drop-outs. The common theme we hear from previous adopters is that the only thing our adopted hounds seem to hunt for is a spot on the couch."



The SPCA does encourage everyone to get to know more about the breed of dog they are adopting, and all dogs need basic care like food, water, shelter, exercise, discipline and affection. However, often breed characteristics are exaggerated into generalized stereotypes that fail to recognize the individual animal. Looks also play a factor in the decision of adopters. "At the SPCA, the most ill-mannered Golden Retriever or Labrador will be adopted within days or hours, but a calm, well-behaved hound may wait months to find a new home," says Kogut. For evidence, just walk around the SPCA and you will see a disproportionate number of hounds and black cats. Kogut points out that "the great thing about animals is they love us unconditionally, no matter what we look like, and maybe it is time for us to offer back that same unconditional love."

The mission of the Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA is to provide a safe and nurturing environment for the lost, abandoned, and homeless animals of the City of Charlottesville and the County of Albemarle and to increase the number of these animals being placed in appropriate, loving, and permanent homes

through adoptions, foster care, and outreach, and to set a standard of excellence and leadership in shelter animal care, humane education, and progressive animal welfare programs.

For more information about the SPCA, visit our website at www.caspca.org.

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