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The mission of the San Francisco SPCA is to save and protect animals, provide care and treatment, advocate for their welfare, and enhance the human-animal bond.

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Have you ever wondered how to flex your advocacy muscle to get more directly involved in animal welfare and protection issues?

To help strengthen our collective efforts, we’ve formed a small but mighty Advocacy team here at the San Francisco SPCA. They are committed to identifying important issues; working with local, state, and federal representatives to draft and pass animal legislation; and mobilizing others to raise awareness and broaden the base of support for our advocacy efforts.

Already the vision and tenacity of this devoted team have made a difference for animals, not just here in San Francisco, but across California and around the world. Globally, they continue to work with Humane Society International on the South Korean dog meat farm issue. Statewide, they have supported bills to protect citizens from civil and criminal liability for necessary actions taken to rescue an animal from a hot car; to ban bullhooks used by elephant handlers to train, punish, and to control captive performing elephants; and repeal an outdated law requiring dogs seized from convicted dog fighters to be deemed “vicious,” which in many cases is an automatic death sentence.

On page 4, we report on the Advocacy team’s recent efforts to help a shelter in the Central Valley. After receiving an email from one of our rescue partners that the shelter was rumored to still use a gas chamber, they immediately went to work with Assembly Member Bill Quirk (D-Hayward) to draft a bill — which Governor Jerry Brown signed into law this past July — ensuring that euthanasia gas chambers are closed down forever in California. It goes to show that you can make a difference: This started with one email and ended with a major victory for animal welfare in the state of California.

But it’s only the beginning.

The reason the City of Coalinga Animal Shelter used a gas chamber was because there isn’t a single vet within 50 miles, and they did not have access to more humane euthanasia drugs. This opens up a larger conversation about how the SF SPCA can best support communities across California that don’t have access to proper veterinary care. Together, with your support, we hope to find solutions to this and other problems.

As renowned anthropologist Margaret Mead once said: Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Whether you write letters to your lawmakers to express your concern about animal welfare issues, hold up a sign at a circus protest, or distribute literature about animal abuse, know that you are making a difference and improving the lives of animals. Your hard work can make a difference and lead to dramatic changes in the way society views and treats animals.

To get involved, email us at advocacy@sfspca.org. We’ll keep you up to date with what’s happening on the advocacy front and let you know how you can lend your voice to important issues. And keep an eye out for our new Advocacy website, which will be launching in early 2017.

In the meantime, let’s celebrate the closure of California’s last known gas chamber and all those who helped make it happen. The SF SPCA — and, of course, the animals — appreciate your determination to make this world a better place.

Sincerely,

JENNIFER SCARLETT, DVM  Co-President
JASON WALTHALL  Co-President

Jason Walthall and Dr. Jennifer Scarlett
With support from the SF SPCA and The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), the City of Coalinga Animal Shelter took a pivotal step forward on June 3 when it dismantled its gas chamber in favor of the more humane euthanasia by injection. To help improve shelter conditions, HSUS also presented Coalinga with a $5,000 grant, and the SF SPCA provided more than $3,000 worth of equipment, training, and resources. The SF SPCA also brought back 40 animals from Coalinga to provide care and treatment and help them find forever homes.

Believed to be the last shelter in California to use a gas chamber to euthanize cats and dogs, Coalinga’s move paved the way for California to enact Assembly Bill 2505, authored by Assembly Member Bill Quirk (D-Hayward). AB 2505, signed into law in July, outlaws the use of carbon dioxide to kill dogs and cats in California.

The bill received strong bipartisan support in both the state Assembly and Senate. Homeless dogs and cats will now be guaranteed full protection against gas chambers. Safety conditions for the people working at the shelter also will dramatically improve.

The use of the gas chamber in Coalinga was first brought to the attention of SF SPCA Shelter Manager Marti Watts by a concerned rescue organization. Marti alerted SF SPCA Director of Advocacy Brandy Kuentzel.

Brandy and our Advocacy team sorted through the legal measures surrounding animal welfare in California. They discovered a loophole that made it legal to kill dogs and cats using carbon dioxide. They also discovered that while California prohibits carbon monoxide and nitrogen gas for euthanasia, carbon dioxide was never even considered by California’s legislators as a viable euthanasia option. Lethal injection was intended as the only option for euthanizing cats and dogs.

