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### **THE CASPCA COMPASSIONATE CARE-A-VAN HAS ARRIVED**

The Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA is pleased to announce the arrival of the much anticipated Compassionate Care-A-Van, which was made possible thanks to a \$73,500 challenge grant by the Perry Foundation. The other half of the cost for the Compassionate Care-A-Van was raised by generous donors.

- The Compassionate Care-A-Van enables the CASPCA to provide basic care to pets in underserved areas of our community, where families have difficulty accessing and affording care for their pets. The Compassionate Care-A-Van can transport animals back to our clinic for procedures, including spaying/neutering. We have seen first-hand the positive impact of spaying/neutering animals to prevent unwanted litters. We will also provide services beyond spay/neuter such as wound care, mass removals, and dental procedures.
  - We will assist neighboring shelters in an effort to increase their live release rates, thereby reducing unnecessary euthanasia in our region. Shelter staff have already begun to use the Compassionate Care-a-Van to transport other shelter's pets to our clinic for spay/neuter surgeries and other medical treatments.
  - Our goal is to be a leader in the region and state by targeting designated shelters with high euthanasia rates. We have utilized the Compassionate Care-A-Van to transfer in pets from these overcrowded shelters to give them a better chance at finding new homes.
  - 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 in our area. The ability to showcase our adoptable pets in this state-of-the-art unit will spread awareness of our shelter services and programs in addition to reaching adopters who may not have otherwise visited our shelter.
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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.*

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*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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