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The Humane Society of the United States is coming to Radford University

(Radford, Virginia) September 19, 2019 – The Humane Society is building new shelters in Radford for abandoned animals. The shelters are expected to open Dec. 19, 2019. The animals will also be put up for adoption on the website for everyone to see. In addition to providing the shelters, it will also bring in new volunteer opportunities for students of Radford University.

Kitty Block is the president and chief executive officer of the Humane Society of the United States and president of Humane Society International. Block, an attorney, joined the HSUS in 1992 as a legal investigator and was instrumental in bringing cruelties such as horse slaughter and the killing of dogs and cats for their fur in China to light. Her efforts led to major policy reforms in those realms, including European Union and U.S. bans on imports of dog and cat fur and bans on slaughtering horses for human consumption.

“Adding these shelters to the city of Radford will be the best thing for these animals,” Block said. “There are hundreds of animals abandoned every year in the city by college students and other residents. These animals deserve a home that care for them and that will provide for them. We plan on creating this for them.”

President Brian O. Hemphill of RU is a champion for positive change and a true advocate of shared governance. Hemphill’s vision is to transform RU into an innovative, premier university in the Commonwealth of Virginia and beyond with a keen focus on teaching, research and service.

“I believe that adding these shelters to the city of Radford will not only benefit the city, but also my students,” Hemphill said. “These animals will need loving people to take care of them and I

believe that my students are perfect for the job. I say this on behalf of RU that we take great pride in having the Humane Society of the United States invite us on their journey.”

The new shelters will be located by the Dedmon Center. These will replace the old dog park that is currently there and rebuild a new one along with many other buildings. It will shelter not only dogs and cats but also bird, snakes, hamsters, rabbits, and any other animal that needs a home.

About the Humane Society of The United States

We fight the big fights to end suffering for all animals. Together with millions of supporters, we take on puppy mills, factory farms, trophy hunts, animal testing and other cruel industries. With our affiliates, we rescue and care for thousands of animals every year through our animal rescue team’s work and other hands-on animal care services. We fight all forms of animal cruelty to achieve the vision behind our name: A humane society. And we can’t do it without you.

About Radford University

Radford University serves the Commonwealth of Virginia and the nation through a wide range of academic, cultural, human service, and research programs. First and foremost, the university emphasizes teaching and learning and the process of learning in its commitment to the development of mature, responsible, well-educated citizens. Radford University develops students’ creative and critical thinking skills, teaches students to analyze problems and implement solutions, helps students discover their leadership styles, and fosters their growth as leaders. Toward these ends, the university is student-focused and promotes a sense of caring and of meaningful interaction among all members of the University community. Research is viewed as a vital corollary to the teaching and learning transaction as it sustains and enhances the ability to teach effectively. Radford University believes in the dynamics of change and has a strong commitment to continuous review, evaluation, and improvement in the curriculum and all aspects of the university, so as to meet the changing needs of society.

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