Congratulations to Cindy and Lucky.

and swimming at his summer home in Cape Cod, Mass. Lucky enjoys frequent travel

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WA is very proud to share with you our accomplishments from fiscal year 2011-2012, which are highlighted within these pages. Of course, there’s more to share than we could fit in this issue, so look for more recaps in the upcoming Annual Report.

One of our keystone achievements this past year launching the Anti-Puppy Mill campaign. You can learn more about the campaign at sfspca.org/nomills. This was our first foray into trying to end the scourge of online puppy sales, but it is only the beginning in our crusade to change the future of animal welfare.

The addition of a dedicated Advocacy Department (see page 5) will be paramount to making the changes necessary to realize Vision 2020 and end animal abandonment in the city.

This was a banner year for the SF SPCA, reaching new benchmarks of achievement and moving us closer to our goals in prevention, education, and rescue — the pillars of Vision 2020. Here are some of the highlights of this latest fiscal year:

- The Spy/Reuter team performed a record-breaking 10,307 surgeries
- Community Cats trapped and returned 1,506 feral cats
- Community Cat Initiative expanded monthly free vaccine clinics into a second neighborhood and vaccinated more than 1,000 dogs
- The SF SPCA Veterinary Hospital grew its charity care by 30 percent over fiscal 2011
- Attendance in dog training classes grew by 12 percent
- Our foster program turned 16 percent more kittens and puppies and gave 17 topknots animals the comfort of a nurturing home in their last days
- Human Education made animal advocates out of 5,138 kids, a 23 percent increase over 2011
- Animal Assisted Therapy celebrated its 40th anniversary by growing a whopping nine percent, making nearly 80,000 visits to such facilities as schools, hospitals, and retirement centers
- The SF SPCA implemented a grant program to our partner rescue groups

We are most heartwarming of all, reached a landmarks 4,525 adoptions — the best adoption number in a decade!

All of this was accomplished by an endlessly dedicated staff and one of the hardest-working volunteer corps you will find anywhere. Our 1,200 volunteers put in an astonishing 63,726 hours last year! And, despite the long hours, blood, sweat and tears — or perhaps because of it — the SF SPCA was named one of the Bay Area’s “Best Places to Work 2012” by the San Francisco Business Times. Thank you to everyone for all of their hard work and commitment to the SF SPCA.

So where do we go in this next fiscal year? We will keep growing our numbers. We will keep addressing the immediate needs of San Francisco’s animals as well as moving toward the long-term solution. We will be front and forward in the community and in the legislative process.

Stay tuned for more information about the status of the Hayden Bill repeal and our efforts to find a creative and effective alternative with our partners in the California Shelter Policy Stakeholders alliance. The Hayden Bill requires shelters in California to hold abandoned animals for four to six days before euthanasia. The mandate protects animals’ lives by allowing time for guardians to claim their lost pets.

One more advancement that we’ve made in the past year: In an effort to reduce our ecological impact, we are now featuring an interactive version of Our Animals on our website. The online version will have links to more in-depth articles and online resources.

If you’d like to receive your future issues of Our Animals by email instead of by mail, contact us at ouranimals@sfspca.org and let us know.

Sincerely,

JENNIFER SCARLETT, DVM Co-President

JASON WALTHALL Co-President

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Dr. Jack Aldridge has been the heart and soul of the San Francisco SPCA Veterinary Hospital since he rode up to our door on his motorcycle in 1976. He looked around and thought this might be a good place to work for a bit. Well, 37 years (and a full head of hair) later, Dr. Aldridge is retiring from the SF SPCA to relax, travel, make wine, and spend more time with his wife.

During his tenure, Jack was instrumental in building a world-class staff and facility. His hand is in many of the details of the state-of-the-art Leanne B. Roberts Animal Care Center. He has always been a passionate advocate of quality care and is the personification of compassion, skill, and dedication.

Jack not only saved animals at the office, he brought his work home with him too. In 1996, Jack and his wife adopted Francois, a little homeless dog at the SF SPCA who had two broken legs, requiring two painstaking surgeries. Over the years, they adopted five animals from the SF SPCA, in addition to adopting animals from other rescues and circumstances.

We are setting up a fund to commemorate Jack’s 37-year tenure with the SF SPCA. The fund will support medical and surgical treatment of owned animals with guardians who are unable to afford necessary care. If you’d like to contribute to the Dr. John P. Aldridge Fund for Charitable Animal Care, please visit our website at sfspca.org/jack.

