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## **DON'T FORGET YOUR FELINES! CATS CAN BECOME LOST TOO.**

At the Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA, we largely see dog owners bring their pets in to become microchipped. However, cats should be considered for microchipping as well. Most of us don't think about our cats becoming lost, but there are plenty of reasons it occurs and accidents do happen. Having your cat microchipped can be lifesaving, whether an indoor cat makes it to the outside, or an outdoor cat wanders just a little too far from home.

Most of us don't want to think of the worst-case scenario until it happens. Whether your cat runs away from a pet sitter, escapes during a get-together, or runs far away from the sound of fireworks, having your cat microchipped can be a lifesaver. By microchipping your cat, you increase the chance of being contacted immediately once they are found.

The Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA is proud to offer microchip and rabies drop-in clinics to the greater Charlottesville-Albemarle community. The next clinic will be held on Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, from Noon to 4PM. Our drop-in clinics are regularly scheduled on the first Sunday of every month.

The CASPCA encourages pet owners to have their animal microchipped and vaccinated. One in three pets become lost in their lifetime. Without identification, 90% never return home. Returning lost pets to their owners is an important part of our life-saving mission. Virginia State Law requires that all cats and dogs, over four months of age, have a current rabies vaccination. Additionally, rabies vaccinations help fulfill our role in protecting public health. Rabies is a fatal disease that can be transmitted from animals to humans.

The CASPCA is proud to offer low-cost services for people and their pets. We also offer discounted services with proof of federal assistance.

**Rabies vaccine: \$20** | With proof of federal assistance: \$10

**Microchip: \$20** | With proof of federal assistance: \$10

**Rabies vaccine & microchip together: \$30** | With proof of federal assistance: \$15

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Pet owners do not have to schedule an appointment for their animals for the drop-in clinic. We do ask that you please bring your pet's previous proof of rabies vaccination to receive a three-year rabies vaccine.

Please visit our clinic on the right side of the CASPCA between Noon-4PM to have your pet chipped and vaccinated. We limit four pets per person per drop-in appointments. Please bring all cats in a carrier and dogs on a leash. Drop-in appointments are not for feral animals.

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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 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 [caspca.org](http://caspca.org). The CASPCA's main adoption center is located at 3355 Berkmar Drive in Charlottesville and is open seven days a week from 12PM- 6PM.*

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