



SFSPCA

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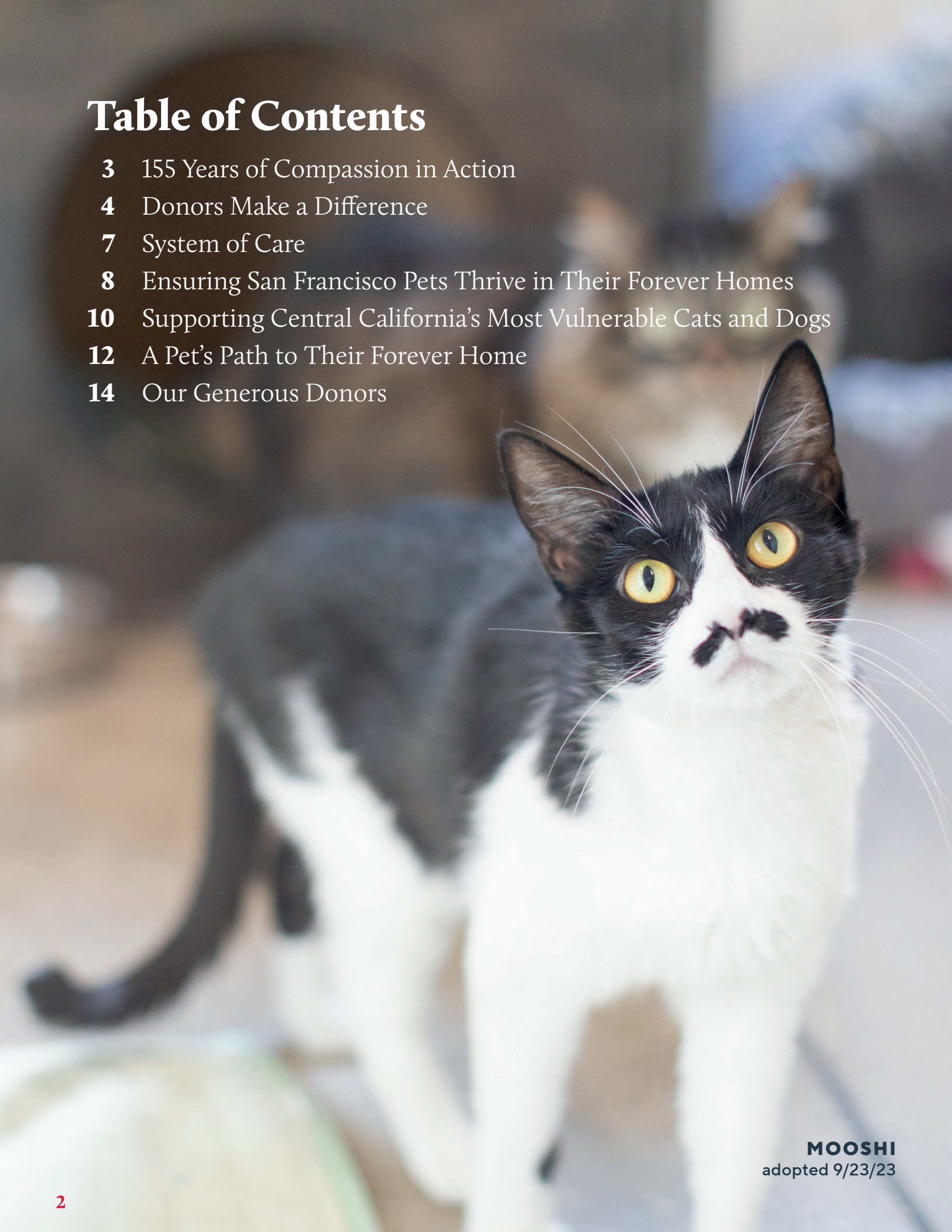


155 Years of Compassion in Action



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MOOSHI
adopted 9/23/23



155 Years of Compassion in Action

Like you, I'm proud to be a part of the San Francisco SPCA—one of the world's oldest and most progressive animal-welfare organizations. Launched in 1868, at a time when our work to prevent cruelty to animals defied the public consensus of the day, our legacy lives on thanks to supporters like you.

