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(Pickens County, SC –October 10, 2017) The Pickens County Upstate SPCA (“Saving Pickens County Animals”) is committed to working with various animal shelters to house animals affected by the recent closing announcement from the Pickens County Humane Society.

Upstate SPCA is positioned to accept additional animals and continue care. Upstate SPCA Director Robert Kelly said, “Our goal at Upstate SPCA is to care for stray animals and help as many animals as possible find their forever homes. We are updating our facility to accommodate additional animals and we’re working with rescue groups as well.”

Over the years, Pickens County has provided partial funding to the Humane Society but the organization failed to accept animals from our facility on a consistent basis. As a result, our animal population grew, with little or no other options for these animals. Out of the need to care for these animals, Pickens County leaders made a decision earlier this year to reallocate funds and extend our own adoption services at the county facility. In addition to Pickens County Sheriff’s deputies picking up stray animals, Upstate SPCA now offers adoptions and veterinarian care as well as spaying and neutering services for impounded animals. But we also need our citizens to continue looking to other shelters like ours to find or foster your next pet.

Upstate SPCA is prepared to relocate humane society animals as that organization ends its service. We also ask other area shelters (and the public) to consider helping the Humane Society and its animals during this time of transition. Upstate SPCA is committed to our citizens and caring for the animals in Pickens County.

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