Death by carbon dioxide is traumatic, and the dogs and cats suffocate over a long period of time before dying. Gas chambers also pose physical and psychological harm to shelter staff, reportedly causing great emotional stress and compassion fatigue.

In preparation for AB 2505, the SF SPCA partnered with HSUS to identify dog and cat euthanasia methods across the state. The information they gathered suggested that Coalinga was the last shelter using the gas chamber. Brandy reached out to Coalinga Police Chief Michael Salvador with a proposition to help them transition to more humane euthanasia practices. Chief Salvador was more than receptive. Brandy quickly got a team together and drove to Coalinga to conduct an assessment. What they found was a shelter in dire need of help.

Located in a rural community and set behind a retired prison, the shelter was severely underfunded and under supported. With an annual budget of $9,000, the shelter had only one full-time and one part-time staff member. In addition, the area shelter did not have access to the controlled substances needed to humanely euthanize animals by injection.

"Chief Salvador personally offered to testify in Sacramento in support of AB 2505," said Brandy, "and the shelter has publically stepped up to end this practice in Coalinga. Their willingness to embrace more humane methods deserves to be applauded."
Dogs can teach us a lot about patience, forgiveness, unconditional love, and how to look past the wrongs that have been done to us. You would never expect Ginny, a 2-and-a-half-year-old shepherd mix, to be so happy and loving after hearing what she has been through. Her beautiful silky coat, bright beaming eyes, and constantly wagging tail give no indication of the trauma she has experienced.

In her former life, this beautiful dog was named Ginger, and she lived in Fresno. We don’t know much about her history, but we do know that she sadly suffered regular beatings at the hands of her owner. In May of 2015, Ginger’s owner was using her to pull his wheelchair across a street when he began punching her. Witnesses captured this awful incident on video, and the Fresno Police Department was alerted. With help from the public, officers were able to locate Ginger and her owner, and he was arrested on animal cruelty charges.

Although frightened, Ginger did not suffer any severe injuries, and she was taken to the Central California SPCA for evaluation and treatment. Given the abuse, there was no possibility that Ginger would be returned to her owner. But due to the nature of the charges, this became a criminal case, and Ginger was considered evidence. That meant that she was unavailable for adoption and needed to remain in protective custody throughout the investigation. Although Ginger had escaped the danger and beatings, she still had to pay for her owner’s horrendous crimes. She could not yet have the new family that she deserved.

After nine months in the shelter, Ginger was finally released from protective custody and taken into foster care. In her foster home, she received plenty of love and a comfortable place to sleep. She even got along with her foster siblings, who were much older and smaller. She was so full of energy, however, that her senior housemates couldn’t keep up with her. It was clear that Ginger needed a home and family of her own where she could be herself.

In April of 2016, almost a year after she was rescued from her abuser, SF SPCA Shelter Manager Marti Watts was contacted by a colleague in Merced asking if the SF SPCA might be able to take a friendly dog who loved people. Always there for animals in need, Marti made the trip to Merced to meet Ginger.

“Right off the bat she was just a beautiful dog, and upon meeting her, she proved to be just as sweet as she was beautiful. I knew we could take her and find her a good home. It was remarkable that after everything she had gone through, she was still friendly and loved people.”

Marti brought Ginger back to the SF SPCA that very day and gave her a new name, Ginny, so she might shed the pain and strife of her previous life. Ginny was examined and given all the tender care and treatment that each one of our shelter animals receives before they are put up for adoption.

On Ginny’s first trip outside in the SF SPCA dog park, she ran around and played with toys. She accepted belly rubs with pure joy, and even though she’d only just met the staff and volunteers, she trusted them enough to care for and love her. Ginny acted as if her past had never happened. She was in heaven, just enjoying the warmth of the sun and all the pets and scratches.

When a staff member patted her head and said, “Good girl, Ginny,” it may have been the first times those words were spoken to her, but it certainly won’t be the last. Ginny was adopted by her new family in June, and she finally has the home and safety that every dog deserves. Her new owner said, “Ginny has become one of the most loved dogs in our neighborhood. I’m so grateful she’s with me.”