In the 155 years since our founding, we have consistently shown up for animals, from helping the city's livestock and homeless cats and dogs to providing services to help keep animals in homes and, increasingly, through animal-rights advocacy.

In the 2022–2023 fiscal year, we continued to sharpen our focus on access to veterinary care. With a growing shortage of veterinarians and lasting economic fallout caused by the pandemic, we've seen increased demand for free and low-cost medical services. I've personally joined our exceptional veterinary staff to "scrub in" at spay and neuter clinics throughout California's critically under-resourced Central Valley.

In April, we held an Advocacy Day in Sacramento, bringing SF SPCA volunteers and staff together with partner animal-welfare organizations to speak up for improved animal-welfare and access-to-care legislation. The importance of our advocacy work is underscored when you consider the growing need for programs like our free Mobile Vaccine Clinic, subsidized spay and neuter services, and our innovative Community Veterinary Clinic, which celebrated its first anniversary this year.

Your compassion for animals sustains us and propels our work forward. Read on to learn more about the impact your support made possible as we work together toward a world where the love we share with animals uplifts us all.

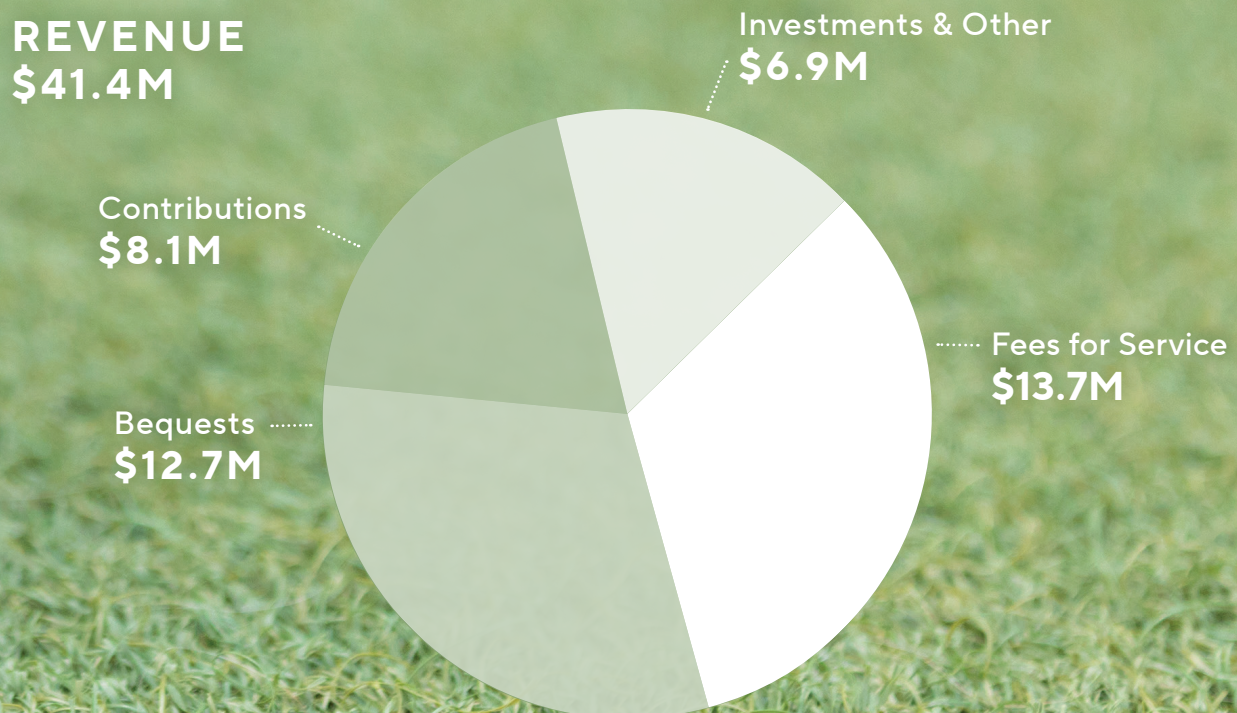
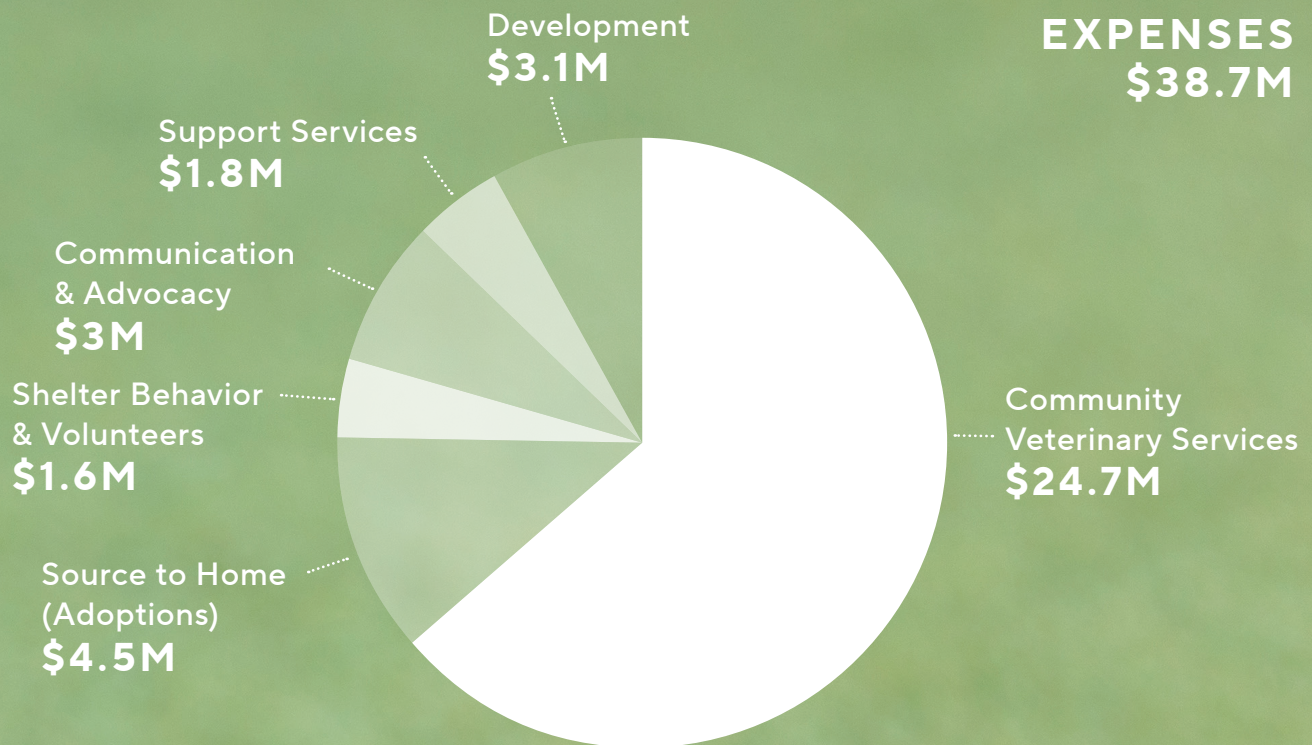
Dr. Jennifer Scarlett
SF SPCA CEO

Donors make
a difference



CHAZ
adopted 10/24/23

Your generous support enabled us to say yes to thousands of companion animals who needed our assistance this past fiscal year. Our advocacy, free and low-cost medical care, and financial assistance are available to our San Francisco community and beyond thanks to you.





LENNON
adopted 10/4/23

System of Care

Our organization reaches beyond traditional veterinary care models to provide innovative pathways to service, ensuring care is accessible for all companion animals in San Francisco.