Part of the SF SPCA’s strategic Vision 2020 is to increase our advocacy efforts. So we are very excited to share the news that Brandy Kuentzel has joined the SF SPCA as our first Corporate Counsel and Director of Advocacy. As the only lawyer on staff, Kuentzel says she hopes to offer “a unique perspective to both old and new animal welfare issues.” The position draws on her experience with the U.S. Senate and the California State Senate, as well as her training as an attorney at one of the nation’s leading law firms and as the winner of the 10th season of NBC’s “The Apprentice.”

Caring and advocating for animals is demanding work, and Kuentzel has set lofty goals. In any given day, she might travel to the State Capitol to help advance humane legislation, craft position statements that outline the SF SPICAs stance on contemporary animal welfare issues, and counsel neighboring rescue organizations on how to effectively manage liability.

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Brandy Kuentzel at the SF SPCA Adoption Center.

Allies in Advocacy:
FROM ONE ANIMAL ADVOCATE TO ANOTHER

To learn more about the SF SPICAs ongoing advocacy work and the issues that animals in our community face today, visit our website at sfspca.org/advocacy. Contact Kuentzel at advocacy@sfspca.org to receive periodic emails focused on current animal law and advocacy issues.

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"Let’s shake things up together," she says. "After all, it’s our community and our government, and we share a responsibility to protect those animals who cannot protect themselves.

"There are endless opportunities to advocate on behalf of animals, and your voice matters."
Summer Campers Turned Fundraisers

This year’s session of Summer Animal Camps brought out the entrepreneurial instincts of some of its young participants, who came up with innovative, hands-on ways to support the SF SPCA and make our community a safer place for all animals. More than 800 youth participated in our 10-week summer enrichment program, which was a 25 percent increase from last summer. And thanks to our generous donors, the SF SPCA provided over $18,000 in scholarships and other financial assistance to 65 at-risk or low-income youth.

In our Pet Pals (grades 3–4) and Furry Friends (grades 5–6) camps, participants Lilah and Reuben Ferris and their friends made gluten-free honey cake and lemonade to sell as a fundraiser for the SF SPCA.

They had a list of customers who wanted to help and donated far more than the 50-cent charge for lemonade. “The SF SPCA is a really awesome place, and I love coming here in the summer for camp!” Lilah said.

Their mother, Jackie Ferris, was equally enthused. “Their fundraising lemonade stand on our street (one of the ‘Hardly Strictly Bluegrass’ festival days) was so spontaneous and from the heart,” she said. “The kids and their friends Ivia and Dahlia Crane were totally motivated to donate their proceeds to SF SPCA.”

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Thank you to everyone who contributed to our record-breaking fiscal year! During fiscal 2012, which ran from July 1, 2011–June 30, 2012, we made incredible strides toward our goal of ending animal abandonment in San Francisco by the year 2020. We saw amazing growth in nearly all departments, and succeeded in improving the lives of animals throughout the city. We couldn’t have done it without our supporters.

Adoptions
4,525 animals found new homes through the SF SPCA. Fiscal 2012 was our best year for adoptions in more than a decade.

Veterinary Hospital
2011–2012 marked our third year of double-digit growth. As a nonprofit hospital, this translates into increased assistance for animals in need.

Spay/Neuter
We completed 10,307 surgeries, including:
3,315 SF SPCA animals
1,223 Animal Care and Control animals
1,506 community cats

Spotlight on Fiscal Year Successes

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UPCOMING EVENTS

LEARN HOW TO SAVE YOUR PET’S LIFE

Sign up for our quarterly classes on pet safety. You’ll receive training on how to recognize an emergency for your pet, what to do if an animal is hit by a car and other ways you can help. Cost is $25, which includes training book and an SF SPCA certificate upon completion.

If you’re interested in signing up for our email list, please contact Jamie Holt at jholt@sfspca.org.

7x7.com every Friday for “Ask the Vet,” Dr. Jeannine Berger, DVM, answers questions submitted by 7x7 readers. Ask anything — she’ll have an answer for you!

EVERY FRIDAY Catch us on KSFO 560-AM for “Puppy Love” at 8:40 a.m.

Watch us with an adoptable animal every third Friday of the month on ABC 7 News for “Perfect Pet” at 11:25 a.m.

ADOPTATHON WRAP-UP: Thank you, Maddie’s Fund!

In June, we were honored to be invited to participate in Maddie’s Matchmaker Adoption — a spectacular event that offers no-cost adoptions to the public and provides shelters with a handsome grant for each cat and dog that finds a home.