Ginny has seen both the bad and good in people, and her resiliency and forgiveness are remarkable. We are so glad that after a long, harsh journey, Ginny is finally where she needs to be — in the home of a new loving family.

A former owner was found guilty of animal cruelty.
Leaving a Legacy of Compassion

Leaving a legacy for animals is the common bond that unites the Legacy Society donors who come together each year for a thank-you tea. This year's event was held at the Sir Francis Drake Hotel on April 14, and guests enjoyed a presentation by SF SPCA staff members Jennifer Henley, PhD, manager of our Animal Assisted Therapy programs, and Maggie Amiano, manager of our Humane Education department, on building the compassionate animal bond over a lifetime.

“Studies suggest that cycles of empathy can be encouraged and fostered early on,” noted Dr. Henley. “The SF SPCA’s Animal Assisted Therapy and Humane Education programs both strive to create positive, compassionate, and empathetic experiences for our community, educators, and children.”

Nearly 100 guests were on hand, and half of these were also members of the Sido program, a unique opportunity for pet parents to plan for their animals’ futures. By naming the SF SPCA as your pets’ guardian, you can rest easy knowing that if they outlive you, they will be welcomed and cared for until we can find them a new, loving home.

For more information about how to name the San Francisco SPCA as a beneficiary in your will, join the Legacy Society, or learn more about the Sido program, contact Sandy Irber, Legacy Giving Manager, at 415.554.3027 or sirber@sfspca.org.
Louie came to us with a host of medical issues, including two paralyzed hind legs. A Good Samaritan spotted the tiny 6-month-old Chihuahua struggling to walk and brought him to the SF SPCA.

“We’ll likely never know what happened to Louie before he was rescued,” said shelter veterinarian Dr. Jena Valdez. “I suspect that he was able to walk at one point, so he may have been hit by a car.”

In addition to paralysis, Louie was also suffering from incontinence. Pets become incontinent for a variety of reasons, ranging from brain and spinal cord injuries to hormone imbalances. It’s likely that the traumatic injury that caused Louie’s hind leg paralysis also caused him to become incontinent. Unfortunately, when incontinence is caused by nerve damage, it’s a problem that might need to be managed throughout the pet’s life.

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While our Shelter Medicine team worked to help Louie, he quickly became a staff and volunteer favorite. Despite his medical problems, Louie had an unbreakable spirit. He was full of puppy energy and loved to give doggie kisses to everyone he met!

Laura Mullen, a Shelter Medicine coordinator, took a special interest in Louie. She wanted to give him the opportunity to be more mobile, so she used donated parts to build a special wheelchair for him. Soon Louie was romping around our indoor dog park just like all the other dogs.

“It was magical to watch Louie’s transformation after he got a set of wheels,” said Laura. “He had a look of pure joy on his face once he realized he could run and play with the pack.” The happy ending to Louie’s story was possible because of your generous support. Thank you for helping animals like Louie get the second chance they deserve.

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To watch a video of Louie, visit sfspca.org/stories/louie.
Kids and animals are a natural fit. From summer camp to volunteer opportunities to classroom visits, our youth programs help teach compassion and empathy to the next generation of animal advocates. Nearly 7,300 children participated in our youth programs last year!

Registration filled up almost immediately for our Animal Camps this year. The 980 campers spent time interacting with shelter animals, learning about responsible pet care, and participating in animal-related art projects and games. Through our partnership with Palomacy Pigeon and Dove Rescue, campers even had the opportunity to meet several different types of rescued birds.

“Another camp highlight was our reading program, where kids read aloud to shelter cats,” said Maggie Amiano, Humane Education Manager. “The fun and silly books focused on teaching compassion for our feline friends, and the cats simply loved the soothing voices of the students reading to them. Our shy cats especially benefited from this program, and the students loved it as well.”

Although summer camp has finished another successful year, our school year programs are just getting started. Our fall schedule is chock full of great opportunities for kids to get involved! Students in grades 3-8 are invited to join us for Community Service Saturdays (CSS), our student volunteer program. Students earn service hours by socializing with adoptable animals and helping with chores like folding laundry and assembling animal carriers. They’ll even create an enrichment project to help improve the quality of life for animals in our care.

“My favorite part of the day was making the cat castles,” said 11-year-old CSS participant Sheila. “While I absolutely loved playing with the cats, making them an enrichment project really felt important to me, because it will help cats in need.”

