



LEGACY SOCIETY NEWS

For Ellen Carroll, the SF SPCA is a Family Legacy

As we reflect on the San Francisco SPCA's 155-year history, few people are more closely connected to our legacy than Ellen Carroll. Ellen is a Legacy Society and Sido Pet Protection Program member and a former volunteer. She's also the niece of Dr. Richard Stowe, SF SPCA Chief Veterinarian who joined the organization in 1942 and retired in 1982.



Dr. Richard Stowe, former SF SPCA Chief Veterinarian

In the years Dr. Stowe led veterinary services, he helped refine best practices, served as president of the California

Veterinary Medical Association, and oversaw the opening of our 16th Street hospital. "At the time, the new SF SPCA hospital was state of the art," Ellen said of her uncle's work on the facility. "He was very proud to show it off."

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Ellen remembers repeated visits to the SF SPCA in the 1950s and 60s. "My uncle was on call nights and weekends," she said, "so he and my aunt lived there in an apartment up above the hospital. I would visit them a lot. I'll always remember him in his vet coat with a dog, up on the roof."

Ellen recently toured our brand-new Community Veterinary Clinic, which opened this past September in the city's Excelsior neighborhood. She was especially impressed by our progress in making veterinary care more affordable and accessible in San Francisco.

"I think my uncle would be very pleased by the growth of the organization," she said; "to see how it's serving so many communities in so many ways."

On her tour, Ellen met Dr. Jena Valdez, our current Chief Medical Officer. "She shares the same love of animals my uncle had. He really did love the animals he worked with," she said.

Joining the SF SPCA Legacy Society goes a long way in securing a better future for our animals, Ellen believes. "SF SPCA is the gold standard of shelter practice. You get so much bang for your buck with outreach, advocacy, legislation, education, and low-cost services within the city. If you love animals, this is the place to be." 🐾



Ellen and her cats, Tomas and Aidan

Message from the Director of Planned Giving



June Hom
Director of Planned Giving

The Legacy Society honors those who include the San Francisco SPCA in their estate plans. Members' generous commitments help ensure cats and dogs have access to care and a loving home for years to come.

Learn more at sfspca.org/legacy1

It's our 155th anniversary here at the San Francisco SPCA, and we're celebrating with a heartfelt thank-you to our loyal supporters and Legacy Society members.

We could not have made it this far without you. Your generosity secures the future of the SF SPCA and our work on behalf of countless animals in our shelter, in our community, and throughout California.

Since 1868, we've distinguished ourselves as a forward-thinking organization. We continue to innovate in animal-centered sheltering, expand access to veterinary care and career opportunities, fight for animal-welfare legislation, and work to alleviate overcrowding in California's Central Valley shelters.

In this issue of *Legacy Society News*, you'll learn how our monthly mobile vaccine clinics save lives and keep pets in their homes by offering basic preventative care, free of charge.

We are so grateful for your commitment as a Legacy Society member, and we aspire to grow this community of like-minded individuals. In recognition of our anniversary this year, we hope to welcome 155 new members who, like you, want to ensure our work endures for many years to come.

If you're not already a Legacy Society member and would like to become one of our 155 new members—or if you're a Secret Admirer, that is, someone who's already included the SF SPCA in your estate plans—please contact me at jhom@sfspca.org or (415) 430-3251. I'd be honored to welcome you.

Cheers to the past 155 years and many more to come! 🐾



LEGACY SOCIETY
annual tea

June 1, 2023 | Palace Hotel | 2:00 pm



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Caring for Animals Since 1868

Mobile Vaccine Clinic Offers Lifesaving Services

For many pet guardians, vaccines and preventative care are a routine part of caring for cherished pets. But for San Francisco Bay Area residents living far from veterinary services, barriers to basic care can be too much to overcome. To make matters worse, an ongoing veterinarian shortage is making care less accessible than ever.

Animals without access to preventative care are at risk for life-threatening disease. Guardians who can either no longer afford care or are refused housing for lack of preventative care requirements, such as flea control, may be left with no other option than to surrender their beloved pets.

FREE, PREVENTATIVE CARE FOR ALL PETS

The SF SPCA Mobile Vaccine Clinic (MVC) offers no-cost, preventative treatments to San Francisco Bay Area pets whose guardians lack access to veterinary services.

Services include free vaccinations, flea and tick preventatives (required for public housing), information and education, and access to low- and no-cost spay and neuter procedures.



4,232
Total animals
seen



4,100
Flea and tick
treatments



3,000
Vaccines
administered

"The care given at the Mobile Vaccine Clinic has a lifesaving impact," said Anika Alvarado, manager of the MVC program. "We provide everything dogs and cats need to live healthy lives and remain in their homes."

CONVENIENT, DRIVE-THROUGH (AND WALK-UP) CLINICS

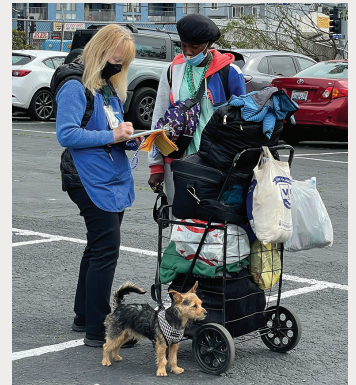
The MVC offers a monthly drive-through clinic and pedestrian walk-up at the Cow Palace in San Francisco's Visitacion Valley neighborhood.

"There's enough space for clients to line up in their vehicles and for us to take animals out of cars and back," Anika said. "Clients are more comfortable because they're able to sit down rather than standing in line, they can bring in more animals at a time, and we get to see the whole family."

SURGE IN RESPONSE CREATES URGENT NEED FOR VOLUNTEERS

Recently, the clinics have seen a dramatic rise in client numbers. "I don't remember ever having to turn people away before," Anika shared, "but since June 2022, we're averaging 428 animals per clinic. That's much higher than we were seeing before."

Generous donors and dedicated volunteers help accommodate the growing need of the MVC program. Volunteering is a unique opportunity to help animals and interact in a positive environment with people from all walks of life.



"Volunteering at the MVC is something I look forward to every month," said longtime volunteer Bette Stockton. "It has been extremely rewarding to interact with the pets and their guardians who are all so appreciative of our services. Over time, it's fun to see developments and meet new members of families. It's a blessing that this program is available and well-received."

To learn more about volunteering, please visit sfspca.org/get-involved/volunteer. You can also celebrate our 155th anniversary with a gift to support access-to-care programs like MVC. Simply use the attached gift envelope or visit sfspca.org/legacy2. 🐾



SF SPCA staff vaccinating a puppy at our Mobile Vaccine Clinic



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Make a Difference Today—and Tomorrow!

What if you could make your gift today and help sustain us for another 155 years? You can, with blended giving.

This type of giving combines a gift you make today with one for the future. Blended giving makes an even bigger impact and secures our lifesaving work for many years to come.

And what better time for blended giving than to celebrate our 155th anniversary? Simply pair your donation today with a future gift by including the SF SPCA in your estate plan. You can leave a bequest in your will or trust or make us a beneficiary of your retirement plan, bank or brokerage accounts, or life insurance.

For more information on blended-giving options and benefits, contact June Hom, Director of Planned Giving, or Deborah Dick, Legacy Giving Officer. 🐾

WHY BLENDED GIVING?

- Meet our current needs and help us plan for the future
- Make a difference for our animals while ensuring our work continues
- Create a legacy at SF SPCA and inspire others to do the same



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