This adoption event has been tremendously successful in Alameda and Contra Costa counties in past years, so we were thrilled that Alameda-based Maddie’s Fund generously added San Francisco to the mix this year.

The SF SPCA and Animal Care and Control hosted a two-day street fair along Alabama Street to drive traffic and adoptions from our shelters as well as for the rescue groups that joined the event.

Our sincerest gratitude to Maddie’s Fund and its founders, Dave and Cheryl Duffield, who do so much for homeless animals, all in the name of their beloved Miniature Schnauzer, Maddie.

The totals, you ask?

• 110 animals adopted from the SF SPCA
• 2,600 animals adopted throughout the three counties

Not bad for a weekend’s work.

SECOND ANNUAL THE WHOLE ENCHIHUAHUA

It was a beautiful day on June 2, and food trucks lined Dolores Street as hipsters and dog fanatics came together in the Mission.

Dolores Park was bustling with eager pooches adorned in their favorite and most colorful flair for our costume contest. We had every kind of pooch, from Carmen Miranda to characters from “Downton Abbey.” Our four-legged friends sashayed down the runway as our expert panel of judges chose their favorites.

We had our adoptable animals, along with our local rescue partners, as our dog trainers and veterinarians answered questions on the minds of many dog owners. Also, our resident kisangai booth pooch, was giving away wet smooches. Spectators were taking wacky pictures with their pets in the Google+ photo booth while a live mariachi band serenaded the crowd.

Special thanks to 7x7, Popchips, Zipcar, and everyone who came out to support the work we do! See you next year!

8TH ANNUAL Dog Day on the Bay

It was a beautiful day on the San Francisco Bay as we set sail for our 8th Annual Dog Day on the Bay on Saturday, July 22. Hornblower Cruises & Events once again generously donated their boat, the San Francisco Belle, for the occasion. All-star chefs prepared a brunch feast for our guests and their pooches. They danced and ate while enjoying the beautiful scenery of downtown San Francisco.

Guests enjoyed a rooftop relief area for their furry friends, compliments of Sloat Garden Center. Our Animal Assisted Therapy teams were onboard and greeting guests by our Puppy Dog Tales Reading Room.

We had some amazing door prizes that went to the highest bidders, including an SF SPCA swag bag, a Hornblower gift certificate, Producers’ Row Tickets to “Beach Blanket Babylon,” a K9 Scrub Club pet bed, and many more.

Special thanks to Hornblower Cruises & Events for their unwavering support and for helping us raise money for our Puppy Dog Tales reading program, which improves literacy in schools. Hope to see you next year.

Dog Days of Summer with the SF Giants

The warm and sunny weather brought out the best and most unusual fans at AT&T Park on Saturday, August 25, as we welcomed many SF Giants spectators and their colorfully decorated pooches. As our Giants played the Braves, you could spot many of our furry friends dressed as players and food vendors, and wearing other unique costumes in the stands.

Fans and their puppy companions got to prance around the field before the game and participated in a rigorous costume contest. We had everyone from Brian Wilson look-a-likes to a bulldog security guard.

A special thanks to the San Francisco Giants for their continued support of our mission. Another big thank you to our enthusiastic volunteers for hyping up the crowd, distributing water, dog treats, and waivers before and during the game.
O
n Thursday, Sept. 6, Philanthropist Boutique, in partnership with The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), hosted a special benefit that raised nearly $18,000 for our charity vet care program for sick and injured animals.

The party brought together SF SPCA supporters, boutique clients, and animal-loving fashionistas who purchased beautiful designer clothing and jewelry to support animals in need. 70 shoppers enjoyed delicious hors d’oeuvres from Small Potatoes Catering, and Mutt Lynch Winery was on hand pouring their Unleashed Chardonnay and Fou Fou le Blanc Sauvignon Blanc.

“We are thrilled to partner with The Humane Society of the United States and the SF SPCA to help families in need and their animals,” says Jessica Moment, owner of Philanthropist Boutique.

Philanthropist founder Jessica Moment envisioned the boutique as the perfect way to combine her passion for fashion and her commitment to philanthropy. The boutique offers chic, modern, and luxurious women’s apparel and contributes 100 percent of the profits to charities combating poverty in the Bay Area.

“We are thrilled to partner with The Humane Society of the United States and the SF SPCA to help families in need and their animals,” says Jessica Moment, owner of Philanthropist Boutique. “The SF SPCA’s programs help so many pets throughout the Bay Area, and their charity vet care program fits perfectly with our goal of helping Bay Area families in need. Our clients want to look their best but also care about giving back to their communities, and this partnership helps them do just that.”

