



The Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA Joins BISSELL Pet Foundation to Offer Reduced Adoption Fees During Spring Empty the Shelters Event

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA (April 30, 2025)— BISSELL Pet Foundation, a national nonprofit dedicated to ending pet homelessness, is once again prompting a nationwide call for adoption through its Empty the Shelters event, running May 1-15, 2025. The Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA will participate alongside 380+ shelters across 43 states to help pets find loving homes through reduced adoption fees, generously sponsored by BISSELL Pet Foundation.

During the event, the adoption fee for adult dogs and cats, six-months or older, at the Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA will be reduced to just \$50. Exclusions do apply for dogs less than 20 pounds. All animals included in the event will be spayed or neutered, up to date on vaccines, and microchipped.

"Every time we host Empty the Shelters, it affirms the importance of this lifesaving program," said Cathy Bissell, Founder of BISSELL Pet Foundation. "During the two-week event in May, tens of thousands of pets of all kinds, many who've waited far too long, will find the loving homes they deserve. Empty the Shelters has created real momentum around adoption, helping our nation's overcrowded shelters save more lives. We are proud to keep expanding this life-changing effort and grateful to everyone who makes it possible by adopting or donating."

"Spring is a season of new beginnings, and there's no better time to welcome a new furry family member into your home," said Taylor Reinson, Director of Animal Operations at the Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA. "We're grateful to partner with BISSELL Pet Foundation again to help more pets find loving homes and open up space for others in need."

Since its inception in 2016, Empty the Shelters has helped more than 323,000 pets find loving homes and is now the largest funded adoption event in the country. The program partners with more than 815 animal welfare organizations across 49 states and Canada.

BISSELL Pet Foundation and the Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA urge families to research the pet they are interested in adopting, as well as adoption requirements. For more information on adopting or donating to "Empty the Shelters," visit www.bissellpetfoundation.org/empty-the-shelters and <https://www.caspc.org/>.

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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.

About BISSELL Pet Foundation:

BISSELL Pet Foundation is a charitable 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with a mission to help reduce the number of animals in shelters through pet adoption, spay/neuter programs, vaccinations, microchipping and emergency support. Founded in 2011 by Cathy Bissell, BPF is an extension of her long-standing love for animals and commitment to their welfare. BPF has since partnered with more than 6,000 shelters and rescues across the U.S. and Canada to help pets find loving homes. The foundation is supported by generous donors and BISSELL Inc. where every purchase saves pets. To learn more, visit www.bissellpetfoundation.org.

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