MOBILE VACCINE CLINIC (FREE)

Essential vaccines and preventatives
Subsidized spay and neuter referrals
Community veterinary clinic referrals



COMMUNITY VETERINARY CLINIC (LOW-COST)

Low-cost vaccines
Basic sick care and preventatives
(including flea/tick treatments)
Spay and neuter appointment sign-ups



HOSPITAL (FULL-FEE AND FINANCIAL AID)

Full-service general hospital
Spay and neuter clinic
Behavior services



Ensuring San Francisco Pets Thrive in Their Forever Homes

This year, 21,485 pet guardians turned to the SF SPCA for accessible, affordable veterinary care, ensuring that animals remain healthy and in the arms of the people they love.

Our community medicine programs offer veterinary services to all San Francisco residents, and the demand for care continues to climb. Our veterinary staff and volunteers at the Mobile Vaccine Clinic worked harder than ever to serve 4,817 animals, a 50% increase from the year prior, providing free vaccines, flea/tick medications, and referrals for subsidized spay and neuter services.

WILBUR
adopted 2/20/23

Thanks to our generous donor community, we were able provide \$2.4M in financial assistance to pets and their guardians last year. Our Spay and Neuter Clinic provided 5,002 spay and neuter surgeries for San Francisco pets, 50% of which were free or at a reduced cost. Our full-service hospital offered more than \$300,000 in financial aid to help animals and their people. “We’re trying to make our services at all stages attainable for as many people as possible,” said Sara Taylor, RVT, VP of Nursing. “Everyone is welcome, and no one is turned away.”

Our Community Veterinary Clinic celebrated its first anniversary in the Excelsior District this year, serving 2,433 animals. There is a clear and growing need for low-cost preventative care, and we doubled the clinic’s operating days to better serve our community. “We’re seeing an explosion of people who are accessing our clinics,” said SF SPCA Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Jena Valdez. “People are desperate to find basic care.”



The reason I wanted to come here was so I could help more people in the community. And the level of care is amazing. We have doctors who are comfortable doing endoscopies, ultrasounds, and a wide variety of surgeries. That’s very uncommon; usually you have to go to a specialist for those kinds of services.”

—Divya Ravichandran, DVM

A rare combination: Accessible medicine from people who care.

Our mission to ensure that all pets have access to quality medical care provides veterinary staff with the opportunity to serve their community while gaining additional experience in both shelter and community medicine. Creating a culture of service and a continuous learning environment is why we are able remain staffed to care for our community.”

PETS & PEOPLE SERVED



Humans

21,485



Animals

46,795

SAN FRANCISCO



10,141*

San Francisco
Spay & Neuter Surgeries

**Includes public and shelter
spay & neuter and Community Cats
(feral and free-roaming cats)*



13,853

Animals Served through
Community Medicine
Programs

*(Mobile Vaccine Clinic, Community
Veterinary Clinic, Spay & Neuter Clinic,
and Community Cats)*



2,774

Low-Cost Exams
Provided in the
Community Veterinary
Clinic’s First Year



4,817

Pets Served at
Free Mobile Vaccine Clinic
UP 50% FROM LAST YEAR



\$2.4M

Free and Reduced-Cost
Veterinary Care



100%

Veterinarians Staffed***

****As of June 2023*

Supporting Central California's Most Vulnerable Cats and Dogs

According to a survey we conducted late last year, California shelters are in crisis. Due to a statewide shortage of veterinarians, more than 344,000 California shelter animals do not have adequate access to veterinary care staff. Of the survey respondents, 80% reported increased length of stay due to inadequate access to care. In addition, 40% lack the resources to perform essential spay and neuter surgeries, which adds to shelter overcrowding because, under California state law, animals cannot be adopted unless they are spayed or neutered.