To watch a video of Animal Camp, visit...
On a recent July evening, six guardians eagerly anticipated the moment they could open their carriers and release their adorable kittens. They were at the San Francisco SPCA for their second and final session of Kitten Kindergarten, a training and socialization class for kittens 18 weeks of age and younger. Having already met the other kittens in the class, everyone with two and four legs was excited to learn more and play again.

The SF SPCA is one of the few organizations in the country to offer this unique way for kittens to gain social skills, confidence, and training. SF SPCA Behavior and Training Manager Ariel Stephens explained why the classes focus on kittens instead of adult cats. “Kittens tend to be more curious, open-minded, and resilient, so exposing them to new experiences helps build positive associations from a young age.”

This interactive training class covers a variety of topics, including everyday interactions like picking up your kitten or trimming its nails, advice on which scratching post to use, and encouraging proper play. Other tips include how to desensitize your kitten to carriers to make vet visits easier and how to use clicker training to teach tricks.

While our training classes are for kittens only, cats of all ages need enrichment. From teaching your new kitten to sit on command to showing your senior cat videos of fish, interactive play time and enrichment is necessary and beneficial for all cats.

Enrichment offers health benefits, improves the bond between you and your cat, and helps prevent behavior issues from boredom and overstimulation.

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SF SPCA Behavior and Training Manager

Incorporating enrichment into your home for your own cat is simple and easy. Here are some fun suggestions to get started:

- Offer puzzle toys for food or treats.
- Add vertical spaces to your walls or tall cat trees for your cat to climb, jump, and stretch.
- Install window perches so your cat can be entertained by the outdoors from the safety of your home.
- Play music for your cat.
- Teach your cat tricks like sitting on command, coming when you call, and walking on a leash.

Shelter cats are just like any other cats, and they reap the benefits of enrichment as well. The SF SPCA recently received a generous bequest to create a special cat enrichment room, which is called Alberto’s Cat House in his honor. And our state-of-the-art cat condos have enough vertical and horizontal space for ledges, perches, cat trees, windows, and puzzle toys to make cats comfortable and mentally stimulated until they find their forever homes.

Visit our website at sfspca.org/behavior-training for cat enrichment handouts and to sign up for Kitten Kindergarten.
Halloween is right around the corner, and the holiday season will be here before we know it! As all of the celebrations get underway, it’s important to take a few extra precautions to keep your pets safe. Planning ahead can help ensure that all of your furry family members enjoy the festivities as much as you do.

**HOLIDAY TREATS**

Bones, chocolate, grapes, raisins, macadamia nuts, alcohol, and other treats can cause serious health problems in animals. If you suspect your pet has ingested something toxic, contact your veterinarian immediately. The San Francisco SPCA’s Pacific Heights Campus is open 24/7 for emergencies and can be reached at 415-554-3030 (we recommend storing the number in your cell phone).

**CANDLES**

From Halloween pumpkins to the Thanksgiving dinner table, candles often play a role in our celebrations. If you have cats, we recommend skipping candles altogether. If you have dogs, keep the candles high enough so they are out of reach.

**COSTUMES**

Only dress up your pets if you know that they will be happy and comfortable. Costumes should never restrict your pet’s movement or its ability to breathe. Take the costume off immediately if your pet looks at all stressed or uncomfortable.

**XYLITOL**

Found in everything from chewing gum to certain brands of peanut butter, this sweetener can be harmful to dogs when ingested even in small amounts. In severe cases, it can result in liver failure.

**CHECK YOUR CHIP**

Lost animals that are microchipped are much more likely to find their way home. Does your microchip company have your contact information? If your pet gets lost and the contact information on file is outdated, there’s no way for a shelter to find you. Need help? Ask your veterinarian.

**QUICK TIME**

House guests can cause some pets to feel stressed. Always make sure they have the option to retreat to a quiet area, away from the commotion.

**IDs, PLEASE**

If you are expecting Halloween trick-or-treaters, remember to keep your pets away from the door. Just in case, now is a good time to double check that your pets are wearing collars with identification tags.