Each quarter, Philanthropist selects a Bay Area charity to support with the profits from sales during that quarter. In addition, Jessica and her husband, Jason generously matched the sales from the September 6th benefit party with a personal contribution to the SF SPCA.

We are grateful to Jessica and her Philanthropist Boutique for bringing The HSUS together with the SF SPCA to help promote a program that serves the local community and is invaluable to the lives of countless dogs and cats, “says Jennifer Fearing, California Senior State Director of The Humane Society of the United States, who attended with her dog Yoda.

We are very proud to have partnered with Philanthropist and The HSUS to raise funds for our charity vet care program, which provides financial assistance for pet guardians who are unable to afford necessary treatment for their pets.

“Our charity vet care program is one of the cornerstones of our plan to end animal abandonment in San Francisco by 2020,” says Jason Walthall, SF SPCA Co-President. “Our research shows that unaffordable vet care is one of the top three reasons why animals are abandoned in our city. The generous support from Jessica and Jason Moment, Philanthropist Boutique, and The HSUS, combined with the more than $2 million we dedicate to this program each year, will help us serve a lot more animals and allow them to stay in their loving homes.”

Many thanks to Philanthropist Boutique and The HSUS for their generous contributions to our charity vet care program.

We thank you. They thank you!

RAVS, a program administered by the Humane Society Veterinary Medical Association, has been providing free veterinary care to remote communities since 1995. In the past 17 years, RAVS has held clinics on more than 40 Native American reservations throughout the United States and in more than 18 countries.

During RAVS trips, which generally last about a week, a mostly volunteer team provides basic health care services for cats and dogs, including spay/neuter surgeries, vaccinations, parasite treatments, soft tissue surgeries, and urgent care. For many animals in these communities, RAVS is the only opportunity they will ever have to receive veterinary care. Currently, about 8,000 animals receive aid in the U.S. each year.

There’s a strong connection between RAVS and the SF SPCA. Many SF SPCA staff members are dedicated volunteers who spend their vacation days on RAVS trips. Conversely, many RAVS volunteers network with SF SPCA staff members during trips and later come to work in the Bay Area.

Dr. Kate Kuzminski, SF SPCA Director of Shelter Medicine, was working as a veterinarian in Canada when she volunteered for her first RAVS trip in 2006. It was there that she met Dr. Jennifer Scarlett, SF SPCA Co-President, which ultimately led Kuzminski to the Bay Area and into what she describes as her “dream job.”

“Not only do you give back to the communities you visit, but you gain as well. Everything you learn and practice in the field helps you in the shelter, and there’s an enormous amount of personal growth that takes place on every trip,” she says. “You don’t realize how far you can really push yourself until you try and are surrounded by people with the same vision and dedication.”

Living conditions on RAVS trips are very basic, and participants rarely get more than a few hours of sleep each night. When they do sleep, it is in a communal setting, often on the floor of a church or in an unused corner of a makeshift clinic. Even running water is often a luxury. And yet many volunteers find the trips so rewarding that they return year after year.

Robin Post, SF SPCA Veterinarian Technician Supervisor and RAVS volunteer since 2008, explains, “When you see pet guardians lined up at 5 a.m. to visit the clinic, where you’re sleeping and what you’re eating for dinner no longer matter. You’re too busy and focused. You feel like you’re making a huge difference.”

In additional to helping hundreds of animals on each trip, RAVS has a broad long-term impact that inspires volunteers to keep contributing.

“Going on a RAVS trip is like planting a seed,” says Kuzminski. “What you create grows, including your connections with other vets, the skills you bring back and teach to others, and the spay/neuter surgeries that prevent generations of unwanted animals.”

RAVS volunteers provide medical care for a litter of puppies on Standing Rock Reservation, South Dakota.

Check-in lines for RAVS clinics often begin forming as early as 5 a.m.

To learn more about RAVS, including how you can get involved, visit ruralareavet.org.

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It’s incredible!” said Jennifer Emmert, Ph.D., Animal Assisted Therapy Manager. “The new space will enable us to better serve our community by providing privacy for volunteers and program participants. Allowing AAT to be more self-sufficient. Hosting more events. Providing funding to volunteer programs. And we couldn’t have done it without the donors were current or former AAT participants. Jason Walthall, Co-President, commented, “Our AAT volunteers always come through. There is such great commitment and passion to this program. It brings out the best in everyone."

