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Together we can end the needless abandonment
of animals in San Francisco

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SF SPCA hospital staff stand for prevention and compassionate care.

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Behavior and Training:
Dr. Jeannine Berger, one of only nine board-certified veterinary behaviorists in California, working with shelter dog Zazzo, a nine month old terrier mix.



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**SAN FRANCISCO SPCA'S PLAN TO END
ANIMAL ABANDONMENT IN SAN FRANCISCO BY 2020**



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Jennifer Scarlett, D.V.M. with her dog Huri, and Jason Walthall with his dog Johnnie

SF SPCA'S Plan to End Animal Abandonment by 2020

The top three causes of abandonment are:

- Overpopulation (lack of spay/neuter)
- Barriers to veterinary care
- Pet behavior issues

We already know what to do.

PREVENT

OVERPOPULATION AND SURRENDERS SO ANIMALS NEVER NEED TO ENTER A SHELTER

- Increase free & low-cost spay/neuter
- Provide comprehensive behavior resources
- Expand charity veterinary care
- Augment services for feral cats
- Increase number of free vaccination clinics

RESCUE

EVERY HEALTHY, ADOPTABLE AND MEDICALLY TREATABLE CAT AND DOG IN SAN FRANCISCO

- Increase adoptions
- Strengthen post-adoption support
- Provide comprehensive veterinary care
- Expose puppy and animal mills
- Expand foster programs

EDUCATE

THIS GENERATION AND THE NEXT TO BE RESPONSIBLE AND COMPASSIONATE ANIMAL GUARDIANS

- Expand experiential learning summer camps
- Extend more scholarships to at-risk youth for humane education
- Increase animal assisted therapy training and visits
- Develop more dog training classes
- Boost advocacy for all animals

We have expanded current programs and launched new initiatives to address the root causes of animal abandonment. A shelter should be the last resort.



Community Cares Program:

At a recent Community Cares Clinic, a family came in to get free vaccinations for their dog and her five puppies. The dad was relieved that they were finally seeing a veterinarian. He agreed that spay/neuter was the best option for the puppies. "Enough is enough," he said. We gave him vouchers for free spay/neuter services at our veterinary hospital. We saw the family again, and the son said that he encouraged his friend to adopt a dog from our adoption center where all the dogs were already spayed and neutered.

Low-cost and charity care have led to a dramatic drop in the number of abandoned, sick pets.

Charity Vet Care:

Nine-year-old Isabella's adopted kitten Stella swallowed a toy, and her single mom could not afford the surgery. Isabella was frantic with the thought that Stella would die. With the support of our charity funds, we identified an affordable payment option. Now Stella is alive and reunited with her grateful family.



Together, we can save every cat and dog in need in San Francisco.



Saved From Abuse:

Catsu was swung by his tail. He underwent two surgeries and spent a month in our Shelter Medicine Program, where he received top quality, compassionate care. His injury was severe and we were unable to save his tail. Despite his trauma, Catsu remained a sweet and trusting kitty. He's now living happily with Nina and Ben.

When we enhance the human-animal bond, animals and people all thrive.

Youth Camps:

Youth in our Humane Education programs learn about all kinds of animals from birds to goats. Our animal camp curriculum fosters understanding, responsibility and compassion for all creatures and changes young minds. For example, one camper was reluctant to embrace the idea of adopting from a shelter. He insisted that animals from breeders were superior. After 10 minutes with our shelter puppies, he bonded with one of the dogs. He explained to his mom that by adopting from the SF SPCA they would save three dogs: the adopted dog, the dog that takes its place, and the dog who is helped by the adoption fee. They adopted the puppy two days later.



Dear Friends,

Close your eyes and picture a world where animals are not routinely and needlessly abandoned. Where community programs control overpopulation and keep animals in their loving homes. Where a shelter is the last resort for the truly unavoidable cases needing re-homing, not a repository for bad decisions. **This is our vision—a city where we have ended animal abandonment—and it is within our reach.**

Together, we can strengthen our programs and create a virtuous cycle that will finally cure the problem, making San Francisco yet again an inspiring example to the world. We already know what will get us there. We just need the support of the community to make it a reality.

Please join us on this exciting journey!

Warmly,

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