ABBY
adopted 10/17/23

In fall 2022, we received a multi-year grant from California for All Animals that has allowed us to start addressing this crisis by sending medical teams to provide spay and neuter surgeries at our partner shelters in the Central Valley. Cassie Heffington is the Animal Services Manager for Tulare County Animal Services, which serves a 4,800-square-mile rural area of Central California. “Our staff is severely limited and truly unable to provide all the services our communities need,” she said. “We rarely can be proactive with the communities or the animals in our care. I cannot count the amount of times support from SF SPCA has made the difference between life or death for the animals who rely on us for care.”

We are committed to building on our progress both at home and in the Central Valley, strategically expanding our partnerships to reach even more under-resourced communities throughout the state. The needs and the challenges are great, but our dedication, matched with outstanding donor support, enables us to continue our life-saving work, especially during such a critical time.

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These laws will improve the lives of thousands of animals statewide, including those in veterinary-resource deserts, hard-to-reach places, and those whose guardians are unhoused, have mobility or transportation issues or young children.”

—Barbara Schmitz, Animal Welfare Advocacy Counsel

Advocacy Leadership is Key

Much of the work to help animals in need must happen at a state legislative level. Over the course of the year, we advocated heavily for two key bills: State Assembly Bill 1399 (AB 1399), which allows for veterinary telemedicine in California, and State Senate Bill 669 (SB 669), which expands the ability of Registered Veterinary Technicians (RVTs) to administer vital vaccines in California. We are thrilled to announce both bills were signed into law by Governor Gavin Newsom. We are grateful to everyone who helped ensure the passage of these laws to help animals by participating in Advocacy Day, contacting representatives, and generally supporting our advocacy programs.

