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## *CASPCA launches ‘Compassionate Care-A-Van’ challenge*

### Perry Foundation Challenge Grant to get shelter pets on the move

**Charlottesville, VA**—Thanks to a grant by the Perry Foundation, the Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA (CASPCA) is launching a campaign to purchase a state-of-the-art mobile unit. But there’s just one catch—for the foundation to award the shelter the \$73,500 that would cover half the cost of the mobile unit, the CASPCA needs to raise the other half.

That’s why the shelter is challenging its supporters to help reach a goal to raise \$73,500 by Oct. 31, 2016. Angie Gunter, the CASPCA’s director of development, said by keeping pets with their families, the unit would be a boon for the shelter.

“The Compassionate Care-A-Van would be a tremendous help, as it would give us the means to provide basic pet care for underserved populations in our region,” Gunter said. “The unit also will be used as a mobile clinic that can transport animals back to the CASPCA’s main facility for procedures, including spaying and neutering.”

Many of the underserved in the community, including low-income families, rural families, seniors and disabled individuals, often have a hard time getting their beloved pets basic care. “This mobile unit will strengthen our bond with those who might not have the means to visit us at our main facility,” Gunter said.

In addition to increasing awareness throughout the community, the Compassionate Care-A-Van also will help shelter animals get adopted faster, as the unit will make it easier for staff to transport animals to and from events.

Supporters can give online at [caszca.org](http://caszca.org).

*About the Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA:* The Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA is proud to celebrate 10 years as a No Kill organization, providing life-saving care to thousands of animals in the Albemarle-Charlottesville region. The mission of the CASPCA 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. For more information about the CASPCA, call 434-973-5959, or visit our website at [www.caszca.org](http://www.caszca.org). The CASPCA’s main adoption center is located at 3355 Berkmar Drive in Charlottesville and is open seven days a week from 12 p.m.– 6 p.m.

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