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Although we haven’t moved, we have a new mailing address!
201 Alabama St., San Francisco, CA 94103

OUR MISSION
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.

OUR ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITMENT
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ABOUT THE COVER
Due to the warm weather, kitten season started early this year! Here is Bilbo, shown here at about 3 months old, just before being adopted at the end of February.
Happy Anniversary to us — and to you! April 18, 2013, marks the 145th anniversary of the San Francisco SPCA. We are most definitely a San Francisco tradition: just a little younger than Levi Strauss & Co. (1853) and the Ghirardelli Chocolate Company (1852), about the same age as the San Francisco Chronicle (1865), and older than the Palace Hotel (1875).

Life was very different in San Francisco in 1868 when banker James Hutchinson founded the SF SPCA (only the fourth humane society in the country and the first in the West). But at least one thing is the same: When people come together to make a difference in the lives of animals, something special happens. Animal lives are changed — and people’s lives are changed, too.

In this issue, we highlight all the folks who make that difference: donors, staff, volunteers. It is people who take ideas and make magic happen, and we are happy to say that we have the best of the best. We are graced with the generosity of thousands of individuals who support the SF SPCA with donations.

Your support will find homes for a projected 5,000 cats and dogs this year and will save the lives of four to five owned animals a day through our financial assistance program in the veterinary hospital. Our animated, creative, and dedicated staff keeps the wheels turning every day, with smiles, laughs, and ingenuity that never cease to amaze us.

Volunteers touch almost every program at the SF SPCA and provide the power for cat socialization, dog walks, fostering, Animal Assisted Therapy, adopt-a-thons, special events, and so many important lifesaving tasks.

As you flip through these pages, you may find a common theme in all of the stories — our most sincere appreciation for all of the ways in which people contribute to this team. Be proud of what you do to save the lives of thousands of animals and touch the lives of thousands of people. You are in good company.

Sincerely,

JENNIFER SCARLETT, DVM
Co-President

JASON WALTHALL
Co-President

P.S. If you missed the winter issue of Our Animals, it is now our Annual Report. We hope you had a chance to look through the Annual Report, which reviewed our accomplishments from Fiscal Year 2011–2012. The full document can be viewed online at sfspca.org/about-us.
It was a furr-tastic evening on March 20 as guests braved the rain with their four-legged friends and sashayed down the red carpet at the Festival Pavilion, Fort Mason Center. Dressed in their finest garb, pooches feasted on delicious delights from the Bark Bar, provided by the evening’s Presenting Sponsor, Purina ONE. They danced their hind legs away to tunes from the incomparable Carlos Reyes.

Diane Dwyer, our emcee from NBC Bay Area, entertained the crowd alongside her furry companion Truman. A special thanks to our Presenting Media Sponsor for the evening, NBC Bay Area. Our auctioneer, Durwood Zedd, orchestrated an exciting live auction that raised over $42,000! All in all, it was a successful evening full of many surprises!

We’d like to thank our extraordinary partners at Critter Lovers at Work (CLAW) for putting together the evening’s celebrations. CLAW’s unwavering support of the San Francisco SPCA has allowed us to continue our lifesaving work through the Cinderella Fund. The SF SPCA is truly grateful to receive support from such outstanding individuals who believe in our mission and goals.

Look forward to seeing everyone next year!

Bark & Whine Ball
Macy’s Holiday Windows 2012 did not disappoint. Despite the rain, crowds turned out in droves every day from Nov. 16–Jan. 1 at Macy’s Union Square. Hats off to Macy’s, who once again captured the magic of the holidays with windows outfitted for SF SPCA adoptable animals.

Twelve-hour days were the norm for our seemingly inexhaustible team. The adoption staff and matchmaker volunteers found homes for 285 cats and dogs at the adoption center on the main floor of Macy’s.

If we have a lucky number, we’d have to say it is 87. The volunteer greeters outside the windows collected $87,000 in donations — a record for Holiday Windows! As a result of waiving adoption fees at the SF SPCA campus during the holidays, the combined number of adoptions from the campus and Macy’s totaled 870 for the mid-November through New Year’s period.

We also tried out some new technologies to make the online experience more fun, and most importantly, more shareable on Facebook and Twitter. Thanks to our friends at Snappy TV and Koozoo, we were able to stream live video of the adoptable pets in the windows. If you missed it, but sure to check it out on our web site in 2013.

Almost 1,000 people volunteered more than 4,000 hours to make the Macy’s Holiday Windows campaign a success.