**Want more tips and advice? Follow us at facebook.com/sfspca**
The California Compassionate Use Act took effect in November 1996, making marijuana legal for medical use. Since that time, SF SPCA Emergency Care Doctor Roger Helmers reports seeing a doubling in cases of dog marijuana poisoning. Cats, on the other hand, seem naturally adverse to marijuana, and instances of them ingesting it are rare.

A proposed initiative on California’s November ballot would legalize marijuana for adult recreational use, which means a greater incidence of dog marijuana ingestion can be expected. As such, dog owners should be aware that like all other drugs and medications in the home, it’s important to keep marijuana away from dogs. Whether a dog ingests marijuana by eating it or inhaling secondhand smoke, it can be quite traumatizing and leave them sick and confused.

The impact of weed on dogs varies greatly depending on the weight and body size of the animal, as well as on the concentration and length of exposure to the smoke. The toxic effect of cannabis in animals usually occurs within 30 minutes to two hours, and can last up to 24 hours. Symptoms include anxiety, panting, lowered body temperature, and agitation. The animal’s eyes are often dilated. They may have a loss of appetite and not drink enough water. Other signs can include an irregular heartbeat and vocalization. Dogs often show impaired balance and may stagger, stumble, or fall when attempting to walk. Drooling, vomiting, and loss of bowel and bladder control can also occur. Extreme responses to noises, movement, and other sensory stimulation may cause trembling or jerking similar in appearance to seizures. In some dogs, marijuana toxicity results in severe lethargy that can border on unconsciousness.

Just as you would keep marijuana or edibles away from children, keep them away from your pets, too. Remember to keep your marijuana securely stored. Dispose of packaging and waste so your pets can’t access them. And please, don’t blow smoke in your pet’s face — pot isn’t for pets! If you suspect your dog has ingested marijuana, the animal will need to be examined and closely observed to assess the severity of symptoms. Treatment may include keeping the pet warm, minimizing sensory stimuli, and, if needed, administering fluids. And please don’t be afraid to bring your pet in for treatment. San Francisco SPCA vets are not obligated to report such a poisoning and won’t make a guardian feel uncomfortable about the situation.

If you suspect your pup has eaten pot, please call the SF SPCA Veterinary Hospital at 415-554-3030.
Donor Spotlight

Famed Author COMES TO THE SF SPCA, Leaves with Soulmate!

Many of you are likely familiar with renowned author Alice Sebold and her international best seller, “The Lovely Bones,” which was made into a film by Peter Jackson. But you may not know that Alice is a lifelong animal lover, and her pets have played a central role in her life and her writing. Maybe it’s the pull of a constant, silent listener to bounce ideas off of that causes so many writers to have an affinity for pets. But, for Alice, it’s something more. In fact, at a recent commencement speech she gave to the graduating class of Emerson College in Boston, she encouraged graduates to volunteer at their local humane society as a way to feed their souls. Alice knows this from personal experience. She has been a dog volunteer and supporter of the SF SPCA since 2011. Belinda Getler, a fundraising professional at the SF SPCA and former vice chair of its board, sat down with Alice to ask about her volunteer experiences, the role animals have played throughout her life, the influence they have had on her writing, and the joys and challenges of being a pet parent in San Francisco.

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by a long-haired German Shepherd that had been dumped in a broccoli field in Lancaster, California. After Alice relocated to San Francisco, she added two cats to her animal family.

After losing her beloved shepherd in 2011, Alice would often stop by the SF SPCA Pacific Heights Campus to, as she puts it, “get dogdom back in my life.” She would do the early morning dog-walking shift and get “uploads of dog.” In addition to volunteering, Alice brings her cats in to see Dr. Polly James. “She is wonderful — very direct and pragmatic — and she has a great ‘catside’ manner. And thanks to her early diagnosis of chronic kidney failure in one of my cats, we’ve been able to extend his life and keep him happy and healthy and in pretty good shape.”
When asked about how animals have influenced her writing and her readers, Alice responded, “I have dogs in my memoir. My Basset Hounds are in there. In fact, there are animals in most things I write. There is a dog in “The Lovely Bones,” and I find it interesting that one of the things that men who have read the novel want to talk to me about is the scene in heaven involving that dog. I think the dog character helps men open up and cross gender boundaries. I love it when I see a man who is totally maxing out his macho credibility in every way, and then he has a tiny, fluffy, little dog!”