Ron has a tremendous work ethic. He’s extremely organized and detail-oriented. Plus, he cares very deeply about the San Francisco SPCA. He really took these two projects to heart,” noted Dylan Berry, Senior Project Manager at Plant Construction.

After the hospital project was completed, Ron commented, “It has truly been one of the highlights of my career, and I’m grateful to have been a part of it.” He was so taken with things here at the SF SPCA that in 2007 he adopted a 5-year-old black Lab from us.

Ron is a husband celebrating his 25th anniversary, a father of two, a sports fan, and a baseball coach. But to us, he’ll be the guy who made this fantastic building come together. The hero behind the scenes.

At the SF SPCA, we take pride in making the building fit for the mission. The SF SPCA held an open house on the evening of Sept. 27 to showcase the new space. One volunteer said it best: “It couldn’t have happened to a nicer program.”

The AAT space was part of a larger project to build more program and office space in the Leanne B. Roberts Animal Care Center. As with any project, there are always unsung heroes. Meet Ron Andrus. He was the superintendent (read: grand maestro) at Plant Construction for both the hospital construction project and this latest office build-out. He’s responsible for everything from the coordination of construction staff and contractors to making sure that the building follows the architect’s drawings.

Training more teams. Hosting the new MESSCATT (Master, Empathy, and Social Conscience through AAT) program. Conducting Puppy Dog Tales reading sessions on campus. Providing privacy for volunteers and program participants. Allowing AAT to be more self-sufficient. Hosting more events.

These are just some of the advantages of the big new Animal Assisted Therapy space on the second floor of the Leanne B. Roberts Animal Care Center at 201 Alabama St.

“It’s incredible!” said Jennifer Emmert, Ph.D., Animal Assisted Therapy Manager. “The new space will enable us to better serve our community by ensuring that we are putting the best and most engaging the new space is. The SF SPCA offers a variety of services to help prevent, diagnose, and treat behavior issues. The SF SPCA offers a variety of services to help prevent, diagnose, and treat behavior issues.

In the Summer 2012 issue of Our Animals, we introduced SF SPCA Director of Behavior Resources, Dr. Jeannine Berger. Dr. Berger offers private behavior consultations at our Veterinary Hospital for people who are at their wits’ end because their pets are out of control. But what if you have a dog that just needs a little help to learn the things that trigger bad behavior? Or you want to get your dog to focus on you instead of the things that trigger bad behavior.

Pet behavior issues are one of the most common causes of animal abandonment. The San Francisco SPCA offers a variety of services to help prevent, diagnose, and treat behavior issues. And we couldn’t have done it without the 33 donors who stepped up with gifts from $20 to $2,000. All of the donors were current or former AAT volunteers. Jason Walthall, Co-President, commented, “Our AAT volunteers always come through. There is such great commitment and passion to this program. It brings out the best in everyone."

Reactions have been universally positive. Everyone has been excited about how bright and engaging the new space is. The SF SPCA held an open house on the evening of Sept. 27 to showcase the new space.

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Superhumane at the SF SPCA

POWER

Superhumane
Adj: 1. Having or showing exceptional ability or powers that are characterized by kindness, empathy and compassion.

Want to join the SF SPCA team? Visit sfspca.org/careers

Our employees are exceptionally inspired by our mission and our accomplishments wouldn’t be possible without their drive and dedication. Their insights, experience, and attributes create the pulse of the SF SPCA and we’re grateful for all they do every day.

We’d like to take this opportunity to reveal some of the unique and superhumane perspectives from our employees that make SF SPCA such a great place to work.

As Dr. Scarlett and Jason highlighted in their opening letter, this has been an incredible year at the SF SPCA. From receiving the “Best Places to Work 2012” award, to the anti-puppy mill campaign, to our superhero theme at the San Francisco Pride Parade — there’s no question we have a lot to be proud of.

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Animal Assisted Therapy

The SF SPCC’s AAT program celebrated its 40th birthday. AAT visits increased by nine percent during 2011–2012, to a grand total of 79,300.

Behavior Resources

2,065 dogs benefited from SF SPCA training classes. Problematic behavior is one of the leading causes of surrenders. By fixing those problems, we’re helping keep animals out of the shelter system.

Want to join the SF SPCA team? Visit sfspca.org/careers

Our employees are exceptionally inspired by our mission and our accomplishments wouldn’t be possible without their drive and dedication. Their insights, experience, and attributes create the pulse of the SF SPCA and we’re grateful for all they do every day. Our diversity is our strength and ALL humans and animals are valued in our culture of inclusion.

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