Thank you to everyone, and we hope to see you next year!
Learn How to Save Your Pet’s Life

Pet First Aid and CPR Training
San Francisco SPCA
Leanne B. Roberts Animal Care
Center Community Room
201 Alabama St.
9:30am–1:30pm

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 without getting hurt.

Cost: $50, which includes training book and an SF SPCA pet first aid and CPR certificate upon completion.

To sign up for our next training, call Jamie Holt at 415.522.3548 or email jholt@sfspca.org.

HORNBLOWER PRESENTS
Dog Day on the Bay

Sunday, June 2, 2013 | Boarding starts at 10 a.m.
Cruises from 11am–1pm | Hornblower Pier 3

Join Hornblower for the Ninth Annual Dog Day on the Bay to benefit the San Francisco SPCA’s Puppy Dog Tales program. This program brings the benefits of the human-animal bond to young readers to improve literacy and encourage a love of reading in children. This popular fundraiser takes place on a cruise around the Bay.

Cost is $105 per adult, $94.50 for seniors (55+) and military, $63 per child (ages 4–12), and free for children under 4. Dogs sail for free. Tax and gratuity not included.

The ticket price includes a two-hour cruise, delicious champagne brunch, doggie buffet with natural treats, and dancing with your furry friend.

To purchase tickets, visit dogdayonthebay.com

THE WHOLE ENCHIHUAHUA
Saturday, May 18, 2013 | 12pm–3pm | Dolores Park

Don’t miss the Third Annual The Whole Enchihuahua in Dolores Park. Get your pets’ costumes ready for the infamously clever runway costume contest. Great prizes and bragging rights are at stake! Enjoy a fun day in the sun, chow down on amazing food at the city’s best food trucks, meet adoptable animals, and support the city’s mighty Chihuahuas!

The Whole Enchihuahua caps off a three month promotion to address San Francisco’s Chihuahua overpopulation. From March 1 to May 31, the SF SPCA is offering fee-waived adoptions of Chihuahuas and Chihuahua mixes and free spay/neuter to prevent more Chihuahuas from entering shelters.
Roo the dog was a rambunctious, out-of-control 11-month-old when she was found wandering in San Francisco’s McLaren Park in 2007. She was taken to San Francisco Animal Care & Control as a stray, and then transferred to the San Francisco SPCA, where she nearly failed the behavior test — twice. When she finally got adopted, she was quickly returned, only to be adopted and returned a second time.

Stacey Campbell, San Francisco SPCA dog trainer and owner of Go Fetch Dog Training, had been looking for a new dog to train for competitive obedience when she met Roo. After watching Roo get adopted and returned the second time, she decided in March 2008 to open her home to the jumpy, hyper pup.

“Little did I know that a boisterous, big-eared, mixed-breed would steal my heart!” said Stacey. “As I watched Roo walk out of the shelter for the second time, I wondered if she was ‘the dog that got away.’ Fortunately for me, her second adopters found her a bit too mischievous and returned Roo to the shelter three weeks later.”

Stacey and Roo’s first six months together were not easy, and Stacey spent most of that time teaching basic house manners and obedience. Roo also had reactivity issues with other dogs while on-leash. And just when Roo started showing major improvements, she got attacked by another dog — twice. She wasn’t injured, but the attacks had a huge mental impact. Although she had already entered a couple of obedience competitions, she had to quit because her confidence was shattered.

Stacey teaches agility classes at the SF SPCA, so when Roo could no longer do obedience competitions, she started teaching Roo agility work just for fun. At 2½ years old, Roo was getting a late start compared to most agility dogs, but all of the running and jumping proved to be the perfect outlet for her abundance of energy.

After a year and a half of training, Roo started to truly stand out in the world of agility. In 2012, she earned two Master Agility Champion titles, which are given to dogs who demonstrate superior speed and consistency on agility courses.

In March 2012, Roo competed in her first national competition, the American Kennel Club National Agility Championship in Reno, where she placed fifth in the finals out of 88 dogs. By June 2012, Roo was ranked as the 2nd All American Dog in the country, which earned her an invitation to the AKC Agility Invitational in Orlando, Fla. In December, Roo won first place at this national event.

“I was so proud of her,” said Stacey. “I’ve always thought Roo was the coolest dog, so it was great for other people to see her shine.”

At the SF SPCA, we love hearing stories about our former shelter residents who have blossomed in their new lives. Roo is an outstanding example of how an animal with behavioral issues can thrive with the right teaching and a dedicated guardian.

