

1 [San Francisco SPCA Day - April 18, 2024]

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3 **Resolution recognizing April 18, 2024, as San Francisco Society for the Prevention of**
4 **Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) Day in the City and County of San Francisco.**

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6 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SF
7 SPCA) was founded on April 18, 1868, making it the fourth oldest animal welfare organization
8 in the United States and the first animal welfare organization on the West Coast; and

9 WHEREAS, The SF SPCA has been at the forefront of animal welfare for over 150
10 years, introducing the first horse ambulance in 1884 and founding the No-Kill Movement in
11 1994; and

12 WHEREAS, The SF SPCA has positively impacted the lives of millions of animals in
13 San Francisco through its unwavering commitment to animal welfare and its strong
14 connection to the community; and

15 WHEREAS, The SF SPCA finds forever homes for over 5,000 animals annually and
16 provides over 10,000 spay/neuter surgeries to help reduce pet overpopulation; and

17 WHEREAS, The SF SPCA has provided high-quality, affordable veterinary care to over
18 45,000 animals in the San Francisco community in 2023, underwriting \$2.4 million in free and
19 reduced cost veterinary care; and

20 WHEREAS, The SF SPCA's advocacy efforts have led to significant improvements in
21 animal welfare policies in San Francisco, including leading successful support efforts on
22 behalf of AB 1399 which allows for the use veterinary telemedicine in California; and

23 WHEREAS, The SF SPCA has also successfully advocated around SB 669 which
24 authorizes Registered Veterinary Technicians (RVTs) to administer vital vaccines to California
25 pets while a veterinary is off-site in some locations; and

1 WHEREAS, Both AB 1399 and SB 669 will have real-life positive effects helping
2 families receive critical care for their pets, in part thanks to the advocacy from SF SPCA; and

3 WHEREAS, The SF SPCA also offers a multitude of programming including a
4 community veterinary clinic providing high-quality, low-cost preventative care to pets, a mobile
5 vaccine clinic providing no-cost essential vaccines and flea and tick control, a spay and neuter
6 clinic, and more; and

7 WHEREAS, The SF SPCA has made great significant impacts on San Francisco
8 communities, from providing residents with the tools needed to provide their pets with happy
9 and healthy lives to helping pets find their forever homes; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors recognizes and designates April 18, 2024,
11 as San Francisco SPCA Day.

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