Alice went on to say, “There’s a dog or cat out there for everyone.” But she’s saddened that while San Francisco is animal friendly compared to many cities, it is becoming harder for many of its residents to experience the joy an animal can bring. As more landlords crack down on renting to people with pets, people are leaving the city not just for financial reasons, but because they can’t find a place where they can keep their animals with them. “It’s upsetting that we are losing not just artists and writers and others who can no longer afford the city, but animal lovers, too!”

Alice had been without a dog for quite some time, but said she was always on the lookout for that special creature that would speak to her soul. In spite of her searching, she had yet to find the perfect pet. After wrapping up their conversation, Belinda suggested to Alice that they take a stroll across the hall to peek at the dogs and cats in the adoption center. Within approximately one minute, Alice saw Seamus, the cutest Basset Hound mix ever! It was love at first sight for Alice, and the rest is history. Alice later emailed Belinda, “I can’t believe I’m actually doing this! I feel like the girl who has cried ‘dog’ for so long that even I can’t believe I’ve finally found the one right next door!”

**IN MEMORY:**

**Dixie Bee Conner**

Dixie Bee Conner, a 20-year SF SPCA veteran volunteer, passed away unexpectedly this past May. Dixie Bee was beloved by volunteers and staff members who were inspired by her infectious love of animals. Dixie Bee was a 2013 Heart of Gold Awardee for Society Engagement along with her husband, Paul Shimer, a Holiday Windows volunteer mentor and Foster program kitten volunteer.

_Dixie Bee Conner and Paul Shimer with Misty Mae_
When you meet Mercer Henderson, she seems like a typical Bay Area teenager. She has a bubbly personality and she’s quick to share that she loves school, speaks Mandarin, and is already hard at work preparing for her high school entrance exams. She loves to perform and has appeared in commercials and on stage in both San Francisco and New York. And like any kid, she spends a lot of time texting with and sending emojis to her friends.

But that’s where the similarities end.

Earlier this year, Mercer launched 4Girls Tech, a company that, among other things, has created Audiots, an iOS app that allows you to create and send sound-infused emojis. Not bad for a 13-year-old who just started eighth grade at Marin Country Day School.

The venture has been so successful that she's expanded beyond creating emojis for friends and family to working with companies like GE and Hint Water to create emojis to engage their customers. And she's also launched a philanthropic arm of her company, Audiots for Good.

“I realized that there was an opportunity to combine emojis and sounds to lend a voice to things that were really important to me,” said Mercer.

Between her fondness for animals and her belief in the San Francisco SPCA’s mission, it was an easy decision for her to select the SF SPCA as her first nonprofit partner. "I grew up with all kinds of animals,” she said. “I got my first fish at age three, and he was my life — I loved him so much I even tried to hold him and hug him.” Since then, she’s shared her home with more fish, rabbits, a few guinea pigs, a hamster or two, a French Bulldog named Yum Yum and a Corgi called Phina.

The SF SPCA Audiots include dog and cat emojis that say funny things and, of course, bark and meow.

“I always knew I wanted to do something to promote animal welfare issues. As a kid, I attended the SF SPCA summer camp and learned all about the work it was doing on behalf of animals, so I’ve always been a big fan of the SF SPCA,” Mercer gushed. “This is my way of ensuring animal voices are heard, too.”

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We are proud to join forces with Mercer and Audiots for Good in our shared mission to save and protect animals and to educate and empower the animal welfare leaders of tomorrow.

The SF SPCA Audiot Emojis are available on the Apple App Store for $1.99 for a pack of 18. All profits from in-app purchase will be contributed to the SF SPCA.
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• Get help as quickly as possible

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Join the San Francisco SPCA Legacy Society
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For more information, contact the Development Office at 415.554.3029 or development@sfspca.org.
We hope your pet never has an emergency but, if it does, you can count on us. The San Francisco SPCA veterinary hospitals offer urgent care at both of our campuses. Call us to let us know you are coming.

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- Vomiting and/or diarrhea
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- Lethargy
- Difficulty breathing (gasping, noisy respiration, blue tongue, etc.)
- Difficulty urinating or defecating
- Difficulty standing
- Inability to deliver puppies or kittens
- Hit by car
- Seizure
- Animal bite

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