Read Roo’s blog: gofetchdogtraining.com/roos-blog

Learn more about SF SPCA agility classes: sfspca.org/training
One of the important metrics that we monitor at our shelter is "length of stay," the amount of time an animal is with us from arrival to adoption. A shorter length of stay is obviously better for the cat or dog — they find their forever home sooner. If we can reduce the average length of stay for all animals in our shelter, we can rescue more animals because we free up capacity at a faster rate.

Given the reality of this shelter math, we are perpetually strategizing how to reduce the average length of stay. In this spirit, we’ve embraced the idea of price-driven events and promotions: 2-for-1 kitten adoption; free adult cats in the fall; free Chihuahuas in the spring; $20 adoptions for dogs under 20 lbs. And based on data from other animal welfare organizations showing the effectiveness of fee-waived adoptions, we’ve added a series of three fee-waived adopt-a-thon weekends to our yearly calendar. Not only do these weekends offer a chance for community engagement, we also see a 350 percent spike in adoptions. Last fiscal year, we reduced our average length of stay for cats to 22.7 days and 18.4 days for dogs. This has put us on track to find homes for 5,000+ animals, 10 percent more animals than last year.

Although fee-waived adoptions have proven extremely successful, they remain controversial among some pet lovers. There is a concern that waiving fees devalues the pet or that animals will be adopted on impulse. However, multiple polls and surveys indicate that this is just not true.

Research from the Journal of Applied Animal Welfare Science shows that there is no relationship between the cost of adoption and the value of subsequent love or care given to the animal. A study from Maddie’s® Shelter Medicine Program at the University of Florida found that 93 percent of dogs and 96 percent of cats were still in the homes 6–12 months after being adopted at no cost. And 94 percent of respondents reported having a "strong attachment" to their "free" pet.

Here at the SF SPCA, we do not relax adoption standards at our adopt-a-thons. Potential clients are interviewed by Client Care Associates, and are required to meet the same measures asked of fee-paying clients during the normal adoption year. And we have not seen any statistically significant change in return rates.

In February, we threw our Second Annual “Be Mine” Adopt-a-Thon — finding homes for 141 animals during the three day event. The no-fee adoption approach is just one of the tools to drive numbers like these. In addition to the pricing promotion, we threw a cocktail party to drive traffic and layered in media-grabbing PR efforts such as a tattoo auction showdown on eBay. We partnered with bloggers, popular food trucks, influential tweeters, and partner rescues to get the word out and keep the traffic coming in the doors throughout the weekend.

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We have two more adopt-a-thons this year: The Maddie's Matchmaker Adopt-a-Thon in June and the 145th Anniversary Adopt-a-Thon in September. Keep your eyes peeled for dates and details on our website and Facebook page.


The human-animal bond and the positive impact it has on our lives is often difficult to put into words. Animals enrich our lives and bring out the best in us. They make us laugh, remind us to play, and shower us with unconditional love and affection. And sometimes they have the power to heal some of our deepest wounds.

In 2009, the SF SPCA’s Dr. Jennifer Emmert launched MESCAAT (Mastery, Empathy and Social Conscience through Animal Assisted Therapy), a program designed to use the human-animal bond with those with a variety of mental health concerns. The pilot program served youth from the Edgewood Center for Children and Families and veterans from the Veterans Administration partial hospitalization program. The sessions in the multi-week series are 60-90 minutes long, and include dog training instruction, journaling, themed activities led by programming staff, and interactive play. Participants have the opportunity to practice an invaluable mix of patience, compassion, and problem-solving that can quickly transfer into improving their day-to-day social interactions.

Our current MESCAAT program is again working with kids from Edgewood. After they finish dog training, the child-dog teams provide Animal Assisted Therapy (AAT) support to seniors at a local residential center and others at Edgewood. The children who’ve trained the dogs feel a sense of accomplishment and give back by sharing the healing power of the human-animal bond with others.

Edgewood clinicians have reported that MESCAAT helps keep their children on track in their behavior and progress outside of the sessions. The kids look forward to working with the dogs and appreciate learning how to work together as a team.

As one clinician reported, “It is important for our kids to realize the impact their actions have on others, and training the dogs is a very concrete way for them to see this. This program gives them a choice each week to make the “right” decision about how to act. I have also watched it spark a level of compassion in these kids that I have not seen before.”

The participants themselves seem to agree. “This week has been a bad week for me,” one wrote in her journal. “But I am so happy to see Buster and am excited to see if he will learn to roll over today.”