CENTRAL VALLEY



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Spay & Neuter Clinics



1,102

Spay & Neuter Surgeries

ADVOCACY



8

Priority Bills
Lobbied



65

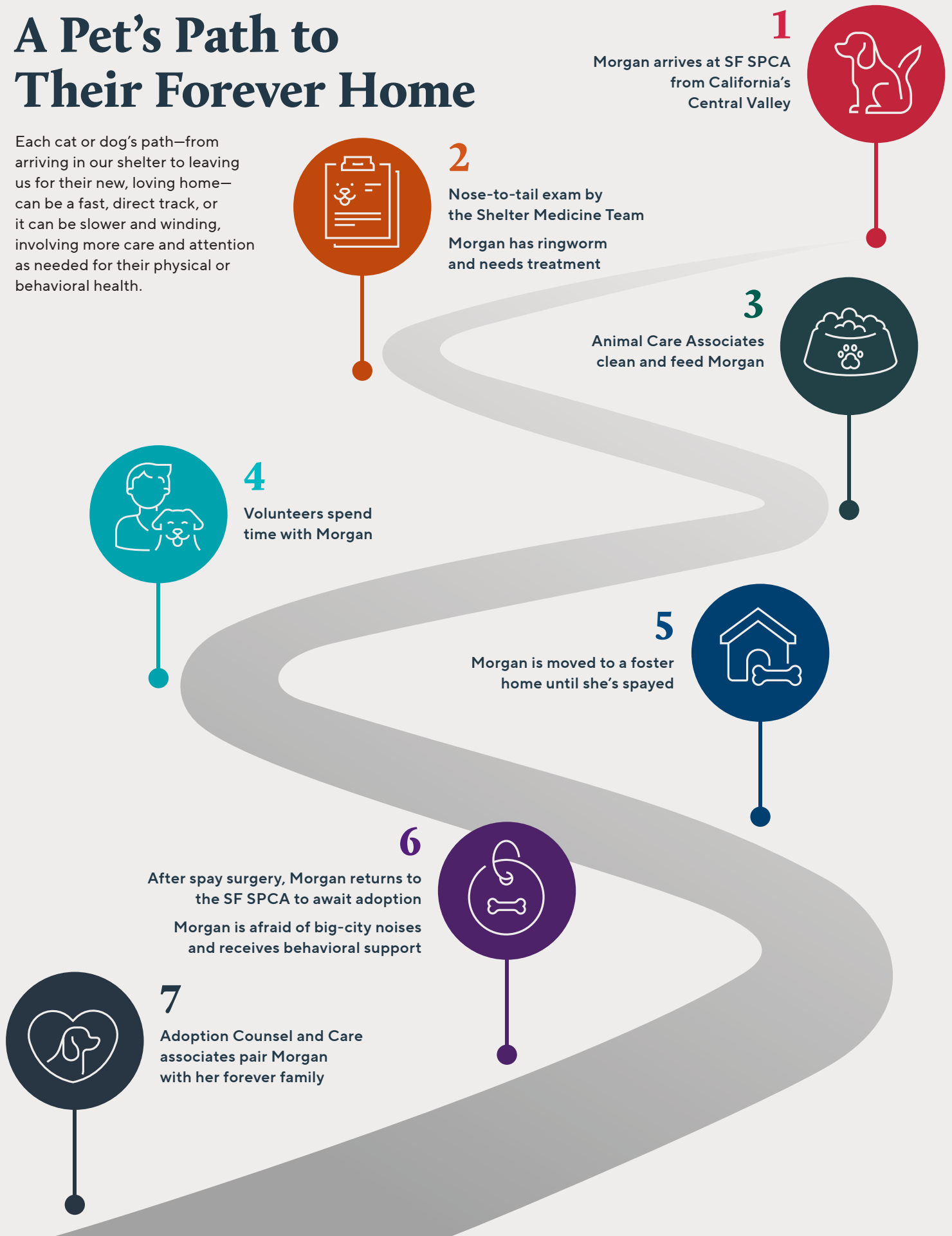
Shelters Who Received
Free Legal Aid**

**Since Shelter PALS launched
in 2020



A Pet's Path to Their Forever Home

Each cat or dog's path—from arriving in our shelter to leaving us for their new, loving home—can be a fast, direct track, or it can be slower and winding, involving more care and attention as needed for their physical or behavioral health.





“

This path of care involves numerous team members and different departments working closely and collaboratively to help animals live their best lives. It is a real team effort to bring this all together.”

—Shelter Medicine Veterinarian Emily Young, DVM



ADOPTIONS



4,608

Animals Adopted

UP 40% FROM LAST YEAR



2,505

Cats



2,103

Dogs

SHELTER MEDICINE



570

Medical Cases



3,107

Shelter Spay & Neuter

SHELTER BEHAVIOR



307

Behavior Cases

VOLUNTEERS



1,125

SF SPCA Volunteers



79,454

Volunteer Hours



17,340

Hours with Cats



26,319

Hours with Dogs

ANIMAL-ASSISTED THERAPY



1,769

AAT Visits



Tails of the Heart Gala Raises \$1.5M

In April 2023, we celebrated our 155th Anniversary with the Tails of the Heart gala. The event was an overwhelming success, exceeding fundraising goals and securing \$1.5 million dollars to support our mission.

A highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Read Compassion and Excellence Award. This year's honoree was Cassie Heffington, Animal Services Manager at Tulare County Animal Services and SF SPCA partner shelter. Our CEO, Dr. Jennifer Scarlett, who presented the award, said, "Cassie and the team at Tulare County Animal Services are some of the hardest-working shelter professionals I know. Confronted with overwhelming need and a minuscule budget, Cassie manages to be strategic about serving the animals and people in her community. By her own grit and determination, she's saving lives every day in California's Central Valley."

This uplifting, heart-warming event celebrated the lifesaving impact that our partner shelters, and our own generous community of volunteers, staff, and donors have on animals every day. Together, we can continue to provide quality medical care, compassionate shelter, and loving homes for all companion animals in San Francisco and throughout California now and in the future.



The San Francisco Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

Founded April 18, 1868

Locations

Administration

201 Alabama Street
San Francisco, CA 94103
(415) 554-3000

Adoption Center

250 Florida Street
San Francisco, CA 94103
(415) 554-3500

Community Veterinary Clinic

4527 Mission Street
San Francisco, CA 94103
(415) 429-5410

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