Thanks to grants from the Stuart Foundation, we’ve been able to offer the MESCAAT program for children at Edgewood for the past two years. We hope to expand the program to serve veterans again, as well as more youth in other facilities in San Francisco.

“The more people who can benefit from the human-animal bond, the better for all involved,” says Belinda Getler, Corporate and Foundation Relations Manager for the SF SPCA.

Recalling her first visit to a MESCAAT session, she said, “As I sat amongst the group and saw the smiling children’s faces and dogs with tails wagging, I just kept thinking what a win-win-win situation I was observing — dogs happy to be out with other dogs, stimulated with commands, rewarded with treats, and generously loved by the children and seniors at the Alma Via elder care home — all delighted to be in each other’s company.

“The children got the chance to learn dog behavior, handling, and care, as well as a chance to show leadership and responsibility in front of an appreciative audience. The enhanced self-esteem and the healing power of the unconditional love the dogs provided to these children deeply moved me.”
Do You See Cats?

The SF SPCA Community Cats Program is bounding toward a record year of trapping, neutering, and returning feral and free-roaming cats. We are on track to spaneuter more than 1,500 community cats in this fiscal year. Our staff and volunteers have diligently peppered every neighborhood in the city with multilingual “Do You See Cats?” postcards, imploring residents to let us know where there are free-roaming cat populations. We’ve also employed a direct mail program to blanket neighborhoods that we know have a large number of free roamers. The partnership with the community has been a boon for the program, and has enlisted a legion of new supporters for the SF SPCA.

How are we making spaneuter for owned animals more accessible? By reducing the barriers, whatever they might be. In February, we pushed out a targeted campaign to the guardians of intact cats on our hospital roster, offering free spay/neuter.

March through May is the celebration of the mighty Chihuahua. We offered free spay/neuter for owned animals as well as free adoption of Chihuahuas and Chihuahua mixes. Over half of the dogs in Bay Area shelters are Chihuahuas. This multi-pronged approach will help Chihuahuas find new homes and will reduce the number of new ones entering the system.

We realize that cost is not the only barrier, so the SF SPCA has rolled out a spay/neuter transport program. Still in beta phase and in targeted markets, the SF SPCA picks up animals at a designated meeting place in the morning, then drops them back off in the evening. The response has been great, and we are truly making inroads to reach animals that would otherwise not be coming through our doors. In the near future, additional transport vehicles will be needed to keep the transport program growing. If you would like to support our purchase of more vans, please call us at 415.554.3029.

Everyone’s a Winner!

Statistics show that a disproportionate number of intact animals live in ZIP code 94124. The San Francisco SPCA Community Cares program is reaching out to the residents of 94124 to help us end overpopulation by spaying or neutering their animals — and we’re offering a little incentive. Residents of 94124 who spay/neuter their cat or dog by April 30 will be entered to win a weekly drawing for a $500 gift card to a popular retailer. All participants will be entered into a grand prize drawing for a $1,000 gift card! And, all spay/neuter surgeries for this promotion are free.
Most visitors to our website seem to come for one purpose: to look at photos of adorable cats and dogs. We have no way of knowing how many are potential adopters and how many are just looking for a cuteness fix, but we do know one thing: Better photos lead to more and quicker adoptions.

The Asheville (N.C.) Humane Society, for example, attributes a 40 percent increase in adoptions to the addition of props to their photos of adoptable animals.

What makes a better adoption photo? A good camera, proper lighting, a simple background that doesn’t distract from the cat or dog, and a flattering pose make for effective images. Thanks to professional photographer, SF SPCA volunteer, and generous benefactor Jennifer Jamieson-Cruz, we have a photo studio set up in our Administration building that provides the first three essentials.

In our photo room, a huge roll of 10-foot-wide paper provides a clean, seamless backdrop that can be refreshed and recycled when it gets too covered with paw prints. Two monolights hang from overhead rail tracks, while “softboxes” diffuse their light to prevent glare and harsh shadows from marring the photographs.

Once the photos are taken, they’re downloaded to a computer in the studio, where they can be adjusted, cropped, and exported on their way to getting uploaded to our website.

Cat volunteer Rod Kilpatrick has proven adept at taking wonderful themed photos based on holidays, seasons, and special occasions (we used his Valentine-themed cat photo, shown here, to promote our Be Mine Adopt-a-Thon). More importantly, he seems to have mastered the art of getting good pictures of cats, who tend not to have much interest in sitting still for photographers.

Rod took his first holiday-themed photos for Valentine’s Day 2012. It was slow going, but he’s become more efficient over time. As an advertising creative director, Rod had spent years in photography studios as an observer, but he describes his picking up a camera here as a happy accident. “I’m a writer who’s discovered that a picture is worth a thousand words,” says Rod.

Caroline Louie, who trained with Jamieson-Cruz, celebrated her first anniversary as a dog photographer in February. In a typical five-hour photo session, Caroline estimates she can take photos of 15 or 16 puppies and dogs. She prefers to start with puppies, and then bring in older dogs. Caroline tries to get two or three poses from each dog, but if the dog is shy, she just waits for the perfect shot.

Shelter dog photography presents unique challenges. Caroline notes that it is more difficult than taking a picture of your pet at home because the dogs are stressed. They may pace anxiously or find it difficult to sit still in the unfamiliar environment. Her goal is to foster a feeling of safety. Typically, she works with a dog wrangler, who helps calm the canines, leading them around the room when they first arrive and feeding them plenty of treats.

Rod employs dental floss, finger-snapping and other ploys to build trust and rapport with the animals, and he stresses the need for a good wrangler. Jen’s best advice for getting a good photograph of a pet is to be goofy. Bark like a dog, meow like a cat, use toys … whatever it takes to get a natural expression.

After Jen conducted the initial photography workshops here a little over a year ago, the volunteers she trained became the next generation of photography teachers. If you’re a volunteer interested in taking photographs of our adoptable dogs, Caroline and Rod say they’re more than happy to train you!

Caroline’s photo of Martha and Hilary, two puppies from a litter that arrived at the SF SPCA in December 2012.
In the fall of 2012, our Behavior and Training team embarked on what has become a flourishing and vital adoptions project dedicated to saving the lives of shy dogs.

The Peek-a-Boo team consists of five staff members, including two behavior specialists, who are committed to finding forever homes for the most bashful of dogs.

The team, led by our board-certified veterinary behavior specialist, Dr. Jeannine Berger, rehabilitates dogs that shut down behaviorally in the shelter environment but just need an extra boost of TLC and confidence. These shy dogs, dubbed "delicate flowers," get a second chance at finding their perfect human companions thanks to the unique opportunity this program provides.

Since the Peek-a-Boo program started, 160 delicate flowers have been placed into loving homes. It is our goal to serve upward of 400 shy dogs within the next 12 months.

"What people need to know is that with patience, time, gentle training, and confidence-building exercises, shy dogs can easily gain confidence and bravery," Dr. Berger says. "The Peek-a-Boo team ensures that our shy dogs will thrive in the shelter and the home environment once they are adopted."

In 2011, the number of dogs and cats surrendered in San Francisco fell by 6 percent, the third straight year of decline. Our increases in spay/neuter, successful adoptions, and behavior programs have helped keep these numbers down and put us in a unique position to launch the Peek-a-Boo project.

The Peek-a-Boo team works hard to gradually expose our delicate flowers to the joys of building a bond with fellow animals and humans. The Peek-a-Boo lounge is separate from the adoption center. It is a quiet, home-like setting where shy dogs have time to build trust and confidence by working with puzzle toys and learning basic training techniques while enjoying the therapeutic atmosphere.

It is fitting that a unique program like Peek-a-Boo was founded all because of one unique dog. Susie, our first Peek-a-Boo dog, was very shy and deemed unadoptable when our behavior team met her at San Francisco Animal Care & Control. However, her charm, combined with our behavior specialists’ devotion to serving animals, granted her the opportunity to become someone’s perfect canine companion.

When Susie first began working with the Peek-a-Boo team, she was reticent toward people and shied away from direct contact. However, after she was evaluated, the Peek-a-Boo team was able to pinpoint and solve her social anxiety with medication and rehabilitation.

Today, Susie spends her days being doted on by her loving family, Kate and Laura.

As the Peek-a-Boo program continues to grow, we hope to find thousands of dogs like Susie their perfect forever homes. Many thanks to Laurel Walsh and her company, Toys4Tails.com, for donating thousands of dollars in beds and toys for our Peek-a-Boo dogs.

• Interested in adopting a Susie of your own? Visit our adoption center at 250 Florida St. to meet your match. sfspca.org/adopt
• Do you have a shy dog? Try one of our dog training classes. sfspca.org/training
• Support this lifesaving program. sfspca.org/donate
We’re excited to announce that Dr. Lisa Killian has joined the San Francisco SPCA as the Vice President of Hospital Medicine, a role that was filled by Dr. John Aldridge before he retired in late 2012. Dr. Killian is leading the SF SPCA’s veterinary team, bringing a mix of medical expertise and business acumen to the hospital.

“I’m thrilled to join the SF SPCA because I’m proud of its mission, nonprofit status, state-of-the-art hospital, and the level of medicine that’s practiced by the staff,” said Dr. Killian. “I’m excited to be leading a team that’s committed to doing what’s right and helping animals in need.”

To accept this position, Dr. Killian, along with her husband and 9-year-old daughter, moved to the Bay Area from Columbus, Ohio, where she spent nearly five years as the multistate medical director for a large veterinary hospital group. Some of her responsibilities in that role included building hospital teams, mentoring and coaching veterinarians, and teaching physical exam and surgery. Prior to that, Dr. Killian served in other roles including area chief of staff, partner doctor, and associate veterinarian.

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Dr. Killian was first drawn to veterinary medicine when she was in college at the University of Houston. Her dog became ill, and the experiences she had at veterinary hospitals inspired her to study small-animal practice. She realized it was a field where she could make a difference not just for animals, but also for the hospital staff who cared for them.

“I learned that many veterinarians spent most of their time caring for others, but in most practices there wasn’t anyone looking out for the well-being of the doctors,” she said. “One of my goals is to impact animals by positively impacting the doctors who care for them. For example, people who work in fields like animal welfare are at risk of developing compassion fatigue, and I want to give them the skills and knowledge needed to help cope with that.”

Before her last position, Dr. Killian spent several years as a staff veterinarian at two animal hospitals in Tulsa, Okla. Being part of the medical team allowed her to learn firsthand what sort of business practices could best benefit the medical staff.

“I learned a great deal working in a smaller clinical setting. I took full advantage of my mentor doctors to learn how to deliver quality medicine and perform a wide range of surgeries,” she said. “I came to appreciate the value of building solid relationships with clients, patients, and peers.”

Along with her daughter and husband, Dr. Killian brought her two pets to the Bay Area. One is a 13-year-old Siamese rescue named Bateman, and the other is a 7-year-old Doberman pinscher named Wendy, who was found on a highway in Houston after Hurricane Rita.

“We’re a very active and adventurous family, and we love activities like camping and going to the beach,” said Dr. Killian. “We’re looking forward to exploring everything the Bay Area has to offer, and living in such a fun, diverse city.”

Dr. Killian’s two rescues, Bateman and Wendy, enjoying their new home in the Bay Area.
Congratulations on 145 Years of Life-Saving Work

Protect Your Pet with the Sido Program

The SF SPCA offers pet owners an innovative way to plan for their pet’s future. When pets outlive their guardians, cats and dogs enrolled in the Sido Program are welcomed into our Adoption Center. They will receive exceptional care and attention while we work to place them in their next loving home.

The Sido Program is named for Sido, a dog who was condemned to die in her owner’s will. Over 30 years ago, the SF SPCA led the charge to save Sido’s life and helped pass legislation specifically aimed at saving her life and obtained a court ruling stating that it is illegal for a person to order a dog destroyed in a will.

To enroll your beloved cat or dog, contact Sandy Irber, Planned Giving Manager, at 415.554.3027 or sirber@sfspca.org.

LEAVE A LASTING LEGACY

Join the San Francisco SPCA Legacy Society

Bequests and charitable trust gifts from forward-thinking individuals play a crucial role in the SF SPCA’s continued ability to sustain our crusade to change the future of animal welfare.

For more information call Sandy Irber, Planned Giving Manager: 415.554.3027
SFMTA is proud to support the life-saving work of the San Francisco SPCA.

Moving Forward Together.

Escalators can cause serious paw injuries to dogs!

Smaller dogs should always be carried on escalators.

Larger dogs should wear booties, which are available at most pet supply stores.
Join us in Dolores Park on Saturday, May 18th 12pm-3pm for THE WHOLE ENCHIHUAHUAA

Enter your dog in the contest and prove what you already know: you have the spiciest dog on the planet.

Many dogs will enter. Only one dog will win. Costumes highly encouraged. Open to all breeds and sizes.

Festivities: 12pm–3pm
Costume contest: 2pm–3pm

Here’s your chance to “Ask A Vet” in person
Get your face painted
Take a spin on the prize wheel
Meet your next furry, four-legged friend
Bragging rights + amazing prizes

Learn more at www.7x7.com/thewholeenchihuahua

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